



NH Wheelers

A NH Good Sam Chapter September 2020 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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	Check with the Wagon Master to see which campouts require an advance deposit.
Jan 2020	No Meetings in November and January.
9 Feb 2020	Auburn Tavern, Auburn NH. Rt 101, exit 2
8 Mar 2020	Auburn NH.
Apr 10-12 2020	Plan for Mile-A-Way in Henniker. Not yet definite.
May 8-10 2020	Walnut Grove Campground, Alfred Maine 207-324-1207 Make own reservations
June 12-14	Old Coach, Madbury NH. Not yet final.
July 10-12 2020	Lake Forest CG, E. Wakefield NH. Make reservations with Janice Murray. Need Deposit
Aug 2020	NH Rally (Samboree) Lancaster NH Make own reservations with State
Aug 7-9 2020	Shir-Roy Campground in Richmond, NH. Not yet final.
Sept 11-13 2020	Old Stage Campground, Madbury NH Reserve with Campground.
Oct 9-12 2020	Newfound RV Park, Bristol, NH. Make own reservations: \$15/person to Greg for meal.
Nov, Dec Jan 2020 Feb 2020 March 2020	No Meetings in November and January. Winter meetings will be decided on at the October meeting. See minutes for possible locations.

Our Meetings

Our summer meetings usually take place at 9:30 AM on the Saturday of the camping weekend. Winter meetings are scheduled in the Fall and the location may vary. They are held on the last Sunday of the month. The meeting usually starts after most have ordered their meal and is held while meals are prepared when we meet at an establishment that serves meals. Winter meetings will not be held in November and January.

Minutes of the last meeting

New Hampshire Wheelers

The September 2020 meeting of the NH Wheelers was called to order at 10:05 AM on 12 September 2020 by President Spencer Stickney at Old Stage Campground in Madbury, NH. 7 member families were present. The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was held for those in need of our prayers.

Secretary's Report:

Jim Belanger read the minutes of the August meeting. Minutes were approved with a motion by Armand Pinard and seconded by Diana Fortin.

Treasurer's report: Greg Thayer presented the treasurer's report for the past two months and this was also accepted on a motion by Armand Pinard, second by Jennifer Belanger. Greg reported that he has paid the annual fee for the web site hosting and domain name.

Web Master: The Web Master continues to have members send prospective new members to the web site and to keep checking it for updates.

Wagon Master: The Wagon Master led an extensive discussion on the schedule for next year. Some of this discussion and decisions likely belong under New Business but it was handled under the Wagon Master section of these minutes. Jim Belanger moved to change our scheduled camping weekends to the last weekend of each month except in October. Much discussion pro and con was held. Before this motion was seconded, another motion was made by Armand Pinard and seconded by Mark Westgate to have the weekends on the third weekend of the month because the last weekend in September would be so close to the Columbus Day weekend in October. After discussion, this was voted 4 to 4 and failed. Then the earlier motion for the 4th weekend was again made, this time by Jennifer Belanger and seconded by Don Tate. This motion was accepted by those present.

Wellness: Nancy Schultz, friend of the Wheelers and the Lortie's is in the hospital.

Correspondence: The usual request for donations from the NH Food Bank was received by Greg Thayer.

Unfinished Business: Jennifer Belanger gave out business card size cards to those who wished to have them which advertised the NH Wheelers. The purpose was to pass these out to prospective members. Each card has room on the front or back to personalize them with your name and anything else you might wish to share.

There was nothing else to bring up under unfinished business.

New Business: In addition to the business conducted under the Wagon Master report, the following was decided after much discussion. In 2021 campouts will be held on the last weekend of each month except for October which will be Columbus Day weekend. The following campgrounds were picked. April is still under discussion. The following will be accepted in and when confirmed by the Wagon Master. May will be at Mile-A-Way in Henniker NH, June will be at Walnut Grove in Alfred Maine, July will be at Lake Forest in Wakefield NH, August will again be at Old Stage in Madbury NH, September will be at Wadleigh Falls in Lee NH with a backup of Old Stage if Wadleigh Falls is not workable, October will be at Newfound RV Park in Bristol, NH. There will be no meetings in January and November. The February meeting will be via Zoom. December will be at the Lone Pine Hunters Club in Hollis, NH on the 2nd weekend of the month. March has not been decided.

Announcements: Everyone is reminded that nominations for 2021 officers should happen at the next Campout in October at Newfound RV Park. There will be a Yankee Swap at the December Christmas Party Meeting. There will be a Brown Bag Auction at the Octoberfest meeting at Newfound RV Park as well as a catered meal on Saturday. The Club will pay \$10 per member and the member will pay \$15 for a total of \$25 per member for the meal. Club members will supply the desserts.

October will have a group breakfast on Sunday morning. Members are signing up for what they will be bringing. Their choice. If you haven't signed up for anything, notify Jennifer and let her know what you plan to bring so we don't duplicate too many items.

Dues for next year are due to be paid anytime between the October Campout and the first of January. Dues remain at \$10 per rig.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Pam Sleeper was the only one in September for a birthday.

The raffle: The 50/50 raffle drawing resulted in Sandy Belanger winning \$27 while the club got \$28.

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 after a motion by Greg Thayer, seconded by Jane Lortie.

Respectfully submitted
Jim Bélanger, Secretary

Secretary Comments

The weekend at Old Stage in Madbury was a good event. There are two safari fields, one upper and one lower. The upper field has five (5) sites while the lower has nine (9). The upper field has 50 amp service and sewer at each site while the lower field has 30 amp and no sewer connection. The campground does have a dumping station. Even with reservations made with a submitted credit card, the camper is not charged for camping until they arrive. If there is a downside to the campground, it is the WiFi. They do provide WiFi at both safari fields but it is slow and not predictable. I would say it only works about 40% of the time. The safari fields are so close to each other that parking at one is only a very short walk to the other and campers are all within sight of each other.

We had a campfire going most of the time. Yes, even during the day. Spencer kept going into the woods and bringing back dead wood to burn but added to that by going to the office and purchasing more split wood.

Although Greg and Kathy did not camp with us, they did show up for most of the day on Saturday. Since the roads are narrow, it was easier for most of us to turn into the safari field on the way in (there is a sign) and walking to the office to register. There is a cable connection for TV at each site but site 5 and 6 connections were inoperative. The CG came right out to check and they said this will be fixed ASAP.

There was a lot of discussion for next year's schedule as you can see from the minutes. Upon my return home and checking next year's weekends, it became obvious that camping on the "last" weekend introduces a bit of an issue. Some weekends have Friday (our first camping day) at the end of a month while others have Saturday. So, how does one determine what is the "last" weekend. I guess

we would have the same problem if had picked the "first" weekend. As it turns out, and I need agreement, I believe the last Saturday of the month should probably determine the weekend. That's the day we have our meeting. In some months this will mean Sunday of the weekend will be the first day of the next month but I believe we can live with that. So, in setting up the schedule, I will consider the last weekend to be the weekend with the last Saturday unless we change that at a future meeting.

The winter meetings were discussed and it is not known if the Auburn Tavern can handle a crowd yet. Our December meeting is usually very well attended and this may not work at the Tavern. So, Spencer suggested the Lone Pine Hunters Club in Hollis as a place to meet. It has a large hall and would be available for us. Folks who may feel uncomfortable finding this location could meet at Spencer's place of business at 19 Proctor Hill Rd in Hollis, wait in the parking lot and then follow Spencer or Jennifer to the location. Jennifer and Spencer live next door at 17 Proctor Hill Rd.

Last but not least!

In 2007 a motion was made to increase our annual dues from \$10 to \$15 because it had been at \$10 for so long. The motion was defeated by a vote of 6 to 13. I believe it's time to bring this up again and I hope to do so at the next meeting.