



NH Wheelers

A NH Good Sam Chapter

October 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.
13-15 July 2018	Lake Forest CG, E. Wakefield NH. Make reservations with Janice Murray. Need Deposit
Aug 2018	NH Rally (Samboree) Lancaster NH Make own reservations with State
Sept 14-16 2018	Harbor Hill CG, Meredith NH 603-279-6910 Make own reservations and pay campground.
Oct 5-8 2018	Newfound RV Park, Bristol, NH. Make own reservations: Send \$15/person to Greg for the catered meal.
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 October 7, 2017 meeting of the NH Wheelers was called to order by President Greg Thayer at 0935 with 7 member families present at Newfound RV Park in Bridgewater NH. The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was held for those in need of our prayers.

We had one Guest, Lewis Michaud, who is a friend of the Allens and a high school classmate of Jim Belanger.

Secretary's Report:

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

The Treasurer's report: A treasurer's report was given by Greg Thayer. The report was accepted after a motion by Linda Monahan, seconded by Cheryl Wood.

Membership: No new members were submitted for membership.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence to report.

Web-Master: Webmaster reported that most of the 2018 camping schedule was on the web site although some members were having a difficult time accessing the newly updated page. Explanation on how to refresh the page was given.

Wagon Master: There was no official wagon master report.

Wellness:

The Hunters did not attend the weekend because Gerry has Lyme disease and is not up to a camping weekend.

Unfinished/New Business:

1. The winter meetings will continue to be held at Makris in Loudon for the time being. Arrival is still at or before 11:30 so meals can be ordered followed by the meeting. The dates are: Nov 12, Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11 and Mar 11. There is still a plan to check out Murphy's Tap Room in Bedford and a change to winter meetings might be a possibility.
2. Dues for 2018 are due this month.
3. Greg handed out a flyer for Walnut Grove to anyone interested. This is for our May 2018 weekend.
4. A motion by Armand, second by Cheryl Wood, that we return to this campground (Newfound RV Park) for the October campout in 2018. Motion carried.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Greg read off the names of members with birthdays and anniversaries in August and September. Birthdays: Sandy, Dennis and Jennifer and an anniversary for the Woods.

Announcements: Greg listed some of the local attractions we might want to visit.

Election of officers for 2018.

After some discussion, the following officers were elected for 2018 after the Secretary Cast one Ballot for the slate.

President, Spencer Stickney; VP, Armand Pinard; Secretary, Jim Belanger; Co-treasurer/wagon master, Greg Thayer & Linda Monahan.

The 50/50 raffle:

The 50/50 raffle brought \$25.00 to our guest, Lewis Michaud.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM after a motion by Diana Fortin, seconded by Jane Lortie.

Respectfully; Jim Bélanger, Secretary

President's Comments

Hello Wheelers

It's always bittersweet for me, when we camp in October at Newfound RV Resort. I so enjoy seeing everyone, it's a nice facility, a fun campground host (Paul) and a great catered turkey dinner. But, it's also sad as it's our last group campout for the season. Next year Kath and I plan to camp one more weekend a month besides our group's events. Really like being outside!

Our group was small this year but we had a nice time and had front row seats to the sounds of the explosions in Bristol as we sat around our campfire. And we all thought it was fireworks! The "brown bag auction" was fun and we made a few extra dollars when another camping group joined us. And as usual the catered meal was outstanding! It appears that most of us left on Sunday due to the weather coming in. As we are back there next year hope the weather is more cooperative.

Please look at the meeting minutes for the dates for our winter meetings at Makris in Loudon. Kath and I still plan to investigate Murphy's Taproom in Bedford as an alternative meeting site. Due to her work it will have to be on a weekend,

most likely a Sunday afternoon. I will email the club when we intend to go in case others would like to join us. Murphy's Taproom is on the site of the old Weathervane Restaurant where we held our winter meetings in the past.

Please also check the minutes for the results of the election of officers for the 2018 year. I am happy to take on the role of co-treasurer with Linda Monahan and look forward to new ideas coming from our new president Spencer Stickney. If you have not already; it's time to pay dues for 2018. Also some ideas were presented to find new members. More on this later.

So that's about it for this month. Hope to see a lot of you at Makris in November.

Greg Thayer

Secretary's Comments

The October Campout at Newfound RV Park was a bit different from the usual weekend we have come to expect. The campground had mixed info on when folks were to arrive. As a result, some who arrived on Thursday and expected a specific site (reserved) found someone else on the site and had to take a different one. The weather certainly didn't cooperate and many who planned to stay until Monday morning decided to cut the weekend short and left on Sunday after the morning rain. The weather predicted heavy rain on Monday morning which convinced most to leave early. The Saturday "Thanksgiving" catered Turkey dinner went well and everyone enjoyed the terrific meal. Many took the left-over food to their rigs and planned to use it for a pot luck dinner for Sunday but that never happened since so many left early. Cable boxes were handed out to those who wished to watch cable TV. These boxes were supplied by MetroCast and needed to be "reset" since they had not been used in a while. Many of us had no idea we had to do that and ended up with what we thought were defective boxes. There was an 800 number to call on the box but most didn't realize that was a possible solution to a non-working box. Our experience at Harbor Hill, with the same boxes, resulted in none of these issues. Either they were used more often or the campground had them reset prior to handing them out.

Our brown bag auction went well with many other campers attending and bidding. All items bid on and purchased were well worth the cost paid. Then, there was some anxious moments when we came to election of officers for 2018. After some discussion (you had to be there) we settled on a shared position for Treasurer and Wagon Master. Greg Thayer and Linda Monahan will take on the chores of those two offices and share the work load. Secretary will remain unchanged (Jim) as will Vice President (Armand). After some soul searching, new member Spencer Stickney came forward and said he would serve as President. That brings in younger blood to the job and everyone promised to help him with the job. His wife, Jennifer Belanger, said she was not surprised that he stepped forward.

Sincerely; Jim Bélanger

On the Lighter Side

I greeted my boss this morning and he said "Have a nice day". Who am I to argue? I turned around and went home.

A pastor was famous for his sermons lasting exactly 22 minutes. Then, one unfortunate Sunday, the sermon went on for 45 minutes. At dinner, his wife asked what had gone wrong. It was just one of those days, he replied. My trick is to slide a cough drop under my tongue just before I start the sermon. It always melts in exactly 22 minutes and that way I know when it's time to stop. This morning I was 40 minutes into it before I realized my cough drop was a suspender button.

Late one night, a preacher was driving on a country road and had a wreck. A farmer stopped to help and said, Sir are you OK? The preacher said, Yes, I'm fine. I had the Lord riding with me. The farmer said, Well, you better let Him ride with me because the way you drive you're gonna kill him!

An irate visitor stalked up to a beekeeper and said, One of your bees just stung me, and I want you to do something about it. Certainly, the beekeeper replied. Just show me which bee it was and I'll have it punished.

According to a new study, cats have more potential than dogs to sniff out bombs. The only problem is; they won't tell you.