



Georgia Winnie Rebels



January, 2007 News

The January State Meeting was hosted by the Sta-Goners at the Eagle's Roost RV Park in Lake Park, GA. We had 35 coaches attend and were all treated to a great weekend. How could we miss with trees draped in moss, a light breeze and warm temperatures!

The Sta-Goners kicked off the weekend on Friday afternoon with a "happy hour" prior to everyone heading to the Farmer's Restaurant near the campground for dinner. Upon return, we gathered in the club house for dessert and coffee. Dick & Mikki Dodge, WIT Eastern Area Reps, joined us and jumped right into a large chase-the-ace game.

Our hosts prepared a pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday morning after which a state business meeting was held. Minutes of the meeting are attached & will be posted on the website <http://gawit.com>. During the meeting, the new chapter officers were installed. These folks charged ahead in their new roles by conducting short chapter meetings following the state meeting!

Weather was perfect, allowing folks to drive down to Florida (5 miles south of the campground); shop at the huge flea market next to the park or just enjoy each others company. Another happy hour was enjoyed at the Simpson's coach prior to being treated to a catered chicken dinner. Following the meal, we were entertained by two local high school girls signing "old" songs from the '80s (you just had to be there) to show tunes. They were terrific and not one person left the hall early.

Sunday morning consisted of a light breakfast and short devotion prior to everyone heading down the road. Thanks to Tom Wilson and his Sta-Goner team putting together a fine weekend and making everyone feel welcomed.

Doug Ralston

JANUARY 2007 STATE MEETING OF THE GEORGIA WINNIE REBELS

Date: January 20, 2007

Location: Eagles Roost Campground, Lake Park, GA

Host Chapter: Sta-Goners

Call to Order:

Doug Ralston, President called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Reading of September 2006 Minutes by Secretary:

The September 2006 meeting minutes were approved as submitted without being read.

Reading of the Treasurer's Report:

Doug Ralston read the Treasurer's report in Ronnie Padgett's absence.

Introduction of guests & non-members:

Doug Ralston introduced Bill and Jean Moye of Albany

Installation of Officers:

Doug Ralston had all the new officers come to the front of the room to be installed into their offices as follows:

Gone with the Winnies – President – Jesse Chambless, Vice President – Betty Sprayberry, Secretary - Theda Chambless, Treasurer – Betty McHaney

Metro Atlanta Winnies – President – Dan Rankin, Vice President – John Cowan (Absent), Secretary – Carol Cuba, Treasurer – Linda Tomsett

Sta-Goners – President – Tom Wilson, Vice President – Tom Padgett, Secretary – Elaine Byrnside, Treasurer – Annette Wilson

Unfinished Business:

Doug Ralston gave an update on the 2007 State Rally – A Western Roundup. He read the leadership list for the rally which stated who was in charge of each part of the rally. For the entertainment we have Rick Shaw on Friday night and Myra Stainback is in charge of the Saturday night entertainment, which will be performed by the members of the club. She is setting up the format to be similar to Hee-Haw. Jim Simpson is working on the vendors, seminars and booths. If you know of anyone who would like to be a vendor, please let him know. The cost to rent a booth is \$55 plus \$25 for elect, etc. John Cowan is in charge of door prizes. Brenda Ralston will be having a craft class on Swedish Weaving and the cost will be whatever the supplies cost. Doug asked if the ladies would be interested in RV driving courses as we may set these up. Barry Vlad will be providing a square dance class with a professional caller. We have finished the proof for the pins. Our seminars/classes will be held in private rooms so that we will not have interruptions. Everything will be published on the web site. Fred Tomsett passed out flyers asking members to try to get vendors, companies or campgrounds, etc. to donate door prizes by telling them we will advertise for them for 1 year on our web site.

We need to go ahead and make reservations ahead of time for the April 19th through 22nd Rally. Make checks payable to Ronnie Padgett for \$105 per couple. If you come early it is \$20/night. Fred Tomsett will print rally applications and make them available later today for those who want to submit them to Doug Ralston this weekend. Doug needed a volunteer to head up the ice cream social – Dan Rankin volunteered to handle the ice cream social. We need to remind people to bring 30 foot water and sewer hoses at the fairgrounds.

New Business:

Doug Ralston stated that he had to submit a Georgia State Roster by the end of January to WIT. He made a current roster available for everyone to review to make sure that their information was correct.

Doug stated that a member of the Oregon group called to tell him that our web site was the best one he had seen. He was trying to get ideas to set up his own.

Doug thanked the hosts for hosting the state meeting. We thanked everyone for fixing a wonderful breakfast of pancakes and sausage for us today.

Upcoming Outings:

The Sta-Goners are hosting their next meeting in February at Sugar Mill. Everyone is invited to come. You do not have to make reservations.

The May State meeting will be hosted by the Gone with the Winnies in Gadsden. Theda Chambless said that we will have a Story Telling Festival and asked members to think of stories that they can tell during this festival.

The September State Meeting will be hosted by the Metro Atlanta Winnies at Twin Oaks for \$18/night. Friday night will be on your own and Saturday dinner will be turkey, ham and potluck.

The next January State meeting will be held at the KOA across the street, as they will give us three nights of camping, with two continental breakfasts and Saturday full breakfast and dinner with entertainment for \$75.00! We will need 26 coaches minimum.

Please remember to make your reservations ahead of time as it helps to hold the sites and helps the hosts to set everything up ahead of time.

Pay attention to all of the clubs outing schedules as you can go to any of the outings that you like. Everyone is welcome to all outings.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:45 a.m.

Submitted by Linda Tomsett

The January State Meeting was at Eagles Roost RV Park, Lake Park, GA



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