



The Rebel Rouser

The Newsletter of the Georgia Winnie Rebels
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GWR 51st Annual State Rally

Let's Fiesta!

**Hiawassee KOA Holiday Campground
Hiawassee, Georgia**



Our 2025 State Rally coordinated by our Linda Tomsett was again nestled in the beautiful Appalachians around Hiawassee, Georgia that began on April 30th and ended on May 4th. Lyn Brown reported on this event for this publications. It was a busy week for the Georgia Winnie Rebels and friends and so much fun for all who attended. A total of 27 RVs and 48 hearts enjoyed this annual event.

The schedule was the same as always, and started off Wednesday evening with a Meet & Greet followed by a hamburger cookout.



There were several states represented and several first timers. Ohio, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia were well represented, along with Georgia, of course. We love seeing our regular friends from afar attend each year and love meeting our new ones too and missed those that could not make it.



Bingo finished off our Wednesday night – and it's always fun with the different ways to mark your cards for a win. Roy Sowers won with four corners marked, Ann Paramore won "regularly", Donald McHenry won with the "W", and Jerry Smith won with his entire card marked.



Thursday morning was our opening ceremony with Jim Tudor as our emcee. We always start with recognizing our Veterans, then attendees by state, and finish off with recognizing our first time attendees.



The opening ceremony was followed by a hotdog lunch and ice cream social. The sign-up sheets were made available for all kinds of activities and prizes (50/50 and the Georgia Basket).



D&D Tank Cleaning Solutions came back this year to talk to us and remind us of how dirty our gray & black tanks get and how difficult it is to clean them – they have a really good solution, recipe, and service to offer. They will improve the smell of your camper!



360 Detailing also came and offered their services to clean our campers – and those who partook were very happy with how their rig looked. We didn't get a picture of Johnathan Brown!

Mark Dauplaise from Winnebago Industries came and gave us some news about what is going on with the corporation.



Our Pot Luck, a.k.a. heavy hors d'oeuvres night, is always a night to look forward to and see what wonderful dishes our attendees bring to share. Typically, there is some recipe sharing that follows.



Thursday night, Jim Bell and Lyn Brown entertained us with the annual GWR auction where everyone enjoys watching Jim and Lyn describe these treasures and do what they can to get the bidding started and the item sold! They still know how to make it fun to part with your money for a great cause – helping to pay for this Rally.



Friday morning, breakfast is prepared **early** with eggs, sausage, biscuits & gravy, juice & coffee by our favorite cooks: Jim Bell, Bobby Eubanks, Roy Sowers, Winston Paramore, Frank Alciati, and Jimmy Simpson. If they didn't get up early – we wouldn't be eating a delicious fresh breakfast together!



Friday is “game day 1” – we always play Ladder Golf, Bean Bag Toss, and Mini-Golf. It was a rainy morning, followed by a hail storm during the Mini Golf. Hail can do some serious damage on your head - so this game got cut short!



Our annual Pet Parade continues to be a hit – it is so much fun to see everyone's pets each year. So glad to have Jack, Tucker, Chuckie, Marco, Taco, Emmitt, and Paco participating. They were all winners!

Brother's Restaurant catered our dinners Friday and Saturday night. Their food is always very good and deserts are always a fun surprise.



Meatloaf, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, & brownie trifle!



GWR's Linnie Pearl was the entertainment and she shares a lot of her life experiences which are quite entertaining (and kind-a relatable too). Before everyone was dismissed for the night, prizes were drawn. Friday night hold the 50/50 drawing along with several door prizes. Bobby Eubanks won the 50/50 this year. Most folks head to their campers with a big smile on and a few giggles too.





Saturday is jammed packed with activities and is started off with a Pancake Breakfast with our same early morning cooks



– Do they cook at home this early?
Everyone is always so thankful they are up and cooking a great breakfast.



Bean Bag
Baseball was
today's game.
Games are a
great way to
get to know
more about
each other –
aptitude,
attitude and
grace.



The annual Cake Walk took place at 3:00 PM and featured a homemade German Chocolate cake, a pecan pie, a dozen cupcakes and much more. Our first timer, JoAn won a cake and shared it with everyone playing.



Saturday night is the big night with dressing up to the Let's Fiesta theme, a big dinner, dancing to the band playing that begins promptly at 5:30 PM. Saturday night saw beautiful Mexican dresses and colorful serapes.





Costume Winners were:

Julie Zevchek – dressed as a Taco, and
Jerry Smith dressed as Paco.

Everyone who dressed up looked
wonderful! Julie & Len Zevchek never
disappoint us with their costumes each yar!



Dinner was chopped sirloin in a
mushroom & onion brown gravy,
mac & cheese, carrots with dill
butter, rolls & strawberry trifle!



The Band Magic played for us all again and their choice of music is always perfect. This year the dancing ended with a tribute to.... Dare I say it? The Mexican Train dance!



Sunday morning provided a Continental Breakfast, Farewells **and wishing Safe Travels to all.**

We hope everyone had a wonderful time and make plans to come back next year. Plans are underway for the 52nd Annual Georgia Winnie Rebels State Rally - April 29 – May 3, 2026 same place, same last Wednesday of April. The theme will be... “Super Hero’s & Villains”!

Safe Travels!

Leslie
GWR Secretary

Game Results:

Ladder Golf: Linda Tomsett, 1st place; Barbara McBride, 2nd place



Bean Bag Toss:

1st Place: Mark Dauplaise & Jim Simpson

2nd Place: Linda Tomsett & Julie Zevchek



Bean Bag Baseball: Team of 9 players, won 1st place:

Linda Tomsett, Tommy Tansil, Sandy Tansil, Jim Simpson, Lyn Brown, Donna Smith, Jerry Smith, Julie Zevchek, and Len Zevchek



Mini Golf: Fred McCoy, Charles Goding and Kenny Farrell



Georgia Basket Winner:
Ann Paramore!



Georgia Winnie Rebels Give Many Thanks To:

Vendors:

- D&D RV Tank Cleaning Solutions - <https://danddrvtankcleaningsolutions.com>
Doug Watson - ddrvtank@icloud.com
- 360 Detailing – www.threesixtymobilede/wixsite.com/360 detailing
Johnathan Brown – threesixtymobiledetailing@gmail.com

Door Prizes & Goodie Bag Items:

- Tellus Science Museum - www.tellusmuseum.org
- Lichtsinn RV - www.LichtsinnRV.com
- Winnebago Industries, Inc. - www.winnebago.com
- Griot's Garage - www.griotsgarage.com
- Safe T Plus – www.SAFE-T-PLUS.com
- RCI XL – www.rcxi.com
- Campers Inn RV – <https://campersinn.com>

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2025-2026 GWR Schedule

Dates	Place	Campsite	Time	Hosts	Host Contact Info
Tuesday, September 2, 2025	Rally Point Grille 10009 GA-92 Woodstock, GA. 30188	Luncheon + Meeting	11:30 AM	Sandi Rice	404-964-5454 quiltinsew@gmail.com
Dec 3 - 7, 2025	TWIN OAKS RV PARK 305 Georgia Hwy 26 East Elko, GA 31025 (Exit 127 Off I-75) (478) 987-9361 www.twinoaksvpark.com	Cost \$51/night (inc. 15% discount)	Check in 1:00 p.m./check out 11:00 a.m.	Linda Tomsett	404-861-5215; ltomsett11@outlook.com
April 29-May 3, 2026	State Rally - Theme "Super Hero's & Villains" Hiawassee KOA Holiday, 751 Gander Gap Rd, Hiawassee, GA 30546; 888-562-3202; hiawassee@koa.com		Check In: 1 pm; Check Out: 12 Noon	GWR & Linda Tomsett	404-861-5215; ltomsett11@outlook.com