



# The REBEL ROUSER



Official newsletter of the Georgia Winnie Rebels - We rouse you to ACTION!

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## JUST RELAX, RELAX, RELAX



*A perfect place to relax is on the banks of beautiful Black Creek in Gadsden, AL*

Peace and serenity seem to have been the feel of the May Georgia Winnie Rebel State Outing at the River Country RV Park in Gadsden, Alabama. Parked side by side with the front of our coaches toward beautiful Black Creek, we enjoyed every minute as we watched the water touched by the wind make enchanting ripples. Snowy white egrets and blue herons flashed by catching fish, or just moving on to the adjoining Gadsden Lake or Coosa River. Black Creek (named by the Indians) belies its beauty, as you can tell by the picture to the left.

The outing was kicked off Friday evening with a delicious dinner at the local Top 'O the River Seafood Restaurant. This was followed by visiting and Chase the Ace in the club room.

Saturday morning breakfast seemed like a loggers delight because sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, juice and coffee kept us all content for some time.

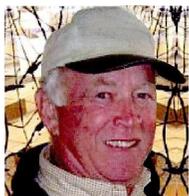
Breakfast was followed by the Georgia Winnie Rebels' business meeting, which was followed by Gone with the Winnies' business meeting. Between the two meetings, we had a major emergency.



*George Werner*

Just before the GWTW meeting, we had asked George and Betty Werner to come up front to have their picture made presenting President Hal Pierce with the new personalized gavel

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A MESSAGE  
FROM  
YOUR PRESIDENT  
*Dan Rankin*

Our May state meeting was held at River Country RV Park in Gadsden, Alabama. The host chapter was "Gone with the Winnies" who went all out to make sure we were well fed!!! The state meeting was held on Saturday morning with the main topic being "Thanks to all who helped and attended the April rally." Sorry for those who were unable to attend. We are already planning next year's rally and hope that once again our members will sign up for the different committees as we move forward. Fred will post the list on the website.

Also, our WIT group has been invited by the local FMCA chapter to attend a friendship rally in Renfro Valley, Kentucky August 4th through August 9th, 2009. If you are interested in good country music and attending this rally or caravanning to Kentucky, please let me know as soon as possible so we can reserve sites

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A MESSAGE  
FROM YOUR  
VICE PRESIDENT  
& HAT DESIGNER  
*Fred Tomsett*



### GWR Members

For those who didn't make it to the May state meeting, I covered the results of the survey from the 2009 rally. We had a very good overall score and picked up a few valid suggestions for improvements.

We have started work on the 2010 rally. There are a few things I need for decorations and to make Pirate hats for the Parade that we will have at the rally. If you have any of the following items taking up space, I can use them: old rope (1/2" or bigger in diameter), fish netting, old worn boat fenders, fabric remnants such as felt, satin, crushed velvet, or anything that would look good as a pirate hat. We also need decorative edging such as lace or sparkle stuff. I hope to make a bunch of hats for the welcome crew and the pirates that will be in the parade. Just bring any items to Fred at a meeting this summer.

We will need door prizes again this year, and the offer to businesses for a year of advertising on our websites in exchange for a prize is still open.

*(May Outing-continued from page 1)*  
 they had purchased for the club. Just as George rose and turned around to proceed up front for the picture, he became unbalanced and fell to the floor. All emergency vehicles were there in record time and took him to a nearby hospital. We soon found that he had a broken hip and would have surgery on Sunday afternoon as soon as his cardiologist gives his approval. Let's all keep George in our prayers. *(A recent report tells us that the surgery went well but he will be in the hospital there until Thursday. Tom McHaney and Hal Pierce have offered to drive over and bring them and their motor coach home.)*

Saturday lunch was on our own, and Saturday afternoon we went on our various ways just enjoying shopping, golfing, fishing or whatever our little hearts desired.

Saturday evening the hosts supplied us with turkey and ham and we each brought a side dish. It was delish! After dinner, Chase the Ace was again the game of the night.

A continental breakfast on Sunday morning prepared us for the road, and lots of us left just ahead of a storm headed our way.

All in all, it was a wonderful, relaxing time. Thank you, Gone with the Winnies, for arranging everything for us and for doing such a fine job.

*(President's Message-continued from page 1)* for this event. I will be happy to forward additional information to you via email.

I hope you have a great summer and look forward to seeing you all at the September state meeting which will be held at Pine Mountain, Georgia. Elaine Byrnside, our Director of Tours, is already planning an exciting tour for us.

See you there,  
 Dan Rankin, President

**YOUR STATE ROSTER**

Please help us keep your State Roster up to date. Send any changes to Theda at [jessetheda@etcmail.com](mailto:jessetheda@etcmail.com).

**2009 GEORGIA STATE SCHEDULE**  
**September Meeting** - September 18-20 at Pine Mountain Campground in Pine Mountain, GA. Hosted by the Atlanta Metro Winnies.

**FORMER STA-GONERS BECOME NOMADS**



*Jim and StuLynn Simpson*

Staunch Sta-Goners for many years, StuLynn's extreme allergies kept them from being able to attend meetings and support the club as much as they had in the past.

After much thought, Jim and StuLynn decided not to rejoin the Sta-Goners, but to stay with the Georgia Winnie Rebels. This would allow them to attend all state outings and GNR. The most important thing is that it would still allow them to see all the friends they had made over the years. The picture above shows them at the April WIT State Rally in Perry enjoying the crazy "Cowboy Clog" cake walk.

The word "nomad" might not be exactly correct, but they have to move to where there are fewer pollutants in the air. It seems the further south they go StuLynn's allergies trouble her less. Just as long as they come back to see us often we will go along with that.

Good luck to our nomads!

**JEWELRY FOUND AT STATE RALLY**



The above two items were found at the April State Rally in Perry.

- (1) A small pewter cross with the inscription, "Jesus Christ is Lord."
- (2) An earring as shown above.

If either of these belongs to you or to anyone you know, please notify Dan Rankin at 770-977-1911 or at e-mail address [dc.rankin@gmail.com](mailto:dc.rankin@gmail.com).

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

In the January issue of the "Rebel Rouser," I asked for your help in supplying cakes for the Rally cake walk. You came through



with flying colors, and I heartily thank you! I didn't count them, but someone said we had 50 cakes, pies & desserts.

Not only do I want to thank our noted makers of goodies, but also the ones who worked so hard executing the cake walk. We thank you!

And last, but not least, we thank all of you who participated in the "Cowboy Clog." There wouldn't have been one without you.

I hear they're planning another one for 2010. I'll be there waiting for you!

*Theda Chambless*

**GONE WITH THE WINNIES' FRANKLIN JACKSON**



*Franklin Jackson*

Friendly, low-key Franklin and his wife Margaret have belonged to Gone with the Winnies for several years. Usually you only see them at the State Rally, GNR and the Christmas outing where they transport the "Toys for Tots" items to the appropriate place.

But most of you know him as the top salesman at John Bleakley Motor Homes. When he meets you there, he seems more interested in your welfare than in selling you one of those shiny new coaches on the lot. This, and the fact that he does his very best to make sure each customer receives the best of treatment and service, is what makes him a top salesman, and a valued member of WIT, GWR and GWTW.

Thanks, Franklin!

### GONE WITH THE WINNIES INVITE GEORGIA WINNIE REBELS TO NOVEMBER OUTING IN FLORIDA KEYS



*Christel and James Cason*

James and Christel Cason invited a few friends to a favorite RV park at Marathon in the Florida Keys. Their friends told their friends, and before long there was no one left to attend the Gone with the Winnies regular local outing. So they did the smart thing and voted to cancel the local November outing and invite everyone to the Florida Keys.

Knights Key RV Park and Marina is convenient to attractions in several areas, plus being only 42 miles from the City of Key West. Fishing, snorkeling, deep-sea fishing, walking and sunbathing at Sombrero Beach, the dolphin school, and the turtle hospital where

they rescue sea turtles, are all nearby. There are also good seafood restaurants, grocery stores, a convenient airport and a hospital right there in Marathon.

November 1st through 30th we are offered a reduced price of \$40.00 per night instead of the usual \$104.00.

Bill and Nancy Osterhoudt are managers of the facility. Bill will furnish a weekly schedule that each and everyone can participate in if so desired. Bill or Charlie Greene acts as your tour guide at no additional cost, but the expenses incurred while on the tours are your responsibility. In most cases your tour guide will get you reduced rates.

If you are there the first two weeks of November you will be able to experience the International Boat Races at no cost, if attended by Bill.

To receive the special price is by invitation only. If you would like additional information, please contact James or Christel Cason at 770-926-5825 or e-mail wertheimga@bellsouth.net.

James says, "Everybody come and have fun. SEE YOU THERE!"

### TOO GOOD TO LEAVE OUT



*State President Dan Rankin and Vice President Fred Tomsett give a preview of the 2010 State Rally, "Pirates visit the Mardi Gras"*



*Barbara Bell, Charlene Brewton and Christel Cason*

### NATURE'S DELIGHTS



*Sunset over Black Creek*



*Egret*

*Canada Geese & Goslings*



*Canada Geese & Goslings*

*Blue Heron*

### FIRST QUARTER NEWS FROM THE METRO ATLANTA WINNIES



*Secretary, Sarah Sowers*

During the first quarter of 2009 our club has had several outings.

January was the State Meeting in Elko, Georgia, with the officers sworn in for the new year. A wonderful weekend hosted by the Sta-Goners.

February outing was at Harvest Moon RV Park, Adairsville, Georgia. The weekend was hosted by Fred and Linda Tomsett. They attended a play at 1902 Stock Exchange and Public Square Opera House.

March outing was at Liesure Acres, Cleveland, Georgia. The weekend was hosted by Milt and Paula Burtch. Saturday afternoon several went sight seeing to Helen, Dahlonge, and sites in Cleveland such as wineries, covered bridge, Cabbage Patch Doll Hospital, two nudist colonies were found also. Paula and Milt prepared her wonderful chicken speidies for dinner Saturday evening.

April was the State Rally in Perry, Georgia. Our club hosted the hamburger cookout on Wednesday evening which was very enjoyable. We had 12 coaches attending from our club. We want to thank everyone who participated in the Rally, because it was a great success.

The May State Meeting in Gadsden, Alabama, was hosted by the Gone with the Winnies and was a beautiful, relaxing week-end.

Our club has had several members - John, Ray, Roy, Milt, Ken - with illness or surgeries this year and they are all recovering fine. During the winter months we have several members that spend the winters in Florida.

*Submitted by Sarah Sowers, Secretary*