

SeLoW Newsletter



Southeast Chapter Loners on Wheels

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News

A SeLoW member, **Bob Lynch**, had a heart attack and died March 28 at the VA Hospital in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Bob was an enthusiastic LoW member and will be missed by all who knew him. We have the address of his daughter and a close cousin and are sending them both sympathy cards from SeLoW. We will also donate \$25 to the VA or another veterans group in his name. \$25 is the club limit without a vote.

If you are interested in the **Tennessee Volunteer Chapter**, the contact is Pat Moore 813-731-5690 or fltrvln@gmail.com.

2012 dues (\$5) are due. Daryl emailed her address 3/27. We're getting a new member: **Jimmy Crawford** has joined LoW and will be joining SeLoW at the May campout. Two members not renewing: **Herb Wilson**, Ontario Canada, is getting married; and **Kristen Kimball**, Mocksville, NC, is no longer RVing.

Annie Wynne's first grandchildren (twins) were born April 4 in Las Vegas. Annie reported that twins Maggie Ann and Brock and their mom are all doing well. Annie looks forward to camping with us again later this year when she returns from Nevada.

The **SeLoW Website** is taking longer than I had hoped. Eve Lurie has already put a link to it on the LoW site: <http://selows.lonersonwheels.com/>, but there's still a lot of work to do. I'll try to have the *Contact Us* linked to our new gmail as soon as possible. Then I'll work on adding more photos, a few videos, and setting up the *Members Only* area. The goal is to attract new members and to have a private area for things like our membership roster and a place where members can RSVP and discuss campouts. **The public Campout Schedule on our website will be less detailed than the one in our newsletter.**

Remember, we have **Southeast Lows on Facebook** to post campout photos. I posted several from our April campout: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/southeast%20lows#!/groups/238529542881527/>. (If the link doesn't work, go to Facebook and search for Southeast Lows.)

Jimmy Crawford posted photos from our April campout and from the Escapee Rally to Flickr:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/7262221@N03/sets/72157629859691703/> and

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/7262221@N03/>. Dennis Phillips also posted photos from the Escapee Rally to Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/dr-dapper/>.

April 10-17 Campout at Bandits Roost

We had a **business meeting** on Friday, where **Bob Hollup** was elected Vice President, and **Carolyn Dangoor** was elected Secretary. Alice McLaurin took minutes of the meeting, and Daryl Sponseller reported that we have \$859.74 in the bank and \$94.07 in cash. Jimmy Crawford (who will officially join in May) volunteered to host the May campout because he lives in the area, and Bobbi Harden volunteered to co-host.

We had ten members and three guests at the campout, but not all at the same time. Most arrived on Tuesday and left the following Sunday to attend the Escapee Pre-Rally and Rally in Marion. Two members and two guests stayed until Tuesday. Members were Alice McLaurin, Bobbi Harden, Bob Hollup, Carolyn Dangoor, Cheryl Love, David Poole, Daryl Sponseller, John Henry Markham, Linda Kendall, and Norma Owen. The three guests were Jimmy Crawford, Earl Holland (Linda's friend who came to pot luck), and Dick Tilton. Dick arrived Sunday and left Tuesday on his way from his winter home in Florida to his Arcade, New York, home. Dick is a member of the Gulf Lows and the Uny-Lows.

The first few days were cool and windy and the last few were warm and sunny—no rain. The campground and lake are very nice but made you want a boat when the weather warmed. We went to the Wilkes Heritage Museum, where we learned that NASCAR has its roots in Wilkes County moonshine runners like Junior Johnson, and that Lowe's started as a local hardware store in North Wilkesboro. We went to the Whippoorwill Academy and Village, where Edith Carter has a replica of Daniel Boone's Wilkes County cabin, a Tom Dooley (Dula) museum, and several other restored old buildings. We enjoyed her tour, her storytelling, and being put in her jail for our various "crimes." We went to St. Paul's Episcopal Church and saw two Benjamin Long frescoes and went to the original Mast General Store in Valle Crucis. We had a lunch out, a dinner out, and a pot luck, and did our usual exploring of shops in Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro, and Boone. The four members left on Sunday went to Moravian Falls, had a picnic lunch at Wilkes Community College Gardens, which was being set up for MerleFest; and two of us plus a guest had a campfire that night. Monday, the three members left enjoyed the conversations, the weather, the campground (I biked), the lake (Jimmy put in his inflatable boat), and a second dinner out that night.

2012 Campout Schedule

We need hosts for all the campouts except May. **If you're willing to host or co-host a campout, please contact one of the officers to volunteer. If you plan to attend a campout, please let the host, co-host, or an officer (if there's no host) know that you plan to attend.**

MAY 6-13

Crosswinds Campground, Jordan Lake State Recreation Area
280 State Park Rd, Apex, NC 27523
919-362-0586 or 877-722-6762

<http://www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/jord/main.php> Campground map is under *Maps and Directions*. The website says GPS doesn't work and gives directions to the park.

Hosts are Jimmy Crawford, seeinsilver@gmail.com, cell 919-614-5016 (after 6 p.m. weekdays); and Bobbi Harden, jbobbi@mindspring.com, 706-348-8443 or cell 678-617-5748.

617 W/E sites. \$19.00 seniors; others \$25.00. **Jimmy asked that people let him know the places or activities they're interested in so he can do more research.** He has info on gardens, museums, historic sites, wineries, shopping, etc. For train enthusiasts, there is a train but it's on our arrival day, May 6 <http://www.nhvry.org/schedule.htm>. The Carolina Mudcats play during that week. **Please let Jimmy and/or Bobbi know when you reserve a campsite.** Several of us have reserved sites on Loop C (C19, C21, and C27).

JUNE 3-10

Chester Frost Park

2318 N. Gold Point Circle, Hixson TN

423-842-3306 (**No Reservations**)

[Chester Frost Park - Rules and Fees](#)

191 sites; \$23.50-\$25 W/E.

JULY 8-15

Etowah River Campground

437 Rider Mill Rd., Dahlonega GA 30533

706-864-9035

GPS: 34.5472, -84.062003

<http://www.etowahrivercampground.com/>

No credit cards accepted; **cash or checks only**. 62 sites. On Etowah River with tubing and swimming.

With Passport America: \$15 for 30 amp and \$17.50 for 50 amp. Without Passport America \$30 and \$35.

AUGUST 5-12

River Vista Mountain Village

20 River Vista Drive, Dillard, GA 30537

GPS: 960 Hwy 246

706-746-2722

<http://www.rvmountainvillage.com>

Full-hookups and cable TV, from \$29.99/day or \$179.99/wk. They charge more for various sites.

SEPT 9-16

Briarcliff RV Resort

10495 N Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572-5709

843-272-2730

<http://www.briarcliffervresort.com/>

178 RV sites, cable TV, internet, on the Intracoastal Waterway. With Passport America: full hookups \$23.50 Sunday thru Thursday, and \$47 Friday & Saturday. Without Passport America: full hookups \$47/day. There's a walk-through from the resort to Barefoot Landing with shops, dining, entertainment:

<http://www.bflanding.com/>. Shag (Swing) dancers may be interested that the SOS Fall Migration begins the 14th--big block parties are on the 16th and 17th: <http://www.shagdance.com/sosfunsunmon.htm>. **You will not be assigned a site when you reserve, so request to be near the SeLoWs when you arrive.**

OCT 21-28 (Note: this has been changed from Lexington, SC)

St. John's RV Park

2493 State Road 207

Saint Augustine, FL 32086

904-824-9840

<http://staugustinefleamarket.com/> (Campground is on this flea market site)

65 RV sites, Wi-Fi on most sites or in office, adjacent flea market. With Passport America: full hookups \$24/day, \$168/week plus tax; water/electric \$20/day, \$140/week plus tax. For 50 amp an extra \$2/day or \$10/week. **October is a busy time, so make your reservation ASAP. When you call, tell them you're with SeLoWs.** Many members will caravan from this campout to the Citrus Rally in Bushnell, Florida.

NOV 1-5 Citrus Rally, Paradise Oaks Golf & RV Resort, 4628 CR475, Bushnell, FL 33513.

Hostess - Lillian Newcomb at 352-793-1823 or email: info@theparalleledoaks.com.