



# The Rebel Rouser

The Newsletter of the Georgia Winnie Rebels  
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## HOALOHA LUAU GWR State WIT Rally At the Hiawassee KOA Holiday Campground



### Aloha!

The Georgia Winnie Rebels (GWR) held their 49<sup>th</sup> State Rally with the Hawaiian Luau theme in Hiawassee, Georgia during the last week in April. This campground, now owned by KOA, was as beautiful as ever with all of the amenities and beautiful mountainous surroundings. We had 33 Winnebago rigs and 63 hearts participate with 20 1<sup>st</sup> timers in 11 rigs that got to experience our Georgia fun and hospitality and we do hope they will all come back. For everyone who missed this Rally, I hope the pictures help you see the fun we had.

This Rally is a reunion of Winnebago friends (old and new) and we all look forward to seeing each other each year, getting better acquainted, catching up, and hearing about each of the adventures we have to tell. And, it is so much fun to have everyone participate and help in everything. As I have been combing through the pictures, I was surprised to see how many volunteers outside of our GWR Club there were – thank you thank you!

We officially started on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> with a “Meet & Greet” before our “Hamburger Welcome Cookout”.



Purchasing Raffle Tickets is a must!



Cash Bingo after dinner – Bingo Winners were all female this year!





Dennis Geiser, our emcee, and Bobby Eubanks, our devotion lead, got us officially kicked off with our Opening Ceremony Thursday morning. Activities for the rainy day included a Hot Dog lunch sponsored by WIT – Thank you WIT!



Next, we enjoyed an Ice Cream Social.



Then, Chip Maddox held a seminar on ‘RV Suspension improvements and dinghy towing’. (We forgot to get a picture of Chip sitting on the stage – we did catch him in the Cake Walk – look for him!)

Dinner was a full-blown feast made up of “heavy” snacks that everyone prepared and brought into the big pavilion. Every year we all out-do ourselves in making sure our appetizers have all the necessary food groups and we all love it!





Later, Jim Bell and Lyn Brown entertained us all at the annual auction, where we all had fun trying to outbid each other and part with our money.



Friday morning gave us our first official breakfast with scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, juice, and coffee and finally sunshine!



Games began promptly at 9:00 am. We played ladder golf, bean bag toss, and mini-golf.



1<sup>st</sup> group finished!



Games were followed by our annual Pet Parade, where our pets made us proud with their personalities, looks and perfect behavior – they were all winners in their own category!



Dinner was served at 6:00 PM, and sponsored by Campers Inn RV – Acworth. We enjoyed a delicious dinner of chicken, carrots with dill butter, macaroni & cheese, rolls and topped off with a brownie trifle (or is it truffle?). “Brother’s at Willow Ranch” catered our dinners for Friday & Saturday night – and they have always provided us with delicious meals!



After dinner, Lynn Pearl entertained us with her life’s funny adventures and situations. She never fails to give us a belly ache from laughing so hard!





Following Lynn Pearl, the first of the two 50/50 drawings was made and door prizes were given.



Saturday began with a pancake breakfast with sausage and assorted fruit. Thank you to Jim Bell, Winston Paramore, and Dennis Geiser for getting up early and firing up the griddles both Friday & Saturday mornings – and thanks to Bobby Eubanks for getting up early and getting the coffee started for us too - Breakfast was enjoyed by all!



Then at 9:30am Bean Bag Baseball began. We had 5 teams and only 1 could win.







In case you hadn't heard,  
Lyn made it to 3<sup>rd</sup> base!  
Atta girl!

The annual Cake Walk began at 3:00 pm and would you believe we had a few winners that won more than 1 cake – one of us Winnies, Tom Horner, won 3!



Seating for dinner was at 5:30 PM and I never did see so many beautiful Hawaiian clothes. We were served chopped sirloin with mushroom & onion gravy, roasted red potatoes, southern style green beans, rolls and finished off with a slice of red velvet cake.



We all had to wait for our table to be called to the buffet line.



Costume contest was next - every year a few more of us go ahead and dress up and get more enjoyment by doing so. This year's content included a hula dance. Our winners this year were Donna Smith and Tom Horner!





The Band Silver was our entertainment again this year – soon after they start playing and singing their songs, we Winnies started dancing. Saturday night is the best night of all!



The Band Silver is excellent and we're so happy to have had them come play at our Grand Finale event.



♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ I guess I never told you ♪



I'm so glad that you are mine ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪



♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ You are always on my mind ♪ ♪ ♪



Not sure what was going on here – but someone was having fun!





After the music was over, we had our raffle drawings (50/50, the Nutribullet Blender Combo and the Georgia Basket), handed out prizes to the game winners and took group pictures.



Take a look at our 1<sup>st</sup> timers:



Here's a picture of our class B & C campers – just want to make sure everyone sees how diverse we are in our rigs – everyone can easily find someone to talk to about “rig experiences”.



Sunday morning was our final Aloha with a continental breakfast and we hope everyone's next journey is a safe one.

Thank you all who participated in our Georgia Winnie Rebel State Rally. Linda Tomsett makes this event possible with her planning and organizing and so do the rest of the GWR members. They led teams and helped out in many ways, including working with our favorite vendors to get sponsorships that provide items for our goody bags, door prizes, and meals– this could not have happened without everyone's support. Our sponsors this year were: Campers Inn – Acworth, Coach-Net, Georgia Museums, Inc./Tellus Science Museum, Griot's Garage, Lichtsinn RV, Rallys R Us, RCI XL, and Thetford.



Please check our website from time to time where all the pictures will be loaded soon our website is: [gawit.com](http://gawit.com). And, checkout our schedule on that site (or on the last page of this newsletter) and join us again later in 2023 for some more Georgia fun!

**Hele Palekana!**

Leslie  
GWR Secretary





## 2023 GWR State Rally Game Winners

### Bingo Night

Round 1 – ‘W’ – Judy Pell

Round 2 – straight game – Sandy Tansil

Round 3 - outside square – (tie) Ann Paramore & Peggy Roberts

Round 4 – ‘X’ – Sandy Tansil

Round 5 – 4 corners – Brenda Ferrell

Round 6 – total black out – Donna Smith

### Ladder Golf

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Tom Wheeler

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Tommy Tansil

### Bean Bag Toss

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Julie & Len Zevchek

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Donna & Jerry Smith

### Mini-Golf

1<sup>st</sup> Place – (tie) Roy Thurston and Brian Martel

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – (tie) Ken Ferrell & Sandi Rice

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Tom Wheeler

### Bean Bag Baseball

1<sup>st</sup> Place – The Sliders!

Linda Tomsett, Carol & Tom Horner, Paul Meyer, Julie & Len Zevchek,  
Linda & Brian Martel, and Lyn Brown

5/15/2023



## 2023 GWR Schedule

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Campsite Costs</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Hosts</u>	<u>Host Contact Info</u>
July 16 - 20, 2023	Winnebago Grand National Rally Welcome Home Forest City, Iowa			WIT	<a href="https://www.winnebago.com/owners/grand-national-rally">https://www.winnebago.com/owners/grand-national-rally</a>
Sep 12 - 15, 2023	Margaritaville RV Resort Lanier Islands 7650 Lanier Islands Parkway Buford, GA 30518 470-323-3486 <a href="http://www.margaritavillervresorts.com">www.margaritavillervresorts.com</a>	Site Dependent: (Gravel or Concrete), (water front/water view) + credit card fee + reservation surcharge + Resort Fee + 6% Occupancy Tax  Back-In Concrete, Lakeview: (Base Rate M-W \$79, Th-Sun \$89); Total cost T- Th night = \$296.23 Back-In Water Front: \$129/night ave. price Pull-thru Lakeview: \$112.33/night ave price Pull-thru Waterfront Gravel: \$112.33/night ave price (these aren't the only options - check website for more)	Check In: 3 pm; Check Out: 11 am	No Host  Instigators: Dennis & Jean Harrison	hummersix@cox.net
Dec 6 - 10, 2023	River Rocks Landing, 1 River Road, Gadsden, AL 35901; 256-543-7111; <a href="http://www.riverrockslanding.com">www.riverrockslanding.com</a>		Check In: 1 pm; Check Out: 12 Noon	Linda Tomsett	404-861-5215; ltomsett11@outlook.com