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SPRING HAS SPRUNG



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Dan Rankin

It has been a pleasure to serve as President of the Georgia Winnie Rebels for the last two years. I want to thank all of you for making my term fun and rewarding.

As our club moves forward, please extend your help and support to the next administration. Our outings and meetings are more enjoyable when attendance is high. There is also a definite need for members to step forward to take leadership roles in keeping our club strong and successful. I encourage you to accept a position as an officer in this fine organization.

Thank you again and I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

COME CARAVAN WITH US

By Wagon Master Dan Rankin

Yes, come caravan with us to the Louisiana WIT Rally in October, 2010. Back in October 2008, twelve Georgia coaches headed for the Rayne, Louisiana WIT state rally. A few went in advance and the rest met at the Henderson Swamp rest stop



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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR INCOMING PRESIDENT

Fred Tomsett



Now that I am president, the first thing I would like to do is thank Dan Rankin for doing a great job for the past two years. Dan will still be around to help me - he isn't going to ride into the sunset in a SOB motor home. We still need someone to take on the Vice President position. The clock is ticking. If we don't get someone to take over as President in two years then we just won't have a club anymore.

We need to continue to search for new members. I will continue to contact the people from the new owner's list that Winnebago sends us. We have picked up a few in the last year, but the overall size of the club has decreased. As the pirates would say, "Keep a weather eye out" for potential new members.

Our other big task each year is to put on a great state rally. Next year, because of when Easter falls, we have to take an earlier week in April. The date of our 2011 rally will be April 7-10 with pre-rally days of April 5-6. One positive note is that the fairground is not raising the prices next year. Our theme for 2011 by popular demand is "50's Rock." So far we plan to have a (Very Senior Prom) on Saturday. Shake the moth balls out of your old prom dress or tux and come dance. If you don't fit into your old prom dress or tux, you have a year to shop the thrift stores for a new one.

I am looking forward to having another fun year with the Georgia Winnie Rebels.



There's no place as beautiful as spring in the Georgia mountains. This beauty added to our Georgia Winnie Rebel State meeting on May 21st through 23rd. Riverbend Campground in Hiawassee was the place to be. Their beautifully landscaped park was a sight to behold. Hosts Gone with the Winnies made a good choice. Twenty-two coaches came to enjoy the outing.

Several coaches arrived early just to enjoy the cool mountain air and the camaraderie of friends as shown below.



Thursday night the management of the RV park prepared a delicious cat-fish dinner for us.



The outing was officially started on Friday with a breakfast of sausage, sausage gravy and biscuits. It couldn't have been better. Just good country cookin'.

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ANOTHER KUDO FOR THE STA-GONERS

FAMILY PRIDE

Gerald and Mary Slaughter's daughter, Jan Jones, recently became the most powerful woman in the history of the Georgia Legislature. But the newly elected speaker pro-tem of the Georgia House said there's a title she's far more accustomed to, and that is "Mom."

She was elected on January 11th to the second highest position in the House.

She ran for a House seat in 2002 and has been on the rise ever since. She was elected GOP Majority Whip in 2008. Another first for a woman."

Gerald and Mary are long time members of the Sta-Goners. They spent many hours watching the children when Jan began to pursue her political career.

Incidentally, Gerald fell from a roof several months ago. He broke both arms, pelvis, and suffered other injuries. He hoped to feel well enough to attend the Georgia State WIT Rally, but unfortunately they didn't make it.

2010 STATE MEETINGS

September 17-19, 2010 hosted by Metro Atlanta Winnies - Twin Oaks RV Park, Elko, GA

NEW LOCATION FOR METRO WINNIES

The Metro Atlanta Winnies will be trying out a new campground in June. Roy and Sarah Sowers found Rivers Edge Mountain Resort in Murphy, NC.

We will be hosting the September State Meeting at Twin Oaks in Elko, Georgia September 17, 2010. Please let Fred Tomsett know after you make your reservation.

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU DID IT AGAIN!



Thank you, thank you, thank you for all the luscious cakes! You even exceeded 2009 and the cake walk

was the biggest moneymaking project at the rally. Not only do we thank the ones that contributed the cakes, but also the ones who paid their money to walk so we could raise funds to defray the expenses of the rally. We also thank those who worked so diligently to make it a success. To Jim and Barbara Bell, Johnnie and Danny Carroll, Elaine Byrnside, Jesse Chambless, Melva Dalton, Betty Sprayberry, Patricia and Rickey Heath, Christel Cason and Dan Rankin, we give our thanks!

By Theda Chambless

GONE WITH THE WINNIES WILL MISS THEM



Rick and Mary Ann Spilman

No, Rick and Mary Ann aren't leaving permanently. We just won't see their smiling faces for the rest of 2010 at our Gone with the Winnie's outings.

They left for Texas on May 15th where they will remain until August 15th. Rick will be pursuing his chosen profession in computers. After leaving Texas they will work in Reno, Nevada until the end of December and will be home sometime in January.

We wish Rick luck on his jobs. We will really miss them! I wonder if he can give us advice on our computers by e-mail?

Hope they take good care of Gingersnap and Tripper.

YOUR STATE ROSTER

Please help us keep your State Roster up to date. Send any changes to Theda at jessetheda@etcm.com.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



NEADOM AND LINDA PALMER

Neadom and Linda attended the Georgia State WIT Rally at Perry in April and decided to become one of the Sta-Goner family. Their address is P.O. Box 152, Pelham, GA 31779. Their telephone number is 229-294-9284/cell 229-221-3188, and e-mail address is PalmerL@bellsouth.net.



EILEEN AND BOB CLARK

Eileen and Bob recently joined the Gone with the Winnies family. They enjoyed their first family outing at the May State meeting in Hiawassee. They live at 4985 Shallow Ridge Road, NE, Kennesaw, GA 30144. Telephone # 770-926-0476; cell # 770-262-7437; e-mail ClarkRobertA@bellsouth.net.

VERLYN AND DIANNE FENN

Verilyn and Dianne also attended the Georgia State WIT Rally at Perry in April and became Sta-Goners. Their address is 3959 Spence Road, Pelham, GA 31779. Their telephone number is 229-294-4068, cell number 229-221-6268, and e-mail address is verlynefenn@bellsouth.net.

REMEMBER THEM

Our dear GWTW friends Gwin and Charlene Brewton need to be placed on your prayer list. Gwin is in the hospital and Charlene was only allowed to see him for an hour yesterday. He is pretty discouraged right now, and she is far from being well.

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along I-10 before heading in mass to the fairgrounds.



Tours included a boat ride through the Henderson Swamp and lunch at McGee's plus other exciting events.



This is the year for their next rally. Contact Wagon Master, Dan Rankin, if you are interested in going. We will leave on October 24, 2010. E-mail dc.rankin@gmail.com or call 678-772-9524.

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A lot of mountain exploring took place (just ask Tom Padgett). Hiwassee is a beautiful part of Georgia.

We had a real treat Friday evening. Our salad dinner was really special. I've never before seen such an array of beautiful, delicious salads. Each family brought their favorite.



JoAn Blankenship and Judy Seifert light the table candles for our special dinner

After dinner, games and visiting fill the rest of the evening with loads of fun as we visited with friends.

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Saturday morning started with a pancake and sausage breakfast. Immediately following breakfast we had the Georgia Winnie Rebel's business meeting. This was an important meeting, as it was when our new GWR President Fred Tomsett was sworn in by outgoing President Dan Rankin.



Tom and Betty McHaney (I don't think Tommy wanted his picture taken, do you?)

50/50



Fred Tomsett draws - Betty Sprayberry wins

The State business meeting was followed by Chapter meetings. Afterwards we had the entire day off to explore our surroundings, or just loaf.

The evening meal was catered by a local restaurant and was especially good. As usual, the rest of the evening was spent visiting with friends and playing games.

After a breakfast of sweet rolls and coffee on Sunday morning, Hubert Blankenship led devotions. We then said our goodbyes, and wished each other "Happy trails to you 'til we meet again." It was another outstanding outing.



Annette and Bill Whitmire

TOO GOOD TO LEAVE OUT



Betty Sprayberry and Melva Dalton prefer to ride, but sometimes they have to be pushed - right girls?

A beautiful yellow rose bud at the RV park



Outgoing president Dan Rankin presents treasurer Ronnie Padgett with a beautiful engraved pen for outstanding contributions during his time as president.



Hubert Blankenship's sister Janet



Thursday night fish fry



Linda Tomsett seemed happy with the Saturday night catered dinner



Winky and Max Parker can't seem to get the bowls apart



JoAn Blankenship thanks the RV Park team for the fish fry



Rickey Heath flipping pancakes



Sarah Sowers, Margie and Dan Rankin



Ken and Judy Seifert



Hal and Bobbie Pierce at fishfry



Milt Burtch enjoys a country breakfast



Paul Tarnuzzer washing dishes



Ray and Kay Vaughn



Paul and Sylvia (or is it Suzanne, or Samantha?) Tarnuzzer with Linda Tomsett



Three smiling ladies - Betty Sprayberry, JoAn Blankenship and StuLynn Simpson