

SeLoW Newsletter



Southeast Chapter Loners on Wheels

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Links

The **SeLoW Website** is still a work in (slow) progress: <http://selows.lonersonwheels.com/>. Our Campout Schedule and 2012 Newsletters are on the site.

Southeast Lows on Facebook has pictures from the April and May campouts. In Facebook, search for *Southeast Lows*. Any member can post campout pictures.

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News

2012 SeLoW dues (\$5) are due. Daryl emailed her address March 27th. **Jimmy Crawford** joined SeLoW at the May campout. We're getting referrals from the LoW website and from other chapters. Maybe we'll have more members joining this year.

Daryl sent a \$25 donation **in memory of Bob Lynch** to the VA Hospital in Murfreesboro, TN, and I sent two sympathy cards to family members. I received a very sweet Thank-You card from his cousin, saying she "was so glad he found so much pleasure in camping with his camping friends."

May 6-13 Campout at Jordan Lake Crosswinds CG

We had six members at the campout: Bobbi Harden, Carolyn Huffstutter, Cheryl Love, Jimmy Crawford, John Henry Markham, and Norma Owen. Hosts were Jimmy Crawford and Bobbi Harden. Thanks to Jimmy for all the research he did finding things to do in the area, and thanks to Jimmy and Bobbi for chauffeuring us around the Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill/ Pittsboro/Hillsborough areas. It was another fun campout filled with adventures and misadventures.

Jimmy lives in the area and drove us around some of the older upscale neighborhoods in Durham and Raleigh. In Durham, we went to the Sarah P. Duke Gardens, Duke Chapel, had lunch downtown, and explored the shops. In Raleigh, we went to the Farmers Market, State Capital, Museum of History, and an enormous flea market. In Chapel Hill, we went to the Morehead Planetarium, UNC Visitor's Center, walked around the UNC grounds, toured the shops downtown, and had lunch at Sutton's Drug Store—a local favorite since 1923. We went to Pittsboro, Fearington Village, Hillsborough, and Stagville Plantation. We had a pot luck dinner, a leftover pot luck dinner, and campfires after both.

Our misadventures began when we went down to the boat dock on May 6 to wait for the Supermoon to rise. After a few hours, total darkness, and no moon in sight, we gave up and went back to our RVs. The misadventures continued when, on our first trip from the campground, we lost John Henry (who had left his phone in his RV). John Henry didn't want to walk with us as we toured the Sarah P. Duke Gardens, so he was to meet us at a small café on the grounds, and Jimmy was to drive us to Duke Chapel—because “it was too far to walk.” When we reached the café and no John Henry, Jimmy began searching, then we all joined the search, then some of the garden workers searched, and then the garden security, who called the Duke Campus Police. The Campus Police found him walking back from Duke Chapel, where he'd been waiting for us. John Henry was the only one who didn't think he'd been lost.

On our third outing (to Chapel Hill), Norma realized that she'd lost her RV key--and her wallet. We retraced our steps but no wallet. As we visited the Chapel Hill Police Department to report the loss, we wondered which police department we'd become acquainted with next. Norma's wallet was found on a fire escape by a nice young woman who called that evening as we waited for the locksmith, and after Norma had cancelled her credit cards. But Norma got her wallet back with everything in it except the \$40 in cash. When Bobbi returned home, she found Norma's RV key under the passenger seat of her car.

Other mishaps a little less dramatic were Carolyn dropping one of the pies she had baked as she brought it to the pot luck, and my Houdini cat discovering how to open the window screen and escape while we were at the next campsite. Jimmy asked, “Is your cat out?”

2012 Campout Schedule

There are no changes to the schedule from the April/May Newsletter. We still need hosts for all 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.**

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. Tell the office when you check in that you're with the SeLoWs.

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@theparadiseoaks.com.