

The REBEL ROUSER



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OUR JANUARY OUTING WAS WET .. BUT GREAT



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I would like to thank the Sta-Goner members for hosting our January state meeting at Pine Mountain, Georgia.

We all got to test our coaches for leaky roofs. We had great food and a good time in spite of the weather.

We had an additional nine coaches signed up for the April State Rally, making a total of 23 coaches registered. If you haven't registered yet you can download a form from our rally promo site at <http://rally.gawit.com> and send it in.

If you have items to donate to the Georgia Basket, please get them to Nancy Carrier by the start of the rally. I am collecting items for the Theme Basket. Anything relating to the 1950s or Rock and Roll will do.

I hope all our members have a safe and healthy 2012.



We are all pleased that Margaret and Franklin Jackson are attending more outings in their retirement

We could have done without so much rain, but it didn't affect our enjoyment of the January 20-22 State Outing at Pine Mountain RV Park in Pine Mountain, Georgia. We had 26 coaches registered, with 53 members participating.

The Sta-Goners were wonderful hosts and we know that each person there would join me to say "Thank You."

Those that came early on Thursday enjoyed a pizza dinner. Just ordered it and had it delivered - wasn't that easy? They enjoyed games and visiting afterwards. Everyone was catching up on what Santa brought their friends.

The outing officially started Friday night with a spaghetti dinner prepared by our hosts. The desserts prepared by the Metros and Gone with the Winnies members were delicious. We had so many we served them again the next night.



Hosts Nell Carroll and Linda Palmer prepare cakes for serving

Did you ever want to learn to line dance? Well, Friday night we had the chance. Mike Clark taught line dancing to the inexperienced along with the old hands. Everyone seemed to enjoy it, if not dancing, then watching the others dance. Mike brought his family along with him, his wife Betty and his son Jacob. They were a great little family.



It was fun watching little Jacob emulate his dad by taking part in the line dancing



Friday was Mike's birthday, so Pat Thomas presented him with a birthday cake

We were told to bring our dancing shoes, but were surprised when music began for slow dancing.



Paul and Nancy Carrier seemed to be enjoying themselves.

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Our creative hosts placed blue and white covered tables with silver sprays around all four edges of the Activities Building, leaving ample room for our dance floor.



Saturday morning we had a fabulous breakfast a la Byrnside. John headed his crew preparing bacon, scrambled eggs, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice. It was delicious!

We then had our regular business meeting where the new 2012 officers were sworn in.

The individual chapters then had their business meetings. This also involved the swearing in of the new officers for the Gone with the Winnies.



Rickey Heath, 2nd VP; JoAn Blankenship, President; Patricia Heath, Treasurer; and Theda Chambless, Secretary.

Saturday we had lunch and the afternoon on our own, then tailgated to Oscar's Steak House in Warm Springs for our evening meal. Afterwards, dessert, coffee and games at the Activity Building included "Chase the Ace" which is always a favorite.

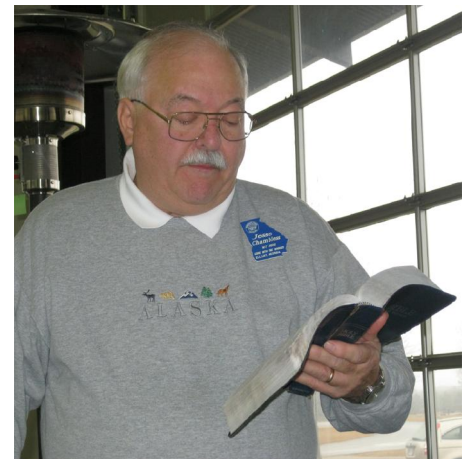


Linda Palmer shuffles the cards



Nell Carroll wasn't happy when she was bumped out of the game.

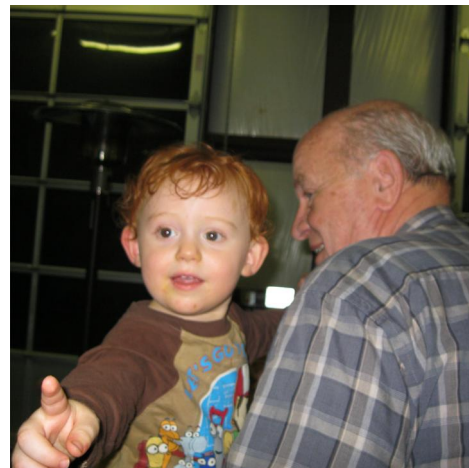
Sunday morning we enjoyed a Continental breakfast then had a devotional time led by Jesse Chambless.



The drizzle continued as we unhooked our coach and hooked up our tow vehicles, but all in all, it was a fantastic outing!



GWR President Fred Tomsett swears in Wayne Thomas, Nancy Carrier, Tom Wilson, and Annette Wilson (Sta-Goners); John Cowan, Linda Tomsett, and Kris Pollock-Yontz (Metros); and Theda Chambless (Gone with the Winnies).



Hubert Blankenship plays with little Jacob Clark

Help us keep our membership roster up to date. Tell Theda of any changes at jessetheda@etcm.com.

TOO GOOD TO LEAVE OUT



Nell Carroll, Jean Moye, Pat Thomas, Diane Fenn, Kevin and Lois Janda.



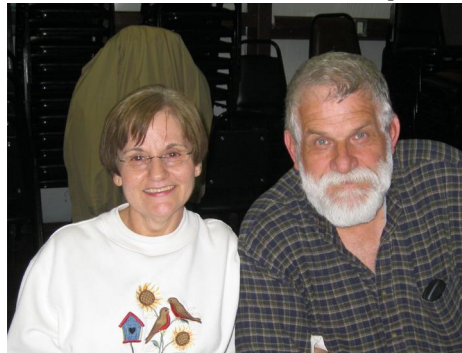
John and Elaine Byrnside



JoAn and Hubert Blankenship



Pat Thomas and Nancy Carrier



Lois and Kevin Janda



Jacob, Mike and Betty Clark



Nick Nicholson, Fred Tomsett, Melva Dalton and Barbara Nicholson



OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

WIT has announced they will be inviting SunnyBrook and Winnebago-brand towable product owners to become WIT club members. This will also include towables manufactured prior to the acquisition of SunnyBrook Manufacturing by Winnebago Industries. They will be eligible to join the national, state, local, or special interest clubs as well as participate in caravans and rallies.

Georgia Winnie Rebels now have the opportunity to increase our numbers, as well as adding new blood to our group. Our numbers are dwindling rapidly due to our ages and the economy.

This is an opportunity we should not miss. We should contact Winnebago Industries to get the names of SunnyBrook and Winnebago towables dealers in Georgia and offer them the same program Gone with the Winnies is now offering new Winnebago/Itasca owners (refer to the September 2011 *Rebel Rouser*, pg 3).



Kevin Janda replenishes the scrambled egg bowl

MORE GOODIES



Nancy Carrier dealing at "Chase the Ace"



Rudolph Carroll, Wayne Thomas and Paul Carrier



Tom and Annette Wilson



Little Jacob



**A NOTE TO THE UNWARY
FROM YOUR EDITOR**



Theda Chambless

In the past we have had many pleasant outings at River Vista RV Park in Dillard, Georgia. The mountain setting was beautiful, the staff courteous and helpful, and the club room facilities outstanding. Everything's fine, . . . right? **Wrong!**

Since our last stay at River Vista, they have been purchased by Oakdale Wylie, a Florida Corporation, and boy, have things changed! I will enumerate a few I have had forced upon me.

(1) When we (Jesse & Theda Chambless) volunteered to host the October, 2011 outing, we immediately thought of River Vista. I called and made reservations, reserving 15 spaces for other members of our club.

(2) At our September outing, many of our regular attendees told us they had other commitments and wouldn't be able to attend. I began to worry about how many would be there. Then one of our members called to say they had tried to register, but were going to be charged over \$50.00 per night, which River Vista said was their regular fee, instead of the agreed upon price of \$31.66 per night. Fortunately, they turned it down. It made us wonder how many others had this experience since we only had three registered, including us.

(3) When I called to ask them the reason for this, they said if registrations had not been made well in advance of the outing (I can't remember the exact time), they charge the regular price. We have had this time constraint before, but it has

only applied to releasing the spaces our members had not filled. If they registered after that time they wouldn't be guaranteed a space along with the other members. That was fine with us, as I would say 95% of the time they still have space, even up to the day of the outing.

(4) On September 27th (16 days prior to the outing), I cancelled our reservations plus the 15 reserved spaces. Upon cancellation, they charged \$53.54 (instead of the \$31.66 previously agreed upon) to our Visa account. As of this writing, we have yet to receive the requested refund.

(5) I left messages at River Vista twice with no response. Finally I e-mailed them and told them if we had not received a credit within a week we were going to dispute the charge. I received an answer the same day saying they do not give refunds, instead they give a credit voucher to be used at their park in the future.

(6) I did dispute the charge with Visa and was given a temporary credit, contingent on checking with the park. Whether we get all, part, or none of the charge refunded, we will never again use their facilities.

I'm writing this article not only to vent my frustrations, but also to impress on our members (especially the hosts) to make sure they read all the fine print before registering, no matter how long they have been using a particular RV park.



Gone with the Winnies Winnie Parker, Linda Tomsett, Wanda Eubanks and Barbara Bell