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President's Message

Okay, just for a change, today's sermon will be about participation.

This club has a tremendous common bond: it's the spirit that makes us want to get out and do stuff while living happily in modest (if kinda swanky) space. We want to get out to see things and do things that we're able to do in a Chinook. Since a Chinook is small, we want to get outside our Chinooks. And once we're outside, well what else are we going to do but mingle with the other folks who are outside too?

So much of what this club does almost happens by itself. There is, however, a bit that happens because every now and then you need to have a straw boss. I feel so lucky to be president with the officers and volunteers I've been working with. Now, for one reason or another, some of the officers need to turn their attention to other parts of their lives. It's not a huge deal to do work for the club, but it does take more effort than casual participation.

What isn't always obvious is that there's satisfaction to be had working for the club. Take a look at the faces of our breakfast volunteers at your next rally. I'm not going to mention them by name because with my memory I'll leave someone out and then they won't save me a pancake, but you know who they are. There's a spirit on their side of the counter. They still get to eat breakfast, but they get to have something more besides, even though (and maybe because) they've given something of themselves.

Now we are modest Chinookers, so maybe putting ourselves forward to be club officers is not instinctive to us. It surely was not for me, I took some powerful persuasion. Heaven help me, though, I am having fun. Bumbler that I am, I am having a good time contributing to one of the things I most like doing at this moment in my life. If RVing is one of your great joys of the moment, this could just as easily happen to you.

This is not a club of obnoxious malcontents: we are Chinook owners. Folks will come to your aid when you need it, so don't fear being left alone out in the open. Current officers will show you the ropes and be there for you to ask questions long after you're in office.

Anyway, think it over. VP Rally, VP Membership, Secretary and Treasurer would like to be relieved. You can even run for President: I will not be offended. Doesn't mean I won't run again next election though. The current nominating committee is Alvin Cantrell, Gail Rebecca Williams, and Diane Cremens if you need to know who to talk to.

Okay, way too much seriousness. Let's get on the road and have some fun!

Mark McCluski



Summer Rally— July 27-30, 2015 Alpine Lakes



July : Monday July 27th – exit Thursday 30th

Alpine Lake RV Resort – \$39.00

78 Heath Road Corinth, NY 12822

800-576-8541 (30 sites) alpinelakervresort.com

alpinelake_mgr@equitylifestyle.com / 518-654-6260

HOST: Cricket Jones and Mike Sloop

(Cut off date: May 26th, 2015) Agenda will be sent out by email.

Summer Rally— July 27-30, 2015 Alpine Lakes, Corinth NY

TRAVEL: Members Anthony and Barbara Burt suggest the following incoming driving route:

If you are driving north to the rally, a suggestion for southern members heading to Corinth who may not want to traverse the heavily congested areas around DC, Baltimore, etc. We recommend taking I- 81 north to I-84 east to I-87 north. If I-95 is easier/more convenient in the south, we can also recommend getting off 95 at Fredericksburg VA, following Route 17 (through bucolic horse country) to I-81 at Winchester and then north.

From the campground owners: We encourage members to take advantage of their time spent here at the Resort by staying a little later or arriving a little earlier to enjoy the Northeast during the summer, however, it is important to note that the end of July is during our peak season so weekends (Friday & Saturday) are always in high demand so space is limited. Please contact for questions. Coming in on Sunday and exiting on Fridays should be no problem although we could not guarantee those sites would be with the Chinook Club.

Some sightseeing in the area:

The Barn: an authentic 1800's barn. It was built between 1866 and 1898 on an pathway between the Old Gris Mill and Main St. The pathway was later named Mallery St. The Barn is at 8 Mallery St. in Corinth, NY. It has been renovated into a very unique Soft Ice Cream Shop, Eatery and LOCALLY MADE Gifts. Click on the summer music schedule link on the website for information about concerts on the Saturday before the rally and other dates. <http://www.corinthny.com/TheBarn.html>



From the RV resort website:

Nearby Attractions

Lake George is located 20 miles from Alpine Lake RV Resort. Spend your days in the summer sun playing miniature golf, riding go-carts, taking a hot air balloon ride or just lounging on Million Dollar Beach. There are arcades; wax museums and more to keep your interests peaked. The lake itself offers countless activities and there is a rental for every activity under the sun. Lake George also offers a diverse shopping area in the village or nearby at the outlet mall. Several days alone could be spent wandering the stores along the village streets. The outlets are close and offer all kinds of choices for style and appeal. Water Slide World – Water slides, wave pool and more!



Fort William Henry – See a reenactment of the Battle of Fort William Henry

Great Escape & Splashwater Kingdom – 125 rides, shows and attractions, including roller coasters and huge water park!

Lake George Steamboat Company – The Queen of American Lakes Cruise Line. Sightseeing in the Adirondacks, lunch, brunch and dinner cruises

Saratoga Springs is located 13 miles from Alpine Lake RV Resort

Well known for being a health resort city, Saratoga is host to several natural mineral springs and spas. Decidedly pivotal battles of the American Revolution were fought in the area and historians consider the Battle of Saratoga the turning point in our War of Independence. Monuments, museums and battlefields illustrate the stories of our nation's first steps.

The area comes alive in the summer with horse racing at the harness and flat tracks. Saratoga boasts the oldest horse racetrack in the United States and draws visitors from around the world. Downtown Saratoga, the city streets are lined with historic shops for this and that, along with delicious restaurants and bistros. Saratoga's Performing Arts Center (SPAC) includes talented lineups of ballet, orchestra, and jazz during her summer months.

Saratoga Racetrack - Thoroughbred racing at its best!

Saratoga Gaming & Raceway – Harness racing & Video Gaming Machines

Saratoga Performing Arts Center - NYC Ballet, Philadelphia Orchestra, Freihofer's Jazz Festival and special events

Albany-Saratoga Speedway - Racing every Friday night at 7pm

Plus - nightlife, shopping, golf and much more!



Continuing on into Canada from the rally? Here are some suggestions from members Anthony and Barbara Burt:

In the province of Quebec, Canada, the Construction Holiday (French: Vacances de la construction) is the most popular time for summer vacations. Construction workers holiday is for summer 2015: July 19 to August 1, 2015.

Just a few places and tips for adventurous Chinookers. (By the way, the guidebooks and maps at the tourist bureaus are very helpful!)

Quebec City and environs are spectacular! Quebec, unlike Montreal, maintained many of its historic buildings and neighborhoods and truly is a step back in time, particularly the lower city where one now finds charming museums and shops in the old buildings. Not to be missed in the upper city is of course the Chateau Frontenac as well as the Plains of Abraham where Wolfe vanquished Montcalm and ended French rule in Canada in the 1750's.

Quebec City is one of those cities which has a modern ferry system from Levis right into the heart of old Quebec City, with spectacular views of Quebec City that one would only get from that vantage point on the river. See URL below.

<http://www.quebecregion.com/en/ferries-and-taxi-boats/quebec-levis-ferry-societe-des-traversiers-du-quebec/>

Getting to Quebec City from Montreal area, we would recommend the 20 Autoroute on the south shore, which is more scenic than the 40 Autoroute on the north shore. One could even take Route 30 which is a major highway part of the way and then hugs the St. Lawrence River, which is even more scenic.

Not to be missed in the Quebec City area is Montmorency Falls/Chute Montmorency along the Beauport coast just a few miles from Quebec City. The falls are 98 feet higher (though not wider) than Niagara Falls. Just down the road from there is the bridge to [Ile d'Orléans](#), which is an idyllic little island, well worth a visit, driving around the perimeter.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Montmorency_Falls

As our trips to Quebec City area were pre-Chinook days, we simply googled "campgrounds Levis" or "campgrounds Ile d'Orleans" and found what appeared to be rather nice campgrounds.

Montréal is a wonderful, modern metropolis with a small "old city" section, but hardly as old or well preserved as the lower city in Quebec City.

As for campgrounds in the area, they are generally further out of the city and suburbs. We can recommend the KOA West at Coteau du Lac, which in and of itself is a charming area with a War of 1812 era museum and blockhouse. <http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/lhn-nhs/gc/coteaudulac/index.aspx> We have also stayed at KOA South in St-Philippe-de-Laprairie. There is good public transportation into Montréal from the South Shore of the St. Lawrence generally along Taschereau Blvd.

Mt. Royal offers a great view of the city below! Another magnificent site is St. Joseph's Oratory, a shrine built by a humble janitor, Brother André, now Saint André of Montreal, where millions claim to have been healed.

St-Eustache is a town of interest, in part because of its role in the Rebellion of 1837, during which 1800 British troops set the church on fire and then shot nearly 100 French clambering from the burning building, which was rebuilt as a memorial in 1841.

A little further afield, other areas of interest would be Hudson and Oka, Quebec in the Deux-Montagnes region along the Ottawa River. There is a provincial campground in Oka, but we have not stayed there so cannot recommend it per se, though it is a beautiful park and wildlife area. http://www.sepaq.com/pq/oka/index.dot?language_id=1 and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oka,_Quebec

Oka seems a much more French town and Hudson much more English, but both are worth a visit. The monastery in Oka is noted for its artisan cheeses made by the resident monks. There are lovely antique shops in both towns and a large flea market and craft fair Saturdays in Hudson. http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g1024000-d1150229-Reviews-Finnegan_s_Market-Hudson_Quebec.html

The ferry ride connecting the two towns is charming and Chinooks are allowed!

The entire Deux-Montagnes area is delightful with its small towns whose major feature is the Catholic church whose steeple rises above all else and it is interesting that the church in each town is located right on the river, harkening back to days when rivers were the roads and parishioners came to church by canoe or boat. Nowadays seems most now function as "the church and municipal boat launch site." Taking back roads and exploring these towns is worth a day or two, just unwinding and



Great times at the beach spring rally at Tybee Island GA!

Another great rally! As president Mark McCluski said in his weekly email, "first-time rally hosts Susan Martin and Hans Paschel did a bang-up job. The Tybee Island park is an excellent little park provided great support and cooperation. Sites were decent sized, and though close together we didn't feel right on top of our neighbors. Amenities are *nice*: strong wifi, good water pressure, excellent cable reception with a wide choice of channels. Staff were accommodating and pleasant. The little welcome package they put together with our name on it really made us feel like wanted guests."

What else did we have there?

A 10 minute walk to either of two beaches, one on the river, one on the ocean.

A great lighthouse with tours.

A beachfront bar with well-made drinks and fresh, delicious food that was reasonably priced in walking distance!

A little rain, occasional strong but manageable wind, a bit of a chill good for evening fire circles.

A great lunch, island shopping, and some nearby craft and souvenir shops.

The city of Savannah, a great southern destination!

Unusual to the rallies: Sue DeMartini's broken leg (she is healing well after surgery).

Skip Braden's pneumonia (he's all better too).

Of course, the best parts of the rally:

A bounty of excellent dining: meet and greet snacks, potluck supper, ice cream social, and the delicious club breakfasts!

After dinner campfire gatherings.

An excellent interactive tech talk with Tom Jackson.

Informal open houses to see the rigs updates, including the Arnolds outstanding new paint job!

Great exchange of information on travel and Chinooks.

The extraordinary camaraderie of friends and fellow Chinookers!
See you at the next rally!



TRAVELOGUE: This month, we present the third part of a travelogue by member Cyndy Gabrys, who took about a 6 month trip across the country, accompanied by her elderly dog Tipper. She agreed to write up her travels for us to enjoy. Thanks Cyndy for sharing! See the additional file. More parts will be included with upcoming periodic updates from the president.

VP of Membership Report 2015 by Gayle Wroble

Our club membership is currently at 98 members. Since the last newsletter we have welcomed 4 new members!

Donald and Susan Moseley
Buckingham VA, San Mateo FL
2004 Baja
#386

Bert and Carol Rosen
St. Augustine FL
2005 Concourse
387

Judy Boone
Berea, Ohio
1997 Concourse (side door model)
388

Rodney & Kathy Helsel
North Myrtle Beach SC
2004 Glacier
389

Prudy O'Rear
Brevard NC
2003 Glacier
#390

If anyone has questions about the EZ Membership app, how to get into the Chinook Camping Club Facebook Group, the online membership directory, or how to access printable documents such as the membership address book, or Bylaws and Code of Ethics book, please email me. It is very helpful if you will include your name, club number, and specific question in any correspondence. UPDATE: The app has been having some accessibility problems. We'll keep you informed by email of when it will return to full functionality.

I can't always get back to you quickly, but I will contact you. You can email me at: chinookcampingclub@gmail.com

**CLUB DUES OF \$35 PER COACH IS DUE EACH YEAR ON OCTOBER 1
MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO**

"Chinook Camping Club" and mail to:
Chinook Camping Club,
Linda Stamper, Treasurer
219 Monte Vista Drive,
Statesville, NC 28625



FUN STOP! From Destination Strange on Roadtrippers.com

Flintstones Bedrock City

Built over 40 years ago, the famous park has seen better days since becoming a favorite creepy stop for road trippers enjoying an adventure down Route 66. Adding to the rather creepy vibe is the fact that Bedrock City is also completely isolated in the middle of the Arizona desert. According to their website you can still camp on the property, which would make for a good story to tell, and a perfect spooky desert adventure.



Member Updates:

Here are a few updates and sunshine wishes for members:

Tom and Dallas Sanders are looking to sell their 2002 Destiny, tsanders@sccoast.net

James and Peggy Ross want to sell their 2004/5 Premier Deluxe, jamespeterfricilone@yahoo.com

Harry Barnes and Muffy McDowell have sold their rig, we wish them the best!

And our former fearless leaders Eileen and Russ Disbrow unexpectedly have sold their Concourse, although they will be in NY. Eileen and Russ had been Chinook owners and club members for many years, (see first and last rig pics below) and Eileen served many outstanding years as the president.

We appreciate all their Chinook efforts and will miss them greatly. Watch for a probable informal mini rally near their house in Florida in January!

Sunshine to Don and Jo Phillips, Rebecca Williams, Sue DeMartini, and Diane Cremens. We are happy that Skip Braden has recovered from the illness at the rally.



Do you know a member who is ill or recovering that needs some SUNSHINE?

Send the info to Diane Poole at poolead72@gmail.com

MAINTENANCE TIPS

Once a year, we need to check the anode rod in the hot water heater. Only Suburban water heaters feature an anode rod. The anode equalizes aggressive water action, providing cathodic protection for the tank. It is a very important factor in tank life and should only be removed for inspection, draining or replacement. It is removable using a 1-1/16" thin wall socket. All Suburban water heaters are protected by a magnesium or aluminum anode to prolong the life of the tank. Under normal use, the anode rod will deteriorate. Because of this, it is recommended it be replaced annually or when consumption or weight loss of the rod is greater than 75%. Note: Water with high levels of iron and/or sulfate will increase the rate of deterioration. To extend anode life, drain water from tank whenever the RV is not being used. Avoid any extended time of non-use with water in the tank. (http://www.rvcomfort.com/suburban/service/water_questions.php)



Chinook RV Owners Yahoo group member Woody Schlom has provided this detailed how-to:

- 1) Turn your city water supply OFF.
 - 2) Turn your water heater OFF.
 - 3) Open the water heater exterior compartment cover.
 - 4) Release pressure inside the tank by opening the pressure relief valve. CAUTION! If the tank is full of hot water, you could scald yourself – so be careful. This is the little toggle lever attached to the bronze hose fitting near the top. You pull the lever straight out – it should lock open. But again, if the tank has hot water inside, you could get blasted and blistered by hot steaming spray. It's best to let the water cool for an hour or so. Or, turn the water heater OFF, then open the hot water faucet so fresh cold water runs into the tank. That will cool the tank down the fastest.
 - 5) Once pressure has been released (and this is important so you don't injure yourself removing the anode under pressure – that thing can shoot out at belly or groin level), get a 1 1/16" socket (I'm pretty sure that's the size), a short socket extension, and a breaker-bar or ratchet handle and loosen the anode. Water will immediately gush out as this is also the tank's drain. And once again, this is why you don't want to do this with hot water inside – it'll scald you.
 - 6) Completely unscrew the anode and let the water drain out. With the pressure relief valve open, water should gush out.
 - 7) If a bunch of whitish "stuff" comes out too – you've got mineral deposits inside your tank—which is quite normal. In fact, I'd be very surprised if you don't have any mineral deposits. It's calcium carbonate. The same stuff that builds up in your coffee maker. It's not dangerous or poisonous or anything, but it does lessen the heater's effectiveness (and too much will eventually stop it from working completely – I know as this has happened to me twice in my 5th Wheel trailer).
 - 8) Whenever I open my tank and remove and inspect the anode, I also flush the tank to get these deposits out. They make special water tank flushers. They cost from \$5.00 - \$12.00 or so. All they are is a long hollow plastic wand with a bent tip and hose fitting. You screw the thing to the end of a water hose, stuff the wand into the hole, turn the water on full-blast and basically blast the deposits off. Depending on how much buildup you have, you might have to do this several times, let the stuff drain out, then do it again, until no more white stuff comes out.
 - 9) Once done flushing you replace the anode – with a new one, or if the old one is still OK (has plenty of sacrificial metal left), replace the old one. The original instructions then were to wrap the threads with 3-4 turns of Teflon pipe tape, thread it back in and tighten it up with the 1 1/16" socket. There was some discussion on the Yahoo group as to whether the Teflon tape was needed, but an interesting addition is that the latest Suburban brand anode rods now come with plastic threads – so wrapping with Teflon tape "probably" isn't necessary any more – unless yours leaks. Teflon tape stops leaks.
 - 10) Release the pressure release lever so it's back in the normal position.
 - 11) Put the cover back on and make sure to turn and flip the locking tab so the door doesn't fly off on the highway. Yup, didn't do that once and lost my nice cover with the Chinook trim stripes painted on it. Now I have a plain white one.
 - 12) Now you can turn your city water supply back on. If water gushes out of the relief valve, you forgot to close it properly.
 - 13) And once the tank is full again THEN you can turn the hot water switch back ON. You do not want that on when the tank is empty.
- Check the Yahoo group for more discussion on this and all things Chinook! Thanks Woody!

THINGS WE LEARN FROM EXPERIENCE:

After the fun times at the spring rally, we drove out of the campground headed through the Savannah area toward the Georgia mountains. On the way, we discovered a loose latch on the spare tire cover, and almost lost a hub cap because one of the nuts was missing. Then a couple of hours down the road, we stopped in a cute little town to check out the antique shops. Stepping out of the rig, we had a strong smell of propane. We checked the tank and discovered propane leaking out from the valve. We used our smart phone and called a local propane gas shop, who directed us to their office. They couldn't locate their technician, but in a stroke of good luck, they were located next to a truck tire and repair shop, and the owner used to work for the propane company. He came over and checked out the tank, and discovered that the campground personnel had overfilled the tank. We have the older unit without a fill monitor. It's only supposed to be 80 percent full to leave room for expansion. He released the overage in the tank, gave us a hub cap nut, and sent us on our way. We were lucky to have found them! Moral of the story: check your hub caps and tire covers, don't overfill your propane tanks!

Members Nancy and Charlie Breeding

Check out the Chinook Travel Blog

Chinook Travel Blog, see the site at www.chinooktravel.blogspot.com

By Sally Arnold

Chinook Travel is a simple blog created for travelers in the Chinook Camping Club to post places they stay at in a very simple format. The first screenshot is of the main page in the blog. You will find all of the states in alphabetical order for you to scroll to the state you will be traveling in, or to post information about a particular state. Each entry is a comment and you will see the number of comments on each state.

This second picture shows the page after selecting the state you will be visiting. After you scroll down and press on the state name to select it, you view the comments that have been made regarding their recommendations.



To post a comment you just type the information you want to post into the comment block. You can copy and paste information too.

After you type your comment in, you are able to "preview" and "edit" if you need to.

Once your information is correct you can "publish." You have the opportunity to sign the post or to just have it Anonymous.

At the bottom center of the screen you press the blue "HOME" to go back to the main page. I hope you will all post your favorite spots so that we can all find them.

www.chinooktravel.blogspot.com



YOU TOO CAN HELP THE CHINOOK CLUB!

Looking for new officer candidates:

Each year, we elect or re-elect the officers that keep this organization running and we're looking for a few good men and women to step forward and take part! Please consider running for an office: positions include President, VP Rally, VP Membership, Treasurer and Secretary/sunshine.

The VP Rally has indicated she will have the rallies booked through at least 2017, so a new rally VP will have a little breathing room to get started. This job involves finding locations and booking the spring and summer rallies and booking the winter Florida rally in Jacksonville, and the fall annual rally. The annual rally will alternate between the Cool Breeze campground in Virginia, and the KOA in Nashville Tennessee. Both locations have been extraordinarily accommodating to our needs. The VP membership, secretary, treasurer and nominating committee chair are also interested in retiring from their positions. These jobs are not difficult and past officers will be willing to train their replacements.

Help us keep this group running!

If you are interested in any positions, please email me at dscremens@gmail.com or call my cell, 815-985-4612. Thank you!!

Diane Cremens, Chair, Nominating Committee



CHINOOK CHOW—RECIPES FROM THE ROAD

Apricot Kielbasa Slices

From Diane Poole and Taste of Home

Ingredients

1 pound fully cooked kielbasa or Polish sausages, cut into 1/4 inch slices
1 jar (12 ounces) apricot preserves
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

Directions:

In a large skillet, brown sausage. Drain and set aside. Add the remaining ingredients to the skillet. Cook over low heat for 2-3 minutes or until heated through, stirring occasionally. Return sausage to the pan, cook for 5-6 minutes or until heated through. Serve warm. Yield: 4 dozen

Nutritional info: 1 serving (4 each) equals 47 calories, 3 g fat (1g saturated), 6 mg cholesterol, 110 mg sodium, 5 g carbohydrate, trace fiber, 1 g protein.



Greek Orzo and Lemon Chicken Soup

Ingredients:

6 cups fat-free, less-sodium chicken broth
1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh dill
1/2 cup uncooked orzo (rice shaped pasta)
4 large eggs
1/3 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 cup shredded carrot
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
8 ounces chopped roasted chicken



Directions:

Bring broth and dill to a boil in a large saucepan. Add orzo. Reduce heat, and simmer 5 minutes or until orzo is slightly tender. Remove from heat.

Place eggs and juice in a blender; process until smooth. Remove 1 cup of broth from pan with a ladle, making sure to leave out orzo. With blender on, slowly add broth; process until smooth.

Add carrot, salt, pepper and chicken to pan. Bring to a simmer over medium-low heat, and cook 5 minutes or until orzo is done. Reduce heat to low. Slowly stir in egg mixture; cook 30 seconds, stirring constantly (do not boil).

Nutritional Information per serving: Serving size: 2 cups, Calories: 271, Fat: 8g, Saturated Fat: 2g, Sugar: 2.6g, Sodium: 1017mg, Fiber: 1.5g, Protein: 28g, Cholesterol: 260mg, Carbohydrates: 21.25g

WW POINTS per serving: Points Plus Program: 7 Old Points Program: 6

SOURCE: RecipeGirl.com (Adapted from Cooking Light)

Inspired by soup we had at the Greek restaurants at Tarpon Springs, Florida!

[Carbon Monoxide detectors are offering rebates](http://www.mtiindustries.com/rebateOfferings.asp) <http://www.mtiindustries.com/rebateOfferings.asp> Buy at [Safe Home](#) or other online retailers or RV suppliers. A very complete, but well done article on RV and Carbon Monoxide protection. http://www.carbonmonoxidekills.com/25/RVs_Caravans_Holiday_Homes

Check the date on the back of your unit, replace if it is over 5 years old. Be sure to check the expiration date on the replacement unit. New units will shut down after 5 years. It is usually found on the back of the unit, but to make it easier to remember, mark the date on the front of the unit. Check each year.



Fall Rally Schedule for 2015

Rally Chair Cynthia (Cricket) continues to find the best locations and dates for our rallies. There have been a couple of changes to sites and dates, so please take note, cancel any old reservations at previous sites and book the new ones. Changes were made to the fall rally in 2015 and the winter rally in January 2016. See you there!

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION AND DATES:

October – Sunday 4th – Tuesday 6th (Depart Wednesday 7th) Price \$34.00 (total with tax included)

Cool Breeze (was Deer Creek) 2330 Edmonds Rd. Galax, VA (35 sites)

866-342-0300 (Robert) www.deercreekrvresort.com (they kept old web address) (click on the amenities link and notice the photos of our previous rally!)

www.coolbreezecampground.com

HOST: Mike Sloop & Cynthia Jones (cut off date: August 4th 2015)

Desert night: Monday 7pm – followed by business meeting or visa-versa

Annual meal at Mt. Surf & Seafood: 12:30PM Tuesday

Tuesday night – possible weenie roast & marshmallows around fire pit - (weather permitting)

I will send a menu by May, If you have special dietary restriction please let me know ASAP.

If you want to come in early the manager will extend the rally price. If you want to stay after the rally the same rate applies if spaces available. (Cut off date: September 10th 2015)



Bluegrass Music: get your tickets early!

Friday nights at The Rex Theater / www.theatergalax.com

113 E. Grayson Street Galax, VA 24333 / 276-236-0329

Email: rkohlegalexva.com

Saturday: The Blue Ridge Music Center www.blueridgemusiccenter.org

700 Foothills Road Galax, VA 24333

Mile post # 213 on the Blue Ridge Parkway

276-236-5309 / for tickets: 866-308-2773 ext # 245



RAINY DAY READING a list of online resources

<http://www.frugal-rv-travel.com/index.html> Basically a site that encourages purchase of the "The Frugal Shunpiker Guides to Boondocking" but it may be of interest to some. (Shunpiker=travel back roads, boondock, etc.)

<https://www.boondockerswelcome.com/> - much like "Harvest Hosts", a subscription type site, where members can offer to "boondock" someone on their or simply be a guest on property someone owns

<http://www.doityourselfrv.com/take-month-long-rv-vacation-less-4000/> - an article on how to vacation for a month on less than \$4000

[Roads Less Traveled](#) Full-time RVers Mark and Emily bring you their excellent blog "... to inspire you to get out and go, to lift your spirits with a fun travel tale or two from the road, and to share some tips for how to live this way." Being published authors and photographers in various magazines, as well as having their story profiled in magazines, you can expect superior content in this beautiful blog – and you won't be disappointed!

[CampedThere](#) is "an online community of campers and RVers. Find helpful RV campground reviews to plan your next camping trip, tell others about your experiences from places you've been, and share photos and memories with others from your latest RV trip."

[RV Parky](#) is an RV park directory built by a full-time RVer with the help of the RV community to help fellow RVers on the road. Here you can find information, images and reviews for more than 25,000 RV parks and campgrounds in the U.S. and Canada. Also available as an app.

[Lovin-Our-Life Adventures](#). A blog from Kevin and Sheryl, full-timers and accomplished photographers with great information for RVers on places to visit as well as tips and tricks they've learned along the way. Includes lots of beautiful and interesting photos.

Rally Schedule for 2016

With any rally please make sure you say you are with the Chinook Camping Club rally.

Change to the Winter Rally! Come January 2016 our official winter rally home is going to be **Flamingo Lake in Jacksonville, FL.** For next year we changed the rally to one day later than we announced previously: They have a large group coming in, due to check out the day we would have arrived. If we left the date of arrival as Jan 17th, no one would be able to get their "club site location" early, and SO many of us like to get in a day ahead of the action.

Therefore: rally dates....arrive **January 18- depart the 21st.** If you plan on going in early next year to reserve NOW! Also, they have another group coming in on the 21st, so if anyone extends past the rally they may be asked to move. Lake front sites will be first come, first served as in the past. Members have the option of the higher cost lake front or regular site. Cut off is **December 13th 2015** – site not guaranteed after cut-off) 800-782-4323



April : Sunday 24th – Wednesday 27th
Natural Bridge KOA, Natural Bridge, VA
 \$40 – 214 Kildeer Lane, Natural Bridge, VA 24578
 (800-562-8514) (25 sites)
 Info – 540-291-2770 <http://www.naturalbridgekoa.com/>
camp@naturalbridgekoa.info
 HOST: Charles and Nancy Breeding



July: Monday 18th – Thursday 21st
Pine Valley KOA, White River Junction, Vermont
 \$50 – 3700 Woodstock Rd. White River Junction, Vermont 05001 (20 sites)
 Reserve: 800-562-1621 / Info: 802-296-6711 /
quecheekoa@comcast.net <http://www.pinevalleyrv.com/>
 HOST: (Volunteer Host needed, contact Cricket!)
 Speak with Cindy ONLY* 802-296-0014*****we can have more sites if people call and reserve early*** (cut off date is June 1st 2016)



October Sunday 2nd – Wednesday 5th
Mountain Pines CG - Champion, PA
 \$34 – 1662 Indian Creek Valley Rd. Champion, PA 15622
 (30 sites)
 Reserve & Info: 724-455-7411 /
www.mountainpinescamping.com
 HOST: _ (Volunteer Host needed, contact Cricket!)
 (Cut off date is August 16th 2016)



Rally hosts needed, please contact Cynthia (Cricket) Jones at cmjfreedom@outlook.com

Plan as much or as little as you like! Rally hosts may coordinate with the campground for the meeting facilities, and with those Chinookers attending to provide the club sponsored meals etc. Hosts are free to plan special events or meals, entertainment or activities and are not expected to assume financial costs. It's a great way to contribute on a one-time (or more if you want) basis to the activities of the club. The more we spread around the tasks, the less each individual has to do! And we have an extraordinarily willing group of rally attendees who jump in to help cook, clean up, share a hobby, entertainment, information or experience!!



Thanks to Susan Martin and Hans Paschel, and all the members who make the rallies great!