



Georgia Winnie Rebels



June, 2006 News

Georgia Winnie Rebels Newsletter - By Wayne Welch, Secretary

The GWR State meeting was held May 19 – 21, 2006 and was hosted by Gone with the Winnies at River Country Campground in Gadsden, Alabama. Our hosts did a marvelous job, the food, friendship, and commadore made for a perfect weekend.

Many from the group arrived as early as Wednesday for the meeting. However, activities did not officially start until Friday. Dinner was on your own, but we all got together for desert, card games, and spent time seeing folks we had not seen for awhile. I have never seen so many desserts! The table that normally holds the main course was overflowing with sweets and also included those wonderful dishes that are brought to be shared. This is just let those of you who were not able to come an idea of what you missed.

Saturday morning started with a pancake and sausage breakfast that was followed by our business meetings (State and Club meetings). During the business meeting we were introduced to our newest members, Barry and Joy Vlad. Barry and Joy came to the Atlanta area from Pennsylvania where they were active in the National Square Dance Campers. Friday evening they met another group of square dancers at the park and went with them after our Saturday dinner to join them at a Fun Dance in the area. If you meet them at one of our events please say hello and welcome them.

Doug Ralston began his term as President of GWR much to the delight of the **OUT-GOING** President Steve Thomas. Steve just could not get that "smile" off his face. The rest of your new State officers were also sworn in. They included Tom Wilson, 1st VP, Rick Spilman, 2nd VP, Wayne Welch, Secretary, and Ronnie Padgett also agreed to stay on for another term as Treasurer. Ronnie is a real gluten for punishment.

It was reported that although we did not quite break even, the 2006 Georgia State WIT Rally was a huge success. Steve Thomas also reported that the 2006 SE Regional WIT Rally planning is well underway. The theme of the Rally is **Southern Reunion**. Steve has lined up some great entertainment for both Friday and Saturday evenings. The food that has been chosen for the meals will fit well into the rally theme with such entrees as fried chicken. There is even a push to get coaches to register early with an incentive of "preferred parking." For more on the upcoming 2006 SE Regional WIT Rally check out the web page located at <http://serally.gawit.com>. Fred Tomsett, as always, has done a great job with the web page. Open the web page and at least listen to the music he selected, it will make you smile.

Following the State business meeting GWTW and Metro conducted their business meetings. Doug Ralston invited all those who are not going to GNR to join in a "Friendship" rally with an FMCA group at Bald Mountain Resort Campground in Hiwassee. This event is being hosted by John and Susie Hamilton. This is a great way to meet new friends and see old acquaintances. If you plan on attending or just want more information call Susie at 770-888-1811.

After the business meeting the group members went their merry ways and some went sightseeing, just visited with each other, or some of the group joined Doug Ralston and Jeff Squires while they played guitars. However, we all then gathered for dinner that was catered by Miss Jean. Another wonderful meal. Following dinner people gathered for cards and socializing. A great way to end the day.

Sunday we gathered for coffee, sweet rolls and a devotional. We said our goodbyes until we gather again.

A special thanks to our hosts, John Hughes and the rest of the Gone with the Winnies, for a wonderful weekend. Our next State Meeting will be at Sugar Mill Plantation RV Park located in Ochlocknee, GA. Hope to see you there!

INFORMATION ABOUT GNR – JULY 2006

Just a few more days and those of us who haven't headed west already will begin making our tracks to GNR – 2006! I had asked if someone would volunteer to take pictures this year – Fred Tomsett will not be able to make the trip. We still need a volunteer. Puckerbrush Days will be celebrated in town during the weekend of July 14th. Therefore, we have left those days open for you to enjoy the festivities, parade and food vendors. If you desire to enjoy the Lions Club chicken lunch, be sure to purchase your meal tickets early.

Below is a breakout of our planned "dinners" together. Reservations have been made for our group. All we ask is that you let us know (via a sign-up sheet at our coach) each day so we can confirm the head count.

Monday, July 10th: 5:30 Dinner – Prime Rib Night at The Branding Iron, 135 Jackson St., Thompson, IA 50478 / 641-584-2912

Tuesday, July 11th: 5:30 Dinner at the Colony Inn, 104 N Weirner St, Ventura, IA 50482 / 641-829-3765

Wednesday, July 12th: On your own

Thursday, July 13th: 5:30 Dinner is Pork Chops & Steaks at the Butcher's Steakhouse, 511 Hwy 9, Fertile, IA 50434 / 641-797-2647

Friday, July 14th: On your own

Saturday, July 15th: On your own - Lunch suggestion – purchase Lions Club Chicken tickets at the reistration tent early in the morning

Sunday, July 16th: On your own

Monday, July 17th: 5:30 Dinner – From Selected Menu at The Lodge, 945 Hwy 69 S, Forest City, IA 50436 / 641-585-5060

Tuesday, July 18th: 2:30 p.m. -Have "home made ice cream ready" to serve

Wednesday, July 19th: Group will go to Pioneer Hall (time to be established)

Thursday, July 20th: Row Picnic – We will be having a "pot luck" dinner where everyone will contribute \$6.00 per couple to defer the cost of the roasted chicken and bring a covered dish to share. Also, bring your own plates,utensils and drink.

Friday, July 21st: On your own

- NOTE:**
1. All meals not highlighted above are on your own.
 2. All times are local Forest City time.
 3. All times are reservation times at the restaurant.

We are looking forward to having a great time and seeing everyone in Forest City!

Safe travels,
Doug Ralston

Some pictures from the May state meeting at



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