



NH Wheelers

A NH Good Sam Chapter
July 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 2017-2018 Schedule

	Check with the Wagon Master to see which campouts require an advance deposit.
14 Jan 2018	Makris Lobster House, RT 106, Loudon NH
11 Feb 2018	Makris Lobster House, RT 106, Loudon NH
11 Mar 2018	Makris Lobster House, RT 106, Loudon NH
Apr 27-29 2018	Bailey's Camping Resort, Scarborough ME 207-883-6043 Make own reservations
May 11-13 2018	Walnut Grove Campground, Alfred Maine 207-324-1207 Make own reservations
31 May to 3 June 2018	Harbor Hill CG, Meredith NH 603-279-6910 Make own reservations and pay campground.
July 2018	Lake Forest CG, E. Wakefield NH. Make reservations with Janice Murray. Need Deposit
Aug 18-20 2017	NH Rally (Samboree) Lancaster NH Make own reservations with State
Sept 15-17 2017	Harbor Hill CG, Meredith NH 603-279-6910 Make own reservations and pay campground.
Oct 6-9 2017	Newfound RV Park, Bristol, NH. Make own reservations: Send \$15/person to Greg
Nov 12 2017	Makris Lobster House, RT 106, Loudon NH
Dec 10 2017	Makris Lobster House, RT 106, Loudon NH

Deposits for Campouts need to be sent in 30 days before campout!

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 July 8th 2017 meeting of the NH Wheelers was called to order by President Greg Thayer at 0930 with 12 member families present at Lake Forest Resort in Wakefield 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 June meeting were read by Jim Belanger and accepted after a motion by Diana Fortin and seconded by John DeRoy.

The Treasurer's report: A treasurer's report was given by Greg Thayer. The report was accepted after a motion by Diana Fortin, second by John DeRoy.

Membership: No new members were submitted for membership.

Correspondence:

Sandy reported having communicated via E-mail with Betty at Newfound RV Park and she is doing better. Paul from Newfound asked how many rigs were coming in October. He was given a number of ten rigs but more are welcome if they call the campground and register early. Greg reported that he attempted to E-Mail a report of the State Presidents' meeting to the group but it was rejected as being too large. It was suggested he either split it up or "zip" it. He will look into those options.

Web-Master: Webmaster had nothing to report.

Wagon Master: Wagon Master has 7 rigs planning to attend the September campout at Harbor Hill. There are ten signed up for the Oktoberfest Columbus Day weekend at Newfound RV Park in Bristol. Heavy discussion was had regarding the catered meal at the Oktoberfest. There was concern over the cost per person and especially the cost born by the Chapter. A phone call was made to the caterer with a request for a lower price. The result was that; if we agreed to have no dark meat, only white turkey meat, the cost per person would be \$25.00. A show of hands was held and it was agreed to have the catered meal. A motion by Diana Fortin, seconded by Dennis Lortie that the cost of \$25 per person be paid with \$15 being paid by the person and \$10 picked up by the Chapter. Motion carried.

Oktoberfest 2017: At this point these are the folks registered: Woods, Stickney, Belanger, Allen and Guest, Thayers, Pinard, Lortie, Hunter, and Monahan. If other folks are planning to attend please email Janice AND contact the campground for your reservation.

Wellness:

There were no wellness issues brought up.

Unfinished Business:

1. The open position of Treasurer was brought up again. This resulted in a lot of discussion including options to have the job of treasurer made simpler by passing on the duties of reservations and deposit collections being passed on to the Wagon Master. After lengthy discussion, no decision was made and Janice will continue doing the Wagon Master duty while she and Greg share the Treasurer's job with Linda Monahan assisting.

2. The theme and host for September will be taken care of by Janice and Kathy. They will be planning and attempting to make this event a blast! Registered thus far are: Murray/Bonneau, DeRoy, Thayer, Hunter, Pinard, Belanger and Lortie. If other folks would like to join us please email Janice AND call the campground. Please plan on a brown bag auction.

3. Once again, the group discussed an alternative for the April 2018 campout. Combining this topic with input from the Wagon Master, the following schedule was announced.

For the 2018 upcoming year. No deposits will be required for April, May, June, August, September, and October. A deposit will need to be given to the Wagon Master for July campout at Lake Forest.

Reservations will need to be made by members direct to the campground for April 27-29 at Bailey's Camping Resort in Scarborough, Maine. They will offer the Chapter 50% off the normal price if the member tells them they are with the NH Wheelers. Phone number is 207-883-6043.

Reservations will need to be made by members direct to the campground for May 11-13 at Walnut Grove Campground in Alfred, Maine. Phone number is 207-324-1207 and we must call by or before April 11. Cost will be \$32 for Water/Electric, \$34 for Water/Electric/Cable and \$36 for Water/Electric/Cable/Sewer. If 10 or more of us reserve, we will get \$1.00 off the price and \$2 off for 15 or more.

New Business:

1. A motion by Diana, seconded by Janice that we go to Bailey's in Scarborough Maine for the April 2018 campout and the motion carried. A motion by Diana, seconded by Sandy that we go to Walnut

Grove in Alfred Maine for the May campout and the motion carried.

2. By unanimous consent, the members agreed to return to Lake Forest for the July 2018 campout.
3. Everyone was reminded that only a few are planning to attend the August Rally (Samboree) in Lancaster. Reservations and payment instructions are available on the State Good Sam Web site. So far those going are: Thayer, Belanger, Stickney, Bonneau/Murray and perhaps the Hunters. If other folks are going please let Janice Murray know.

Announcements:

Greg will attempt to send results of the State Presidents' meeting to the group in a different form.

Repeat (From Wagon Master):

At this weekend's event decisions were made about April and May of 2018. The April campout will be the 27-29 at Baileys in Scarborough. The rate is 50 % off and folks need to register directly with the campground stating you are a wheeler. They are giving us the nice big rig sites. [207-883-6043](tel:207-883-6043).

May 11-13, 2018 will be at Walnut Grove in Lebanon Maine. Again the reservations will be made directly with the campground. [207-324-1207](tel:207-324-1207). Folks must call by April 11 2018. \$32 water and electric, \$34 add cable \$36 add sewer. We receive \$1 discount for ten rigs and \$2 for 15.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Greg read off the names of members with birthdays. Celebrating anniversaries in July are; the Hunters, 61 years; the Belangers 54 years; the Monahans 42 years.

Other Business:

A list of activities for the day was made available to all including a word scramble and scavenger hunt list.

The 50/50 raffle:

The 50/50 raffle brought \$37.00 to winner Maureen DeRoy. After a third try, a second drawing for a free night in September was won by Diana Fortin.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM after a motion by Estelle Drew, seconded by Kathy Thayer.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Bélanger, Secretary

President's Comments

Hello Wheelers

I hope you had a Merry Christmas and I bet you did if you attended our campout at Lake Forest this past weekend. What a great time! Jane and Diana did an incredible job organizing the weekend's activities from the decorating to the very interesting games (sad to sacrifice M n M's). The ladies in our group seemed to do better than us guys even with the marshmallow toss. We will need to step up our game in the future.

We voted in some new camping venues for next year. In April we will head to Bailey's Camping Resort in Scarborough Maine and in May to Walnut Grove in Alfred Maine. Please read the minutes for more details and check out each campground's website. I am excited to be going to new campsites.

The annual NH Good Sam Rally this August is in Lancaster and we have a few folks going. If interested, please check out the NH Good Sam web site for more details and a registration form. As of now we have 3 rigs (maybe 4?) going. I would love to see more of our members there. I'm going to try, again, to send the info that I received from the State Presidents' meeting by email! We'll see!

In September we will be at Harbor Hill in Meredith. The theme appears to be around "Hobos" but we will see as the time approaches. At least, Saturday night's dinner will be "Hobo Stew" with each group bringing one pound of an ingredient. No lamb!! Keep in mind we have members with allergies to nuts and peas. Details to follow.

The Octoberfest at Newfound Lake RV Resort will feature our catered turkey dinner. Cost per person is \$15 and those checks can be sent to me. Again, more details to follow. For both these campouts, contact the campground directly to make your reservation.

On a very serious note. We need someone to fill the role of treasurer for the rest of this year and hopefully next year too. While I am now filling that role, it is not appropriate for me to be collecting funds, paying bills while also serving as president. We need someone to step up to take this position Looking ahead to next year, 2018,, we need, as of now, to find people to serve as

president, treasurer, and wagon master. I have been president for three years and we need someone with new ideas. Please consider what you can do to help our chapter.

So that's it. Hope to see a few more people at the state rally and a big crowd of Wheelers in September and October.

Greg Thayer

Secretary's Comments

If you were not at the July Campout at Lake Forest in Wakefield, you missed the "golden campout" as far as activities go. It was well planned, well attended and everyone had a great time with games, challenges and Christmas in July decorations as well as Yankee Gift Swap. The weather held out well except for about 20 minutes of downpour on Saturday before the sun greeted us for a successful day. 12 member families were present as well as guests and even the seasonal residents of the resort expressed their amazement at our activities.

Each one of us needs to examine our commitment to the Chapter and decide if we can step up as one of next year's officers. We are in dire need of a treasurer immediately and then some new officers for next year. The time commitment isn't a killer and all officers receive a ton of help from those who have served before. Things we have not explored are: we could share offices like Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. This could spread out the minimal work load between the two. Or, we could, as suggested at the last campout, have the Wagon Master collect deposits and campground payments instead of the treasurer. Since the Wagon Master needs to know who is going to which campout and interfaces with the campgrounds anyway, it seems to be a natural match. After the annual schedule is established and the campgrounds are booked, the Wagon Master has very little responsibility so taking on some of those chores we have historically expected the treasurer to do would fit right in with the job.

Check out the web site for pictures and great monthly collage by Tom Geiss.

Sincerely
Jim Bélanger

On the Lighter Side

Two rednecks are out hunting, and as they are walking along they came upon a huge hole in the ground. They approach it and are amazed at the size of it. The first hunter says, "Wow, that's some hole; I can't even see the bottom. I wonder how deep it is?" The second hunter says, "I don't know. Let's throw somethin' down there, listen and see how long it takes to hit bottom."

The first hunter says, "Hey, there's an old automobile transmission over there. Give me a hand, we'll throw it in and see." So they pick it up and carry it over and count "one, two, three" and heave it in the hole. They stand there listening, looking over the edge, when they hear a rustling behind them. As they turn around, they see a goat come crashing through the underbrush, run up to the hole and, without hesitation, jump in headfirst.

As they stand there, staring at each other in amazement, peering into the hole, trying to figure out what that was all about, an old farmer saunters up. "Hey there," says the farmer, "You fellers didn't happen to see my goat around here anywhere, did you?" The first hunter says, "Funny you should ask, but we were just standing here a minute ago and a goat came running out of the bushes doin' bout a hunnert miles an hour and jumped . . . headfirst into this here hole!!" The old farmer said, "Naw, that's impossible ... I had him chained to a transmission."