

SeLoW Newsletter



Southeast Chapter Loners on Wheels

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Links

SeLoW Website: <http://selows.lonersonwheels.com/>. Our Campout Schedule, Newsletters, and links to photo slide shows and photos are on this site.

Southeast Lows on Facebook: In Facebook, enter *Southeast Lows* in the Search box. Any member of our group on Facebook can post campout pictures.

Shutterfly: <http://www.selows.shutterfly.com>. Once on the site, click Photos and Videos, then click the first photo for a larger view. You can click Slide Show or scroll through by clicking the arrows. Any member can post campout photos on our Shutterfly site.

Membership

The updated Membership Roster (dated April 28, 2014) is attached to the email along with this newsletter. Changes from the March roster include the deletion of some long-time members who do not plan to renew their membership this year. Dave Irons is living in Florida and has a significant other. Ron Henderson hung up his keys and is living with one of his sons in Georgia. Most of you probably have already heard that Bob Horger passed away late last year. Eddie Smith got married. Carolyn Dangoor and Sam Border are a couple and travel in one RV. (Sam had paid his SeLoW membership through 2015 and didn't remember when his LOW membership expires, so we left him on the roster for now.) Some other people with a Paid (Thru) date of 2013 may be removed from the roster later if we don't hear from them. Total membership as of April 28, 2014 is 53.

Campout April 6–13, Lake Greenwood, S.C.

Photos are on our Facebook page and our Shutterfly site with a link on our SeLoW website.

We had nine members and one visitor at all or part of the campout. The members were: Bobbi Harden (Host), Daryl Sponseller, Cheryl Love, John Henry Markham, David Poole, Sandra Burns, Arlene Williams, Mitzi Flint, and Dorothy Spang. The visitor, Holly Gardner, came on Tuesday, planning to stay in a tent because she didn't yet have the travel trailer that she's buying. However, the weather was a little too cold for her and her little Yorkie, so she left Wednesday morning.

We probably won't be camping at Lake Greenwood again unless there are improvements to the sites. A ranger said they will be upgrading the electrical and water lines later this year; and, therefore, will be repaving some of the roads. But she didn't know whether they would be leveling any of the sites.

Things weren't going so well for the group when we arrived Sunday. John Henry (and I think Sandie) changed sites trying to get their RVs level. I borrowed extra wood blocks from Bobbi because I didn't have enough leveling blocks. John Henry's VW Beetle had a dead battery when he arrived and was towed to a shop the next day. The gas gauge didn't work in Bobbi's replacement motor home (which looks exactly like her old one before the accident), and she took it to Freightliner overnight Wednesday. The most unfortunate was Daryl, who backed her beautiful new 2015 motor home into a tree beside her site. They say the first scratch on a new vehicle is the worst. Daryl gets it over with quickly so she doesn't have to worry about it anymore. Her campground neighbors across the street felt so sorry for her, they brought her flowers.

It started raining Sunday night and rained until late Monday afternoon. Also stayed fairly cold until Wednesday, so we were lucky Daryl's new motor home has a large enough living area to hold all of us for coffee and happy hour until the weather improved enough that we could meet outside.

We ate really well again. On Sunday, Bobbi prepared grilled ham and cheese sandwiches and tomato soup, which we were able to eat outside before the rain started. On Monday, we went to Mig's Pizza Castle, where they seemed to be giving away food. Most everyone got the enormous \$10 two-for-one chicken parmesan dish and took one back to the campground for a second or third meal later. We had a nice lunch at the Grille on Main in Newberry, the Mill House in Greenwood, and a nice restaurant (don't remember the name) in Abbeville. John Henry brought beef stew for the pot luck on Tuesday and everyone else brought salad fixin's. We bought pot pies and pastries at a great market in Abbeville, and had the pot pies and half the pastries Friday evening, and the remaining pastries with ice cream on Saturday evening.

In Newberry, we went to Carter and Holmes Orchid Greenhouses, one of the largest suppliers of Orchids in the world. They have 18 greenhouses, and 9 were open to the public. We toured the Newberry Opera House, walked around the Wells Japanese Gardens, and explored the old C. T. Summer hardware store. In Greenwood, we went to the Visitors Center and the Greenwood Museum. In Abbeville, we went to the Visitors Center, walked around downtown, browsed shops, and looked at displays for the French Heritage Festival. On Saturday, we went to the Jockey Lot flea market in Anderson, SC.

2014 Campout Schedule (No changes from the 3/19/14 schedule)

Tell the campground that you're with SeLoWs when you make a reservation, and also when you arrive if you don't have an assigned site. When you've made a reservation, please let the host know. If there is no host, let Cheryl or Bobbi know that you plan to attend.

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| May 4–11 | Eagles Nest Campground, 1111 Wears Valley Rd., Pigeon Forge, TN.
865-428-5841 or 800-892-2714, http://www.eaglesnestcampground.com/
Passport America rates, 30 amp \$19.08/day, 50 amp \$22.70/day. Trolley service to Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg attractions. <i>Those continuing to Alaska leave approximately May 9th, depending on weather in Montana.</i> |
| June 1–8 | Kampers Lodge of America, 3465 US Highway 301 N., Wilson, NC
252-237-0905, http://www.kamperslodge.com/
Passport America rates \$157.50/wk, \$22.50/day, pull-throughs, full hookups, 30/50 amp; free Wi-Fi; \$2.50 for cable. They are holding 10-15 sites for us until May |

25. They take a credit card number but only charge to the card for no-shows. **Pay with cash or check upon arrival.** Co-hosts: Jimmy Crawford and Cheryl Love.

July 6–13

Tom Johnson's Camping Center at the Charlotte Motor speedway.

<http://www.charlottemotorspeedway.com/camping/daily/>

To make reservations, call Christina, 704-454-6404. If you get her voicemail, leave a message and she will return your call within a day or two. Christina has 10-15 sites on hold for us until the middle of June. **Cancellation policy: they do not give refunds (only credit toward a future stay), but you can give a deposit as long as you pay the full amount *before* your arrival.** Jimmy Crawford and Cheryl Love will be Co-Hosts and will be in the first two of our group's sites.

\$23/day, \$161/wk, pull-throughs, full hook-ups, WiFi access at the check-in cabin.

Aug 3–10

Croft State Park, 450 Croft State Park Road, Spartanburg, SC,

Make reservations through reserveamerica.com or call 866-345-7275.

Water/electric, \$150.92/wk; with SC senior discount \$102/wk.

Canoe/kayak and fishing boat rentals are available; 15-mile bike trail. **This is a popular campground in the summer, so reserve early. Sites 28, 30, 34, 36, and 37 have been reserved thus far.** Co-hosts: David Poole and Sharon Hatch.

Sept 14–21

Cartoogechaye Creek Campground, 91 No Name Road, Franklin, N.C.28734.

828-524-8553, <http://www.franklin-chamber.com/cartoogechaye/>

Passport America, \$108/Week for 30amp; 50 amp +\$1.00/day.

Sept 21–29

Caravan to Sedalia, MO. with various stops on the way. (Details will be added later.)

Sept 29–Oct 5

Sedalia MO. LoW's 45th Anniversary Rally,

<http://www.lonersonwheels.com/rallies.html>. We plan to arrive on the 29th for those who want to join the day trip to Branson, MO. The deadline for the registration form to be turned in to include the Branson day trip is July 8; registration for the Anniversary Rally not including the day trip is August 30th.

An alternate October campout for those not attending the Anniversary Rally will be determined at a later date.