

SeLoW Newsletter



Southeast Chapter Loners on Wheels

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Links

SeLoW Website: <http://selows.lonersonwheels.com/>. Our Campout Schedule, the 2012 Newsletters, and a couple of campout slide shows are on the site. Maybe I'll find time to add more content soon.

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

Pat Moore is still listed on the LoW website as the Contact Person for the **TN Volunteer Chapter:** fltrvln@gmail.com or 813-731-5690.

News

The **Northeast Music Rally**, September 6-9, 2012, in Tioga PA, **has been postponed until next year.** Nancy Brown, Northeast Regional Representative, sent an email asking everyone to pass on information that the rally had to be cancelled this year because the caterers bailed, and cooking facilities were not available at the campground pavilion.

JULY 8-15 Campout, Etowah River Campground, Dahlonega GA

The campground wasn't AAA rated, but we had another good campout thanks to our President, host, and tour guide extraordinaire, Bobbi Harden. Five members attended, including Bobbi, Daryl Sponseller, Cheryl Love, Dave Irons, and Ron Henderson. We had one guest for the entire campout, Eddie Smith from Marion, NC. Two guests, Jeannine Fontaine and her friend, Sandra, came on Saturday to meet everyone and went to dinner with us. A member, Regina Diaz, and her friend, Mike, joined us for pot luck on Wednesday evening. We received a thank-you email from Regina saying they enjoyed their visit, the dinner, and Dave's music. Regina and Mike will be in Myrtle Beach during our September campout, and we look forward to seeing them again.

Bobbi lives in North Georgia, so she knew places to see and things to do in the area. One of the first places we went was to the Dahlonega Gold Museum in the old Lumpkin County Courthouse. The courthouse, built in 1836, is the oldest surviving courthouse in Georgia and one of the most visited historic sites in Georgia. We went to the Consolidated Gold Mine underground mine tour, and Bobbi and I panned for gold afterward. Films at the gold museum and the mine informed us that gold was discovered in Georgia in 1828, 20 years before it was discovered in California, that Georgia's gold is some of the purest in the world, and that gold coins were minted in Dahlonega from 1838-1861.

It started raining Wednesday night and rained off and on until Saturday, so we had to change some of our outdoor plans. We toured the shops in Dahlonega, Helen, and the North Georgia Premium Outlet mall. We went to Amicalola Falls State Park, and Dave and I tried to hike to the top of the mountain before we learned that it was 600 steps instead of the 175 we thought. But 175 steps took us to the best view of the falls, so it was worth it. We visited Babyland General Hospital where the Cabbage Patch dolls are "born;" the Gourd Place; Mark of the Potter; Goats on the Roof; and the Old Sauttee Store and Post Office, the oldest store in Georgia. Four of us went tubing on the Chestatee River on Saturday.

As always, we had plenty to eat. We had a hamburger pot luck dinner on Wednesday, followed by Dave's always enjoyable singing and guitar playing. We had a pancake and sausage breakfast cooked by Dave and Bobbi on Thursday, great pizza that evening at Johnny Bs in Dahlonega, followed by ice cream and cake for Eddie's birthday. We had a second pot luck on Friday with chicken provided by Dave, leftovers, and a delicious watermelon. After the Friday pot luck, Ron played his mandolin and we sang from the song sheets he brought--old-favorites we knew and some RV songs we hadn't heard before. Saturday evening, we went to Dahlonega Square for old-time music, shopping, dinner out, and a play.

Campout Schedule

There are no changes to the schedule from the July newsletter. Tell the campground you're with the SeLoWs when you reserve a site; or if sites are not assigned when you reserve, tell them you're with the SeLoWs when you arrive. We still need hosts for the campouts. 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.**

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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.
Dillard Visitors Center: <http://www.dillardgeorgia.com/visitors/>.

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. **You will not be assigned a site when you reserve, so request to be near the SeLoWs when you arrive.**

There's a walk-through from the resort to Barefoot Landing: <http://www.bflanding.com/>.

Myrtle Beach Visitors Center: http://www.visitmyrtlebeach.com/?cid=g_destination_mb.

Shag (Swing) dancers may be interested that the SOS Fall Migration begins the 14th--big block parties are on the 16th and 17th; several of us are staying a couple extra days:

<http://www.shagdance.com/sosfunsonmon.htm>.

OCT 21-28 (Note: this was 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.** Visitors Information Center: <http://www.ci.st-augustine.fl.us/sites/vicparking/index.cfm>. Many members will caravan from this campout to the Citrus Rally in Bushnell, Florida.

NOV 1-5 SE Citrus Rally

Paradise Oaks Golf & RV Resort
4628 County Road 475
Bushnell, FL 33513
352-793-1823

Call Paradise Oaks to reserve your site. Camping is \$23 per night (water and electric). A block of sites are on hold for the rally. After October 15, unreserved sites will be released. Rally Registration by October 12 is \$65; late registration is \$75. A Rally Registration Form is in the LoW Newsletter. Mail your registration to Bobbi Harden, 65 Sunrise Ct, Dawsonville, GA 30534.

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