



VOL STATE WINNIES

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Since Tennessee is still in a day to day status as far as who and what is open, we have to plan and hope our plans will hold.

Ken

President's Message

COVID 19 has reinforced that life is subject to change that requires flexibility and adjustments to the plans, especially short-term goals. I hope that all our members have been fortunate to have avoided the virus and are assisting in slowing its spread. Several of our members have gone on RV trips with friends or with immediate family. It is easier for all to stay in their comfort level when in smaller groups of like-minded individuals. Travel has become an ever-changing situation due to facilities being open or closed and different state's requirements for social distancing, mask wearing, and quarantine requirements often affecting the traveler as well as the persons they are visiting. For example, since we are currently in a red virus state, Virginia and I had to cancel a planned trip to visit one daughter in the Indianapolis area because our son-in-law, who is maintenance supervisor at the Indy Zoo would have to place himself in a 2 week quarantine status because of our visit.

We are looking forward to being able to get together as a club again. While we wait for an apparent vaccine, I'd encourage all to practice the suggestions of the CDC in order to reduce the various travel restrictions and permit more of the economy to open safely. On the positive side RV travel is probably the safest way to travel to avoid the virus since you can better control your contacts and environment.

New Members

Welcome to new members since the last newsletter: Jack and Phyllis Cohoon of Johnson City, TN and Tracy and Barbara Roy of Lenoir City, TN

In preparation for upcoming travels, now is the time to accomplish all the preventive maintenance items on your RV plus review any excess items that one can accumulate in the

RV. For those who may park on private business property or public land, a copy of the Rvers Good Neighbor Policy and Rvers Boondocking Policy are attached for your review and consideration. These policies were initially prepared by the Escapees RV Club and have been endorsed by various RV manufacturers and RV businesses. Winnebago is an endorser of both policies.

Abuse of these areas result in privileges being removed and bad publicity concerning all Rvers. An example is provided. Several years back another couple and us traveled the Baja Peninsula for a couple of months. During the trip south we had heard about and stopped for several days at a beach area along the Sea of Cortez. We had to drive down a stone-covered dry creek bed to get to the area where several Rvers were parked and enjoying the beautiful area. The picture shows our 2 Winnebago motorhomes parked on the beach looking east toward the water and west toward the mountains.



From this area we could kayak to an island for picnic lunch plus take trails around the area with the hills and just relax and enjoy the area. While there, a local man was diving for Chocolate Clams, found only in that area to include along the local Pacific coast. One could dive for them yourself, but we purchased some from this gentleman and put them on the grill (see picture). They were delicious and fresh! We enjoyed the area so much that we stopped again for a few days on the way back north to the USA. Unfortunately, after several years of abuse of contaminating the area by Rvers, many staying for extended periods, the area was banned for RV use. With a little caution and respect, the area may have remained available for Rvers to enjoy for several more years. We were glad we had the opportunity to enjoy that location but were disappointed that many in the future would not. We practiced what you take in you take out, many left trash in some of the wooded areas to accumulate.

Hopefully before long we will be able to meet again and share questions, comments and our RV experiences. Stay safe close to home or on travel adventures you may take until life gets back to more normal again. Ralph

Since the two articles mentioned above are in pdf format, I could not add them to this letter. Instead, I have shown them as attachments. I hope they are helpful.

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Rocky Top Travelers (RTT)

Nothing scheduled until the Vol State meeting in October.

Music City Winnies (MCW)

July 24-26 Long Branch campground, Silver Point, TN.

August 21-23 Salt Lick Campground, Gainesboro, TN.

West Tennessee Travelers (WTT)

August 20-22 David Crockett State Park, Lawrenceburg, TN.

Good Camping & Travels

Ken Dixon, Sec
The president's message from Ralph