



NH Wheelers

A NH Good Sam Chapter

May 2017 Newsletter



NH Wheelers have winter meetings on the 2nd Sunday of each month at local watering holes. During the camping season, meetings are usually on the 2nd weekend of the month, at the monthly campout. Guests are always welcome.

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Our 2017 Schedule

	Unless otherwise noted, all campouts require a pre-paid \$10 deposit 30 days prior to event.
Jan 8	Makris Lobster House, RT 106, Loudon NH
Feb 12	Makris Lobster House, RT 106, Loudon NH
Mar 12	Makris Lobster House, RT 106, Loudon NH
Apr 28-30	Mile-A-Way CG, Henniker NH: Cancelled due to low attendance. Mtng in Loudon.
May 12-14	Cascade RV Park, Loudon NH
June 2-4	Harbor Hill CG, Meredith NH 603-279-6910 Make own reservations and pay campground.
Jul 7-9	Lake Forest CG, E. Wakefield NH Send deposit to Maureen
Aug 18-20	NH Rally (Samboree) Lancaster NH Make own reservations with State
Sept 15-17	Harbor Hill CG, Meredith NH 603-279-6910 Make own reservations and pay campground.
Oct 6-9	Newfound RV Park, Bristol, NH. Make own reservations: Send \$10/person to Maureen
Nov 12	Makris Lobster House, RT 106, Loudon NH
Dec 10	Makris Lobster House, RT 106, Loudon NH

Deposits for Campouts need to be sent to Treasurer 30 days before campout! Make checks out to "NH Wheelers".

Our Meetings

Our summer meetings usually take place at 9:30 AM on the Saturday of the camping weekend. Winter meetings are on the second Sunday of the month in Loudon at Makris Restaurant and Lobster House on Route 106; 1/2 mile north of 393. Arrive by 11:30 to order a meal which will be served as soon as it is ready. The meeting starts when most have eaten but no later than 1 PM.

Minutes of the last meeting

New Hampshire Wheelers

The May 13, 2017 meeting of the NH Wheelers was called to order by President Greg Thayer at 0930 with 6 member families present at Cascade Campground in Loudon NH. The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was held for those in need of our prayers.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's minutes for the March meeting were read by Jim Belanger and accepted after a motion by Jane Lortie and seconded by Dennis Lortie.

The Treasurer's report: The reading of the treasurer's report was waived by unanimous consent.

The members present voted to approve Spencer Stickney and Jennifer Belanger as new members.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence to report.

Web-Master: Webmaster had nothing to report.

Wagon Master: Wagon Master had nothing to report. Greg will touch bases with Harbor Hill to confirm the upcoming June campout.

Wellness:

Maureen assured everyone she was well but will be in need of at least two more surgeries.

Unfinished Business:

The June and September themes and hosts are still on the unfinished agenda. Diana and Jane will host the June campout. The theme will be "ice cream social". Every rig is asked to bring a half gallon of ice cream, own plastic ware, bowls and a topping. This theme was approved after a motion from Sandy Belanger and seconded by Kathy Thayer.

The theme and host for September is still open and will be discussed at future meetings.

New Business:

1. The group discussed an alternative for the April campout which has been cancelled for the past two years. Circle CG and Normandy Farms, both in Mass, were discussed. There was concern about the distance. It was decided that we need to look into alternatives for the April campout and possibly look for campgrounds that are open year round. More work needs to be done on this.

2. The May campout came up for serious discussion. There is dis-satisfaction expressed about having it at Cascade as the campground really has very little to offer. Armand will look at Walnut Grove in Alfred Maine and report back. Mile-A-Way in Henniker was discussed as a

possible May location. That will need more investigation and discussion..

Announcements:

Maureen informed everyone that she can no longer do the job of treasurer. With her upcoming two surgeries, she will be absent for too many meetings and needs someone to take over for her.

Maureen announced that the rate for the weekend is \$38 per night. Greg collected everyone's payment so he could go to the office to pay for the group..

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Greg read off the names of members with birthdays. There are no anniversaries in May.

Other Business:

There was no other business.

The 50/50 raffle:

The 50/50 raffle brought \$18.00 to winner Sandy Belanger. A second drawing for a free night in June was won by Armand Pinard.

Motion to adjourn was made by Armand Pinard, seconded by Diana Fortin and carried at 10:22 AM..

Respectfully submitted

Jim Belanger, Secretary

President's Comments

Hello Wheelers

Well it was good to be out camping again even if the weather was not perfect May weather. It stayed dry for us to have our pot-luck dinner and several of us hooked up Saturday night to avoid being soaked Sunday morning. We were even able to have our campfire as it didn't start to rain till 8:15 pm. As we left Sunday morning Maureen and the professor knew they were heading home to snow and I heard it was an interesting ride home for them. At least we were not near Mt. Washington where the summit got 2 feet of snow! Spring time in New Hampshire!

At our meeting we welcomed two new members to the Wheeler family, Jennifer Belanger and her husband Spencer Stickney. Welcome!

Jane and Dennis Lortie brought along a guest, Nancy Schultz, who experienced her first camping experience. I hope we did not scare her away.

I am so looking forward to Harbor Hill in Meredith for our June campout. I love the Meredith area. Great restaurants, shops and yes, a winery! Besides our usual Saturday night pot-luck dinner we will be having an ice cream social Saturday afternoon around 2:00 PM. See the minutes for further details. It should be so good we will probably not need desserts at the pot-luck. Okay, maybe we still will.

Please make sure to read the minutes for our discussion on camping locations for the 2018 season. It was the consensus of the group to continue to try to camp in April but maybe to find a more southern location. Also the consensus was that Cascades in Loudon does not really meet our needs as a May group camping site. The place is lacking in amenities and is not well maintained. So we will be looking at other campgrounds for a May campout, perhaps even Mile-a-Way in Henniker. More to come. Stay tuned.

So that's about it. Hope to see a lot of you at Harbor Hill. It sounds like there are not a lot of sites for us left so if you decide to go, contact the campground ASAP. Travel safe, stay well.

Greg

Secretary's Comments

The weather didn't cooperate much and, with only 6 rigs, we didn't take any pictures. The intent was there but the opportunity just didn't present itself. The picnic tables in the 400 section (where we were) were in sad shape. Most of them had holes in the top where the wood had rotted and some had seats that were not any better. Although fire wood was affordable, if you didn't get to the office at the right time, they were closed.

The rain held off long enough for the start of a campfire on Saturday night but, it no sooner got going and the rain started. Several of us hooked up Saturday evening to avoid doing it in the rain on Sunday morning. But, there were a couple, me included, who waited and got soaked.

The highlight of the weekend was the Pot Luck supper on Saturday. The rain held off long

enough for that and the choices were spectacular. The weekend, as a whole, was a success and the exchanges at the campfire were educational.

There was one thing missing from this weekend that one might find hard to believe. Except for the few cribbage games between Greg and Dennis, there was no card playing. A couple of times playing Gold and/or "seven" was brought up but never turned into a card game.

We were expecting a couple more members to show up for just the meeting on Saturday morning but that didn't happen either. Everyone is looking forward to Harbor Hills in Meredith in a couple weeks and we hope to have many more members there.

Everyone is reminded to take a good look at the minutes of the meeting and be informed that there is serious discussion about the dates and locations of our campouts for next year.

Sincerely
Jim Belanger

On the Lighter Side

The Blonde and The Trucker.

The blonde was about two hours from San Diego when she was flagged down by a man whose truck had broken down. The man walked up to her car and asked, "Are you going to San Diego?" "Yes", answered the blonde, "do you need a lift?"

"Not for me; I'll be spending the next three hours fixing my truck. My problem is that I've got two chimpanzees in the back that have to be taken to the San Diego Zoo. They're a bit stressed already, so I don't want to keep them on the road all day. Could you possibly take them to the Zoo for me? I'll give you \$100 for your trouble."

"I'd be happy to," said the blonde. So the two chimpanzees were ushered into the back seat of the blonde's car and carefully strapped into their seat belts and off they went. Five hours later, the truck driver was driving through the heart of San Diego when suddenly he was horrified to see the blonde, walking down the street, holding hands with the

two chimps, much to the amusement of a big crowd.

With a screech of brakes, the trucker pulled off the road and ran over to the blonde. "What are you doing?" he demanded, "I gave you \$100 to take these chimpanzees to the Zoo!"

"Yes, I know you did," said the blonde. "But we had money left over, so now we're going to Sea World."