



The REBEL ROUSER



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"IT WAS AS COLD AS A FROG"

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Wayne Thomas,
President

As Winnebago-Itasca-Travelers have upgraded their name and logo to the "WIT Club," it has been proposed that the Georgia Winnie

Rebels upgrade to the 21st century also. We will be holding a contest at our April State WIT Rally to select our new logo and new State Club name. Several names were mentioned at the State meeting, but I would like the entire membership to make this choice. If you have an idea for a club name and/or a logo for our Georgia Club, please submit it to me and we will vote on it at the Rally. If your suggestion is adopted, you will receive \$50.00.

I am looking forward to 2014 as being a year of growing our membership and having the best Rally ever; but, the only way we will be able to accomplish this is for you to get out and talk it up as to how much we enjoy our Winnebago products and our club.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Rally to enjoy our **HILLBILLY HOEDOWN**.

HELP US GET READY FOR THE RALLY

Please get your reservations in as soon as possible to help with planning for food and events. The earlier you make your reservation, the better the campsite you will get. If you have not received a copy of the rally flyer to register, you can find it at <http://rally.gawit.com>.

That's what Fred Tomsett said about the weather at our January 17-19, 2014 State Outing that was held at the Pine Mountain Camping Resort in Pine Mountain, Georgia. Nine coaches were in attendance - they were the Burtchs, Huelsbecks, Palmers, Rankins, Sidlauskas, Sowers, Thomas, Tomsetts, and Wilsons.

As usual, the Sta-Goners were wonderful hosts.

Friday night the members went out on their own to various local restaurants, then we all met in the club house after dinner for desserts and socializing.

Waffles anyone?



Sid Sidlauskas seems to be well prepared with two fancy wafflemakers.

Saturday there was a breakfast of waffles and sausage cooked by Sid Sidlauskas - and they were delicious.

Some members went out for lunch and exploring as far away as Warm Springs. It was a nice sunny day - but cold.

For dinner we had lasagna, salad, bread and desserts with a fire-fighting display by Tom Wilson when he caught a pot holder on fire. No one was injured, but don't do this at home.

Everyone socialized and some played card games after dinner.



Linda and Annette look on while Tom Wilson rescues a blazing pot holder.

We were on our own for Sunday breakfast and the weather was sunny but cold for the trip home.

HILLBILLY HOEDOWN RALLY

**April 24th to 27th, 2014 at
Bald Mountain Camping
Resort in Hiawassee**

Some jobs have been filled but we still need organizers and helpers for the following items below:

Director to organize Friday night's entertainment. This entertainment will be comprised of local talent. We need additional singers or people who can play an instrument or have a special talent.

Ice cream social organizer (Thursday afternoon) - This entails a trip to Walmart on that day to purchase ice cream and toppings and run the serving of the ice cream.

Helpers to serve and clean up after the following meals: Friday and Saturday breakfasts and dinners.

Helpers to assist organizers with selling raffle and 50/50 tickets.
Organizer and helpers for the pet parade.



Fred Tomsett, Rally Coordinator, and Sid Sidlauskas, GWR Vice President, explain all the jobs involved in getting ready and putting on the Georgia State WIT Rally.



John and Ruth Huelsbeck and Mitch and Paula Burtch enjoy dessert after Friday night dinner.



A wonderful repast.



President Wayne Thomas seems to be enjoying the wonderful repast mentioned above as Mitch Burtch looks on.

YOUR NEXT STATE OUTING

will be **May 9-11, 2014** at the **Brickyard Plantation RV Park, 1619 US Highway 280 East in Americus, Georgia.**

The cost will be only **\$20.00 per night** and we will have the use of a clubhouse that will accommodate from **70 to 75 people.**

All spaces are pull through with either **30 or 50 amps.**

They recently moved from across the road on to the golf course grounds, so we should have a quiet, beautiful setting.

There are several attractions within near driving distance which I will describe in the next column.

The RV Park will provide us with an **Ice Cream Social on Friday afternoon.**

Gone with the Winnies are hosts for this outing, and this is a new location for us. We are looking forward to it.

Register at the park at **229-874-1234**, then with Theda Chambless at **706-636-5212** or **jessetheda@etcm.com.**

Plains, Georgia
The birthplace and home of Jimmy Carter, the 39th president of the United States.



Plains is a unique little town and is located approximately 10 miles from Americus and is well worth the drive. They love tourists!



Andersonville Prison

Even though we don't like to think about the sad things that happened during the Civil War, Andersonville Prison is a part of our history and we need to be familiar with it. Andersonville is approximately 15 miles from Americus, and for history buffs, it is a necessity.

The Georgia Rural Telephone Museum



The Telephone Museum is located only 12 miles away in Leslie, Georgia.