

Summary of 2024 Wheeler Meetings

October 12 2024 – Field & Stream, Brookline NH

The October meeting opened at 0945 with 11 members present. Wagon Master opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag and a Prayer. There were no guests and no new members submitted for consideration. The Wagon Master expressed her opinion on how the job has grown and unless she gets help with monthly campouts she will likely not continue in the job. Dues for next year (2025) are due any time and can be paid today and will be sent to the treasurer who is absent today. The upcoming schedule is: Nov, no meeting. Dec 15 Olive Garden Manchester. 2025: Jan no meeting. Feb, Mar, and April Olive Garden Manchester. May 16-18 Shir-Roy. June 20-22 Woodmore. July 25-27 Lake Forest. Aug 22-24 Branch Brook, Campton. Sept 26-28 7 Maples. October 10-12 Travelers Woods. Please Email the group of your intent to attend or not for the upcoming events. That way the Wagon Master can keep a count and perhaps someone may take over one of the weekends. Dennis and Sandy had birthdays this month. Dennis on the 28th and Sandy on the 12th. The Woods had an anniversary on the 7th. Dave Allen is recovering from some minor surgery on his neck and Margie (who was present) is doing much better. The 50/50 drawing raised \$75 with \$40 going to winner Russ Moore and the club received \$35. The meeting closed at 10:15 followed by a Brown Bag Auction which raised over \$100.

PERSONAL NOTE FROM SECRETARY: It is high time for members to step up and take over one weekend. We do 6 campouts a year and with 12 or more members that could have one of us be Wagon Master once every other year. If you have a favorite campground, this is your chance to help out.

September 28 2024 – 7 Maples, Hancock NH

The September meeting opened at 0945 with 14 member families present. There were no new members submitted for membership and no guests at the meeting. The Wagon Master went over details of upcoming events not necessarily in order. A show of hands determined that in 2025 the campout at 7 Maples will be in the

Safari Field (September 26-28). Reservations and deposits are due this weekend. Old Stage for August 22-24 2025 came up for discussion. Due to the way some members were treated and the size of the Safari area, a show of hands determined that the August 2025 event will NOT be at Old Stage. Other suggestions were brought up such as Autumn Hills in Weare NH, Salmon Falls, or another CG that will be checked out. At this point, no decision was made for a location for August 2025. October 2024 (this year) will be at Field and Stream in Brookline, same as last year. But another location (Traveler's Woods) is being scheduled for 2025 Oktoberfest. Jim B brought up changes to the Google Group email list. If you are new and just joining the group, you need a Gmail address. After you set up a Gmail address, you can join the group but use a different Email to get the messages. They will be sent to your preferred address. A reminder was given that the December 14 2024 meeting will be at Olive Garden in Manchester. The web site has two listings of interest on the index (main) page. A mobile RV repair company out of Nashua and an RV detailer company are listed with contact information. It was brought up that our former meetings used to begin with a Pledge to the Flag and a Prayer and we should return to that practice. A show of hands in the affirmative verified that this should once again take place. The treasurer gave a good report on our bank balances and expenses. Dennis was the only member with a September birthday and no one had an Anniversary. Margie Moore is doing much better and getting around with us all weekend. Spencer's Mom passed away this month. The 50/50 raised \$100 and the drawing was won by Catherine Doyon who received \$50.00. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

August 24 2024 – Old Stage CG – Madbury NH

The August meeting opened at 09:35 AM with 14 memberships present. There were no new members presented nor guests. Because the number of members present the campground could not fit us all in the Safari Field so some members (2 of us) had to be in other sites away from the group. This brought up discussion about an alternate location for next August. Ashuelot River Campground in Swanzey was suggested but this needs to be confirmed if chosen. Another suggestion was Travelers Woods of New England, a private campground in Bernardston, Mass. Their Safari field holds 38 rigs, it has a Pavilion and the current cost is \$40 per night. That also is a consideration for August 2025 but has

to be looked into and confirmed. Bernardston MA is just South of Keene NH. Treasurer Greg Thayer gave a report of our funds. Those with birthdays and anniversaries in August were recognized. Reports were that Margie Moore was doing better and expected to be with us in September. A moment was held to remember Anne LeCuyer who passed this month. The 50/50 Raffle made Maria Westgate \$45 richer and the same went to the Club. Meeting ended at 10:05 AM.

We had the usual campfires with the *burning of furniture*. We paid \$60 for firewood which was delivered. The Happy Hour was held and enjoyed by all. The Ice Cream Social went well and had to be quick due to the heat; the Pot Luck Supper was again very filling with loads of food left over. Some folks went to the pool for a swim while others played cards and then the “Senior Volley Ball” while sitting in chairs.

July 27 2024 – Lake Forest, Wakefield NH

The July meeting opened at 09:45 AM with 12 members present. There were no new members and no guests at the meeting. Lake Forest was decided to be the July 2025 weekend; July 25-27. Discussion was had about the Club paying for one night’s stay for the Wagon Master at the monthly campouts and this was not approved since the Wagon Master did not want the Club to do that. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to send a \$100.00 donation to the NH Food Bank twice a year. Janice Murray is planning to plan next year’s event at Lake Forest. Janice won the 50/50 drawing with \$37 to her and \$38 to the Club. A second drawing was held for a donated gift and Becky Denehy was the winner. Meeting ended at 10:35 AM followed by the Brown Bag Auction. Bidding was rather slow but picked up after a few Brown Bags were purchased. This is simply a fund raiser for the group which helps fund expenses such as the annual Oktoberfest meal.

June 22 2024 – Woodmore CG, Rindge NH

The June meeting opened at 10:15 AM with 10 members present. Dues for 2024 were collected from two members. We had no guests and no new members submitted for membership. The Wagon Master reviewed upcoming campouts and

the group voted to return to Woodmore in June 2025. Members expecting to attend the July weekend in Wakefield submitted their names and the day they expected to arrive. Some as early as Wednesday. A discussion was had about who should be authorized to vote at meetings. The majority felt that anyone attending three meetings during the camping season should be the ones. This was to be approved at a later meeting. The Happy Hour, Ice Cream Social and Pot Luck supper all went well. Dave Allen won the 50/50 raffle and got \$32 and the Club got \$33. Meeting ended at 11:15 AM.

May 17 2024 – Shir-Roy CG, Richmond NH

We had 9 members attending the weekend which was not the best of weather. Thanks for the “pop-ups” but the weekend went well. Our Wagon Master and Treasurer were not able to attend so there was no formal meeting.

April 14 2024 - Olive Garden, Manchester NH

There was no meeting in March and the April meeting was held at the Olive Garden in Manchester again. We had reservations for 22 people. We met in a large room in March but today they had a group of 60 people meeting in that room so they arranged some table for us in another area which worked out well. We had three tables and 25 folks in attendance. 12 member families and one guest. We had one server take care of two tables and one for the third. Everyone was happy with the food and the service. Jennifer was not in attendance due to an illness but she sent a message to remind everyone they need to IMMEDIATELY make their reservations for Shir-Roy, Woodmore, Old Stage, 7 Maples and Field and Stream. She needs members to notify her about attendance in July at Lake Forest. She needs to know the day members plan to arrive, Wednesday, Thurs, or Friday! We held an impromptu meeting at 12:20 which lasted just over 5 minutes. We did have a 50/50 drawing and the winner was Armand Pinard who received \$40.00. Our next meeting is our regular scheduled campout weekend at Shir-Roy May 17

to 19. Please visit the web site for our complete schedule.

February 11 2024 - Olive Garden, Manchester NH

The Gathering (not really a meeting) started with a delay. Even though we had made advance reservations for 30 people, someone forgot to enter that into their computer so the staff was not expecting us. This resulted in a wait while they prepared the room and we ended up with only one server. But, she was great and it was hardly noticed that one server handled 15 couples without incident. So, as you now know, there were 30 of us and we were very happy to see the founders of the NH Wheelers with us. Art and Jeanne Lawson, founded the NH Wheelers in 1972 and they joined us for the gathering. They no longer have a camper and have now moved back to NH from Florida. But, they are now and will always be members of the NH Wheelers. Our Trail Master reviewed the upcoming campouts and urged those who will be attending the Octoberfest at Field and Stream RV Park in Brookline NH this October not to wait to make their reservations. They are accepting reservations NOW and if we want to park together, they want us to register early and let them know we are with the Wheelers. If we wait, the spots may all be taken up by others. We had the usual 50/50 drawing with a total of \$120 in ticket sales. \$60 went to the winner, John Wood, and \$60 to the club. It was mentioned that, if future 50/50 drawings were up to \$100 or more, we might consider two drawings with the amount going to the winners would be half. This did not seem to gather much support but one never knows what might happen if folks think about it. Reservations were made for our April meeting at Manchester Olive Garden on April 14th, 2024 at 11 AM. There will be no meeting/gathering in March. Please visit our web site to review our upcoming events and instructions on making reservations.