

The REBEL ROUSER



Official newsletter of the Georgia Winnie Rebels - We rouse you to ACTION!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dan Rankin

Here we go, off to a new year, 2010!!! Happy New Year to everyone and I hope it will be happy and healthy for all of us.

At the January meeting it was my pleasure to swear in the new officers for their upcoming term of office. Congratulations and thank you for your participation in our motor home club as we move forward into the New Year.

We have a wonderful group of members from all walks of life and it has been extremely enjoyable for me to serve as your president for the past year and a half.

In May, I will turn the gavel over to Fred, but before that happens we have outings and a rally to host and we need your help. The most important thing our members can do is to attend. Our volunteers will be busy once again chairing and working on committees to help make a fun and successful rally. Thank you so very much for your help!!!

The wizard with the glue gun, Fred Tomsett, has been busy making the decorations for the rally, "The Pirates Go To Mardi Gras," and is unstoppable. His creative mind for events goes nonstop and I am sure everyone attending will have a good time.

Many thanks to the members of the Sta-Goners chapter for hosting and preparing the events for the state meeting. Everything was just fantas-

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

Fred Tomsett



We made it through another year. We had health problems, flat tires, broken RV stuff, and higher gas prices, but we survived. We should be thankful that we have friends that help us get past all the problems and back on the road to enjoying life.

I have enjoyed working with the other officers of the Georgia Winnie Rebels this year. Our President, Dan, has been great to work with planning the year's events. He also does quite well at entertaining and calling BINGO. Our Treasurer, Ronnie, is more like a treasure than a treasurer. This club couldn't run without her. She doesn't just do the checkbook, she handles all the rally registrations and mails out the packs to those who register. She also keeps us updated with what is going on at the Ag-center where we have the rally.

Our Secretary, Theda, has not only given us the best state newsletter ever, she volunteers to do other jobs. Last year Theda handled the entire cakewalk project at the rally, bringing it back as a fun, money-making project.

I would like also to point out all the work Elaine Byrnside did planning and leading tours for our 2009 rally. She also arranged a tour of the Infantry Museum for our September state meeting. Big thanks to all the others who jumped in and helped get things done.

Last year's rally was a success because many of our members got involved. There are many ways you can help with

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JANUARY OUTING AT TIFTON STARTED THE GWR NEW YEAR

The Sta-Goners had the job of hosting down to a science. Even though it rained part of the time, the Sta-Goners brightened it up with their smiles. They were great hosts!

The first Georgia Winnie Rebel meeting of the year at the Agrirama RV Park in Tifton was so full of things to do we couldn't possibly do them all.

One of the major attractions was the Georgia Agrirama which was like stepping back into Georgia's history. Early agricultural tools and machinery were on display plus a cotton gin, saw mill, cane mill, and a small train for our pleasure. The locomotive was built in 1924.

Friday night we splurged at the Spring Hill Country Club. After dinner we had an auction to help defray expenses of our April Georgia State WIT Rally. Hubert Blankenship was the auctioneer with his able sidekicks, JoAn Blankenship, Ronnie and Tom Padgett.



JoAn and Ronnie enjoyed the auction

Saturday morning was taken up with state and chapter business meetings but in the afternoon we were given a presentation on "Common Joint Problems" by Dr. David Banks, an orthopedic surgeon. As most of us are at the age where we have joint problems, he answered a lot of our questions.

Our evening meal was a real treat with three entrees from which to choose. It was hard to decide, so we

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STA-GONERS SPOTLIGHT THEIR PATRIARCHS



Tom Holloman - 91

Tom is 91 and still going strong. In fact, one RV club isn't enough for him. In addition to being a long-time member of the Sta-Goners, he also belongs to the Big Bend Winni Tascos Florida Chapter. He bought his first Winnebago in 1973 and joined WIT that same year. He didn't miss the GNR once between the years of 1984 and 1993.

He traveled extensively overseas in France, Belgium, Germany and Austria doing Army field work, and retired in 1980.

In June, 2001, he lost the love of his life after 62 years of married bliss. Loette left him with two daughters, one son, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. What a great legacy!

The Sta-Goners are proud of you, Tom, and so are the Georgia Winnie Rebels! Your sweet smile lifts the spirit in even the gloomiest of times. We all thank you!



Jimmie Willis - 88

Farmer Jimmie - that's all he ever wanted to be - a farmer on his own land in southwest Georgia. He was happy either plowing a mule or driving one of his many high-powered pieces of equipment, which he unfortunately had to sell in 1978 due to a serious illness.

Jimmie privately studied aircraft mechanics and sheet metal working which led to a long career with the U.S. Air Force, followed by time with the Civil Service. Even though his time with the U.S. Government took him all over the world, he always looked forward to coming home, which he did when he retired in 1975 to be a full-time farmer.

Jimmie and Myra were married in 1938 and since his retirement in 1975 have traveled extensively in their motor home, plus a couple of trips abroad.

Jimmie and Myra have been members of the Sta-Goners for many years and are cherished friends.

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tic. The dinner, the auction, the seminar and the entertainment were all enjoyable.

Once again, happy 2010 and I look forward to seeing you at chapter outings, the rally and at meetings. I especially look forward to seeing you at the Georgia State WIT Rally at Perry in April. Be sure to come. We need you!

Don't forget, this is the year for the Louisiana rally. Anyone interested in another caravan?

Happy Trails to you!

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the 2010 Rally. You will find that you will have more fun if you get involved and you will feel like 'this is my rally.' Please pick from the following list and join the fun.

1. Register early and attend all five days of the rally
2. Donate, or find a business to donate a door prize
3. Donate items for the prize baskets: Georgia Basket (Georgia-made products)
Pirate Treasure Chest (Anything Pirate, Mardi Gras, or seagoing)
4. Sign up to lead a project or help with a project at the rally

We have two great groups for our entertainment at this year's rally. Friday we have the Nawlin's Po Boys with Cajun and Island music and Saturday we have Ruby Red's Band with Dixieland Jazz and more.

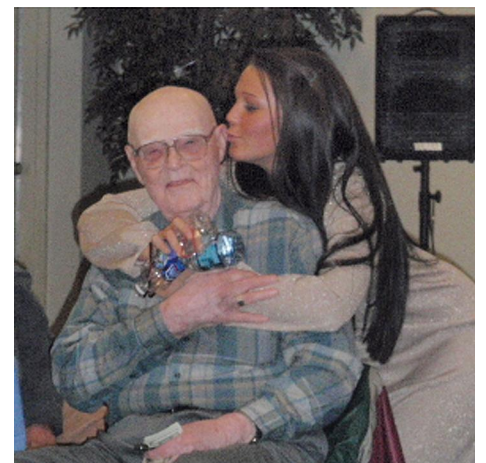
I hope all of you have a safe, healthy and happy 2010.

Tom Tomsett, Vice President

January Outing (Cont'd from page 1)

just took one of everything, and there was plenty left over for seconds.

Our entertainment for the evening was a beautiful, talented little 17-year old lady, Carmen Savelli. She has been a favorite the two previous years she has been with us and she was back by popular demand. What a voice!



Tom Holloman and Carmen Savelli

After breakfast and devotionals Sunday morning we all left from a memorable outing hosted by the Sta-Goners. We said our goodbyes as President Dan Rankin played "Happy Trails to You" on the guitar.

YOUR STATE ROSTER

Please help us keep your State Roster up to date. Send any changes to Theda at jessetheda@etcmail.com.

2010 STATE MEETINGS

April 22-25, 2010 Georgia Winnie Rebels WIT Rally at the Agricenter in Perry, Georgia

May 14-16, 2010 hosted by Gone with the Winnies at River Bend RV Park in Hiawassee, Georgia

September 17-19, 2010 hosted by Metro Atlanta Winnies - location to be announced

WE NEED CAKES!



By
Theda
Chambless

On Friday, April 23rd from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. we will have our old-fashioned cake walk.

I have again been asked to head the cake walk at our Georgia Winnie Rebels' WIT Rally. Last year you came through with flying colors, and I thank you! However, I need to ask you to give a repeat performance.

We need bunches of cakes, because everyone is going to want to participate. Last year it was a "Cowboy Clog." This year it will be a "Walk the Plank" in keeping with the theme of the rally.

Maybe it should be called a "Cake and Pie" walk; or "Dessert" walk; but make sure whatever you bring would be equivalent to a nice cake.

We feel sure that as in the past the Agricenter will provide a refrigerated space for you to store your cake or dessert.

If you can contribute a cake or dessert, please contact me (Theda Chambless) at 706-636-5212 or jessetheda@etcm.com - or just bring it on to the rally. All contributions will be appreciated.

METRO ATLANTA WINNIES' CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Metro Atlanta Winnies enjoyed their Christmas party at the home of Roy and Sarah Sowers in Newnan, Georgia. After a wonderful meal, Santa visited with gifts, and there was singing and lots of fun. Merry Christmas and Happy New Years were heard throughout the house as everyone left to continue their Christmas celebrations with their families.

WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION

Dress that cute doggie up for the dog competition.

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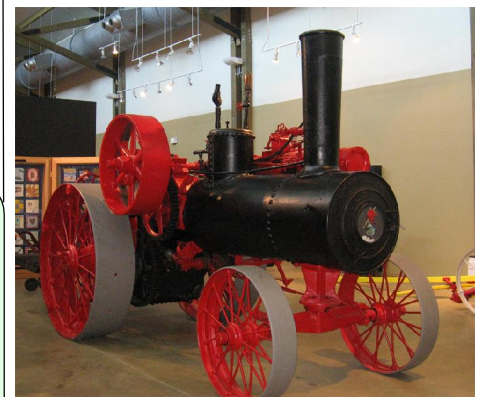
Bring your golf cart or small vehicle to be in the Mardi Gras parade. Decorations will be furnished and things to throw to the crowd. It will be great fun.

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Start working on that Pirate/Mardi Gras costume to wear in the parade and Saturday night.

Trivia Question: Where is the birthplace of all the interstate systems in the country? Don't know? Neither did I, but on our recent outing I found out. It was in Tifton, Georgia. It began there in 1956 and they have an Eisenhower monument to commemorate this event.

THE AGRIRAMA MUSEUM



Rumley Steam Tractor - Built in 1915

Over 35 structures have been relocated on this 95-acre site where the present meets the past. It has working farmsteads, blacksmith shop, drug store, with costumed interpreters, and much, much more.

The National Peanut Museum is also located on the grounds and gives examples of the evolution of the peanut industry.

The Agrirama alone is worth a trip to Tifton.

GONE WITH THE WINNIES' OCTOBERFEST A SUCCESS



Hosts James Cason and Jesse Chambless grill bratwursts at the GWTW Octoberfest

Polka music blared as people entered the club house. Most entered dancing and were greeted by costumed hostesses. In her costume, hostess Christel Cason, who is of German descent, completed the welcome by dancing the polka with all willing comers.

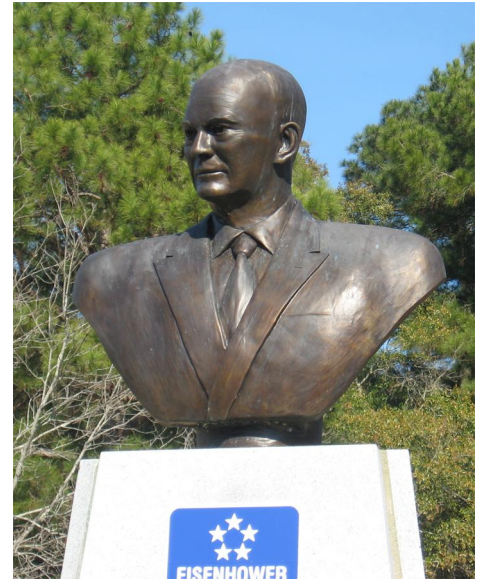
James and Jesse's grilled bratwursts were enjoyed by all, plus sauerkraut, German potato salad and pumpernickel bread, ending with homemade Black Forest cake.



Christel teaches Bobbie Pierce to polka



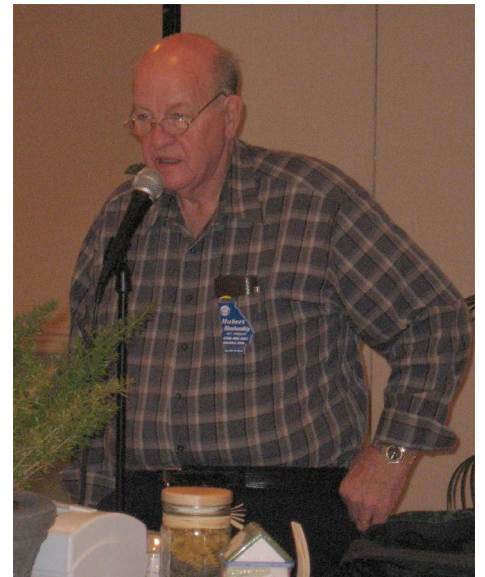
Our wonderful hosts, the Sta-Goners



Dwight D. Eisenhower's Monument



Gone with the Winnies of North Georgia



Hubert Blankenship, Auctioneer



State President Dan Rankin swears in the 2010 chapter officers



Fred and Linda Tomsett

WANT ADS

Executive Position Available

Second Vice President needed for Georgia Winnie Rebels Club. Will progress to First Vice President for two years and then to President. This is a very rewarding career opportunity and all you have to be is someone who loves people and can delegate the work.

Games Master Wanted

Will run the games at the 2010 Georgia Rally. Needs to schedule and set up games to be played and recruit helpers as needed. Some of the games include the Gator Blind Drive and Bean Bag Baseball. Games Master chooses other games to be played.

Collections Agent

Person needed to gather Georgia-made items for the "Georgia Basket" that will be raffled off at the rally. **POSITION FILLED BY GONE WITH THE WINNIES**
This has been a GONE with the Winnies project in the past, but we would like to open it up for all Georgia Winnie Rebels members to donate to the basket.

Ice Cream Makers Needed

If you have an ice cream maker and can work making ice cream for the ice cream social, please sign up. Let Fred know at fred@gawit.com. Grant Baldwin will contact you with details.

Pet Contest Manager

This person usually loves animals but not necessary. Needs to set up the rules and run the pet contest at the rally and will need to recruit judges.

Raffle Coordinator

Handles the schedule of the volunteers to sell tickets for all raffled items for 50/50s.

Sales Positions

Ticket sales people needed to sell the various raffle tickets. There will be a schedule to rotate workers.

Money Umbrella Builder

Person needed to make a fancy umbrella covered with money to raffle. **POSITION FILLED BY JOAN BLANKENSHIP**

Breakfast Helpers

Men needed to cook and serve breakfast on Friday and Saturday mornings.

Table Cleanup

Person needed to check tables after breakfast and wipe up any spilled syrup, drool and other things left behind.

Door Prizes Needed

We need door prizes donated for the rally. If you can find a business to donate something we will put an ad on our web site for them for one year. Members can also donate something.

Goodie Bag Items Needed

We need things to put into the Rally goodie bags. We would like 150 of whatever, but any number will help. This could be advertising from a business such as mouse pads, pens, plastic cups, pencils, note pads, etc.

Items for Raffle Baskets

We need items for the Georgia product basket and for the "Pirate Ship Basket." The pirate ship items could have a Mardi Gras, Pirate, or seagoing theme.

Parade Floats Needed

Persons who will be at the rally with a golf cart are invited to be in the "Mini Mardi Gras Parade" on Saturday. Decorations and flags for the floats will be provided.

Float Decorators

A few helpers will be needed to decorate floats for the parade. Decorations will be ready and all you have to do is tape and tie stuff on the floats. You also get to ride on a float and throw stuff at the crowd.

For all Want Ads, please apply to:

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or

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