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PIRATES GO TO MARDI GRAS



Tom & Ronnie Padgett, Linda & Fred Tomsett, Mary Ann & Bob Bertke, Kathy & Grant Baldwin, and Sarah & Roy Sowers

Pirates of the Caribbean stalked Perry, Georgia on April 20-25, 2010 for the 38th Annual Georgia State WIT Rally. The theme of the rally was, "Pirates go to Mardi Gras." There were 90 coaches present, and I think every occupant enjoyed not only the exciting rally, but the Southern hospitality as well.

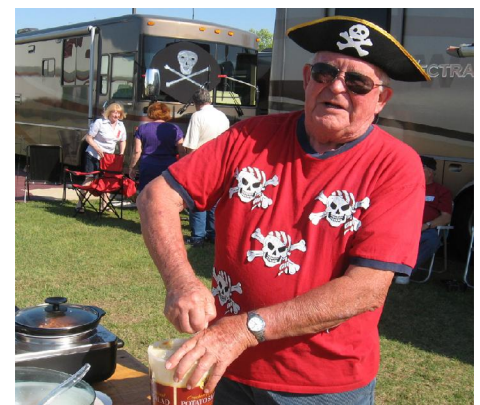
The pre-Rally events were carefully planned to both entertain and educate. Our official tour director, Elaine Byrnside, directed a tour on Tuesday to Warner Robins Air Force Museum. On Wednesday she took her group to the Georgia Music Hall of Fame.



Elaine Byrnside (third from right) is leaving on a tour of the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in Macon - lucky people!

On Tuesday, Pat Thomas led a group on a Golf Tournament, in spite of the rain. They had fun anyway.

Wednesday afternoon, John Byrnside furnished and prepared a "Welcome to the Rally" hamburger cookout. John is really a whiz at organizing. He prepared the whole meal by himself.



John Byrnside preparing hamburger cookout (Continued on page 2)



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT Dan Rankin

The pirates and Mardi Gras party goers have all gone home and "Shorty," the missing pirate, has gone on to become a rock

star. Maybe we'll see him next year.

Our rally is now history and what a great time was had by all those in attendance. Many thanks goes out to all the folks who worked so hard to make this rally happen. The list is long. And thanks to all those who drove the many miles to attend. Your support in coming is greatly appreciated. Planning has already started for the 2011 rally and we hope to see you there.

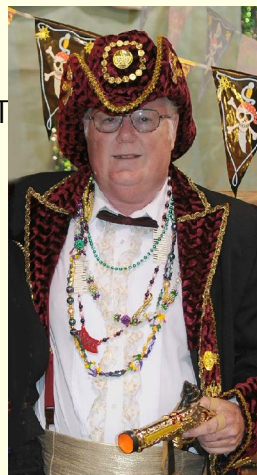
Our next state meeting is at the River Bend Campground in Hiawassee, Georgia, May 20th thru May 23rd. The host chapter is "Gone with the Winnies" and we look forward to seeing you there.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT Fred Tomsett

Judging from the surveys and comments made as people left on Sunday, it shows we had a **Great Rally**. First timers and out-of-state people said they felt welcome and that our rally is the friendliest rally they have ever attended. This was because our members did a great job as hosts.

It takes team effort to get a rally to run as smoothly as this one did. I would like to thank those who worked on this year's rally. First there is Ronnie Padgett (The Queen Princess). She had the job of receiving all the reservations from campers and vendors, sending them their rally packages, making up the welcome packages with the meal tickets and pins, keeping in touch with the AG-Center, and paying all the bills.

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The "Pirates go to Mardi Gras" backdrop, designed and implemented by Fred Tomsett with lots of help from Linda

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OPENING CEREMONY

Thursday morning the rally was officially opened. After the presentation of the colors, there were a few words of welcome by Rick Davis, Agricenter manager, and Jimmy Faircloth, Mayor of Perry.



Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams

The keynote speaker was Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams. She not only gave us a short sermon, but she kept us laughing all the way through.

PET PARADE

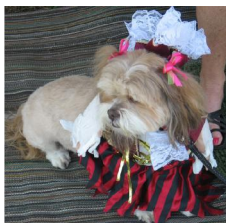


The judges had a hard time deciding since they had so many exciting (and excited) contestants.

BEST DRESSED



Roscoe



Mya

First place went to Eric and Teresa Oswood's Roscoe. Wayne and Pat Thomas' Mya took second place.

CUTEST



Gingersnap



Zeke

Mary Ann and Rick Spilman's Gingersnap won first place and Melva and Milton Dalton's Zeke took second place.

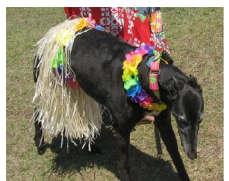
MOST TALENTED



Ginger

Pat and Wayne Thomas' Ginger won top honors for the most talented.

LARGEST



Missy



Buddy

Missy and Buddy belong to Linda Swanson and were the largest contestants.

MOST OVERALL VOTES

Roscoe, belonging to Eric and Teresa Oswood, got the most overall votes. Congratulations, Roscoe (and Eric and Teresa).

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Grant Baldwin and Roy Sowers making ice cream.

What a wonderful job Grant and Kathy Baldwin did spearheading the ice cream social. Lots of different flavors of homemade ice cream tempted every palate.



Eric Oswood, Dan Rankin and Jim Kobs jammin' at the ice cream social

GAMES

Hot competition came to the forefront Friday when Pat and Wayne Thomas led in several games. Pat makes sure everything is fair.



Pat Thomas

The washer toss was one of the favorites. Milt Burch thinks he is the winner, but he's just not sure.

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Actually, the winner of the washer toss was John Findeis. John was also the winner in 2009. He is GOOD!

Talk about keen competition, the beanbag baseball between Florida and Georgia went into extra innings. Georgia finally won 5 to 3 with Sarah Sowers coming up with a home run at the last minute. I heard Florida said things are going to be different next year.



Umpire Wayne Thomas explains the rules

CAKE WALK

Ever been to a "Walk the Plank" cake walk? Well, let me tell you - this one was fun! Dozens of luscious cakes just sat there, tantalizing your taste buds. You just had to walk to win one. Thanks to you, this was the biggest moneymaking rally project.



Melva Dalton, Jesse Chambless, and Betty Sprayberry sell cake walk tickets

Jim Bell, Johnnie and Danny Carroll were hilarious. Jim's wit and Johnnie

and Danny's antics kept everyone's spirits soaring.



Jim Bell, Johnnie and Danny Carroll



"Walking the Plank" cake walk



Kathryn Griffin won a cake



Patricia Heath taking up tickets

FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

After a delicious catered dinner, the Nawlin's Po Boys entertained us, along with the help of one of our members, Barbara Bell. She was the hit of the show.



Barbara Bell



The Nawlin's Po Boys

SATURDAY

After a pancake and sausage breakfast we picked up our door prizes. We had so many prizes that every coach received one, and they were great prizes!

The "Ride the Gator" game was cancelled due to rain, and so was the Mini Mardi Gras Parade. However, after another wonderful catered dinner, the entertainers for the night led the costumed pirates as they circled the tables in Heritage Hall. The pirates threw beads, candy, moon pies, and other items, just as if they were an authentic parade. We just don't give up!



The Ruby Red's Band led the parade



Lady pirates on parade



The Ruby Red's are superb entertainers

SUNDAY

After a continental breakfast and devotions, we all sang "Happy Trails to you," and headed to our respective homes after enjoying an outstanding 2010 Georgia WIT Rally.

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Then there is Tom Padgett (no royal title) who is always working on something, from being the first one up in the morning to start the coffee to doing all the jobs someone forgot to do. Then there is Theda Chambless. Theda took charge of the cake walk and turned it into the biggest moneymaking rally project. JoAn Blankenship made the cash umbrella, handled the Georgia basket, and found 35 pounds of Mardi Gras beads. John and Elaine Byrnside provided the "Welcome Ya'll" hamburger cookout and the popcorn. Elaine set up and led the pre-rally tours. Thanks also to all the people who chipped in with a door prize or something for the baskets. Many other people helped with the things that made the rally work; like setting up the stage, selling tickets, or cooking breakfast. Even if all you did was come to the rally, that helped in getting the camp site nights up to 400 so we didn't have to pay extra for the building.

We could use some ideas for next year's rally. The theme is "50s Rock n Roll." Try to think of an activity people would have fun doing. We will be open to all suggestions.

The pictures of the rally should be on the web site soon. I have 1,703 pictures from what my helpers and I took.

I look forward to working with all of you as President next year.

Fred Tomsett, Vice President GWR



TOO GOOD TO BE LEFT OUT



Tom Holloman, Ronnie Padgett and John Byrnside passing time between coaches



Theda Chambless and John Byrnside, gate workers



Tom Holloman, parker extraordinaire



Elaine Byrnside, GWR tour guide



Jim and Barbara Bell, Linda Tomsett and Betty McHaney enjoy the "Welcome to the Rally" cookout.



John Byrnside prepares popcorn for the pirate film moviegoers



Shorty was found again as shown by one of the Nawlin's Po Boys



Marquee at Agricenter on I-75



Color Guards present the colors at the opening ceremony



GWR President Dan Rankin welcomes everyone to the rally

PRESIDENT DAN CONGRATULATES PRIZE WINNERS



Annette Whitmire won the Georgia basket



Mayor Jimmy Faircloth welcomes everyone to Perry



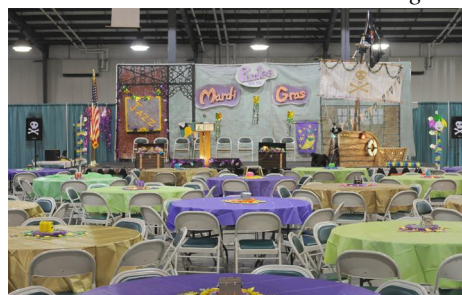
Linda Tomsett, Jim Simpson, Judy Seifert and Sarah Sowers decorate the stage.



Betty Werner won the theme basket



Mikki and Dick Dodge greet everyone



They did a great job. Everything inside Heritage Hall was "just right".



Mikki Dodge won the money umbrella



David Raider, Eric Oswood and Milt Burtch make a delicious breakfast



Table decoration

Pirate chest



JoAn Blankenship won the Friday night 50/50 pot



Linda Tomsett, Margie Rankin and Sarah Sowers give out door prizes



Fred Tomsett with "pirate" teddy bear



Max Parker helps with hot dog lunch



Part of "The Homer Bunch" - Betty Sprayberry, Wanda & Bobby Eubanks



The theme basket



Melva Dalton, Mary Ann Spilman and Kathy Baldwin



Rickey and Patricia Heath performing with the entertainers



Floridians hold a rally of their own outside their coaches



The Georgia basket



These volunteers helped with the Friday night catered dinner. Thanks girls!



Roy & Sarah Sowers and Teresa & Eric Oswood



Icecream makers Jesse Chambless, Rickey Heath, Jim Bell & Roy Sowers



A full Heritage Hall



Mardi Gras piratess Patricia Heath

A PARADE OF COSTUMES



Fred and Linda Tomsett



Danny and Johnnie Carroll



Kathy and Grant Baldwin



Bob and Mary Ann Bertke



JoAn and Hubert Blankenship



Margie and Dan Rankin

A PARADE OF COSTUMES



Paul and Sylvia Tarnuzzer



Ronnie and Tom Padgett



Teresa and Eric Oswood



Rickey and Patricia Heath



Sarah and Roy Sowers



Russ and Ellen Peters



Guess who got the tacky lights this year - that's right - Dick and Mikki Dodge



Jester Theda and Pirate Jesse Chambless



Ruby Red's trumpet player



Ruby Red's banjo player



Ruby Red's tuba player



The Nawlin's Po Boys frolic with Barbara Bell and Betty Foulke



Betty McHaney, Christel Cason, Ronnie Padgett, Nancy Sloan, Sarah Sowers, Kay Vaughn and Theda Chambless



Betty Foulke parades with umbrella

JUST VISITING WITH GOOD FRIENDS

