



# NH Wheelers

A NH Good Sam Chapter

## December 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

	<b>Check with the Wagon Master to see which campouts require an advance deposit.</b>
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
<b>Aug 2018</b>	<b>NH Rally (Samboree) Lancaster NH Make own reservations with State</b>
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 ?? 2018	Makris Lobster House, RT 106, Loudon NH Exact date to be determined due to Vet's Day.
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 December 10, 2017 meeting of the NH Wheelers was called to order by President Greg Thayer at 12.30 with 8 member families present at Makris Lobster House in Loudon, NH. The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was held for those in need of our prayers.

There were no guests present at the meeting.

**Secretary's Report:**

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

**The Treasurer's report:** A treasurer's report was given by Greg Thayer. The report was accepted after a motion by Janice Murray, seconded by Dennis Lortie.

**Membership:** No new members were submitted for membership.

**Correspondence:**

Since the last meeting, the secretary has sent out an email to 2017 members who had yet to renew their membership. An Email was received from Maureen and John DeRoy that they were not intending to renew membership for 2018. No reply was received from Clicquenoi nor Rundgren and it is assumed that they, also, are not renewing membership.

A letter of thanks was received from the NH Food bank for our donation.+

**Web-Master:**

Web Master informed the group that the web site would be updated during the month reflecting new contact information and the new officers of 2018.

**Wagon Master:**

Wagon Master reminded everyone that this year it seems members need to make their own reservations for the camp ground we will be visiting except for Lake Forest. All were reminded to call and reserve sites for Old Orchard Beach, Maine in April and Alfred, Maine for May.

**Wellness:**

Janice updated the status of Dave's surgery which started out with a repair for one hernia and ended up repairing four. She reminded everyone that it is her turn now to get a hernia repaired.

**Unfinished Business:**

President Greg announced that we had no unfinished business.

**New Business:**

Everyone was reminded that there will be an upcoming NH Camping show March 23 to 25 and it is scheduled for the Dome in Milford NH. The

Boston Camping show is upcoming too but no more information was available for that one.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:**

Greg read off the names of members with birthdays and anniversaries in December.

**Announcements:**

Several members have been keeping track of Rita Carignan and her move to Nevada. Several reports were given but, in the end, it was a successful trip and Rita is now settled in Nevada.

**The 50/50 raffle:**

The 50/50 raffle brought \$35.00 to Kathy Thayer. A second and third raffle was held for additional prizes brought by Sandy Belanger as she has done in previous years at the Christmas meeting. Linda Spofford got a stuffed cat and Jennifer Belanger got a hassock.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM after a motion by Armand Pinard, seconded by Janice Murray.

The meeting then went into the Yankee Swap tradition for our Christmas meeting.

Respectfully submitted  
Jim Bélanger, Secretary

## President's Comments

Hello Wheelers

Well here it is. My last message to you as president of the NH Wheelers. I have enjoyed leading our group but am glad to see a younger member step forward to lead and am looking forward to see where we will go heading into the future. Spencer Stickney will do an amazing job as our new president!

Our last meeting with the Yankee Swap was so much fun. I wish more of our members could have attended but it is a busy time of the year for all of us. But I will say, I so missed the absent members. You are all family.

Coming up are the camping shows both the one in Boston (January 12-15th and the NH show in March. Maybe we can organize a caravan to one or both of these shows. No need to buy a new rig, just fun to go together as a group.

Finally as we head into the holiday season, I want to wish all of you the best of times with

family and friends. As I've gotten older I have realized how precious these shared moments are. I enjoy every moment I get to share with you and feel sad when some members are absent. You have enriched our lives and for that I am so thankful. So, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And may all you need and wish for come about. I look forward to springtime at the campgrounds. See you in January.

**Greg Thayer**

## **Secretary's Comments**

Hello Wheelers.

The December meeting was a bit less attended than the November meeting but it was a success nevertheless. We had 15 very happy folks at the dinner meeting and everyone seemed to enjoy the food. The wait staff is getting used to us at Makris since they remember what we usually order and it makes it easy. Also, for a group our size, it is nice that they say nothing about the fact that they issue separate checks while other restaurants balk at that idea.

We had a short meeting and went right into the Yankee swap. Gifts were larger this year than some I remember in recent years. Larger in value and in size, I must say.

The big surprise of the day was the set of wheel chucks that were one of the gifts. It was expected that these would be very popular since they were the heavy rubber solid kind but it appears everyone that need chucks already had them.

Membership lists will be updated for 2018 and anyone wishing to have a personal report emailed to them with the updated list of members with addresses and other personal information we don't want to put on the web site should ask the Secretary for such a list to be sent out some time in January.

A report was given as to how many of our member attended how many meetings during the 2017 year and there were no surprises. It is sad, however, to see drop outs on membership as everyone was a joy to camp with. However, it brings up the fact that

we all need to actively solicit new members to join us. There was a time when we had 30 inactive members and 30 active ones. We are now down to about 18 active members which do not all show up to campouts at the same time. So, if we have ten rigs at a camp-out, we consider that a good one but we could be more. So, see a camper in your neighborhood, drop them a note to consider visiting our web site to see what we are all about and suggest they join Good Sams and Wheelers and get a good discount at Camping World for their "stuff".

**Sincerely, Jim Bélanger**