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OUR LAST STATE OUTING OF 2015

OCTOBER CHAPTER OUTINGS

Gone with the Winnies: October 9-11 at Harvest Moon RV Park in Adairsville, GA. Hosts will be Jesse & Theda Chambless, & Kathy Scogin.

Metro Atlanta Winnies: October 16-18 at the Holiday Trav-L-Park, Chattanooga, TN. Hosts will be Linda & Fred Tomsett.

Sta-Goners: October 3-5 at Lake Pines RV Park in Columbus, GA. Hosts will be John & Elaine Byrnside.

The weather for our last State outing for 2015 at the Calhoun KOA was beautiful. There were 25 participants, and they all seemed to enjoy the camaraderie, food and entertainment.

We started the outing with a hamburger cookout and dessert provided by the Metro Atlanta Winnies, our hosts. A good way to start - way to go, Metros!

Saturday morning breakfast consisted of pancakes, sausage and juice.

Our State business meeting followed breakfast with President Sid Sidlauskas presiding.

The most important item that topped the list at the business meeting was selecting a new treasurer to replace our long-time treasurer, Ronnie Padgett. Linda Tomsett was elected to fill that position.

Also we needed to select someone to replace our State secretary, Theda Chambless. Kathy Scogin was selected.

We were then given the rest of the day off until the evening meal.



Everyone seems to be enjoying the Saturday night Pot Luck dinner.

SAY SO LONG TO OLD FRIENDS!



Tom and Ronnie Padgett

Tom and Ronnie have sold their motor home and are concentrating on their full-time jobs. They just don't have enough time for both.

Ronnie has been our State Treasurer for 18 years and has done an outstanding job.

Tom has been our official coffee maker and parker at our State Rallies.

This couple is irreplaceable. Let them know how much you will miss them.



Jesse and Theda Chambless

Due to poor health, Jesse and Theda will be leaving GWR and GWTW at the end of 2015.

They have been members for 15 years and have filled many offices. Theda has been secretary for both GWR and GWTW, and Jesse has had several stints as President of GWTW, plus has been Chaplain for many years.

Even though they will leave the Club and Chapter, they plan to retain their WIT membership so, if health permits, they can see you at rallies.



As usual, Lynn Pearl (Lyn Brown) kept everyone in stitches. She's quite an entertainer.

More important information from Jim Tudor

When we returned from our three-month vacation at the end of August, the following information was awaiting me. Even though the effective date had already passed, I felt the information was still pertinent. You've heard the old adage, "Better late than never." I hope that's right.

NEW FEES TO IMPACT GEORGIA RV OWNERS
Effective July 1, 2015

For those RV owners who have vehicles registered in Georgia, please note that today the Georgia Department of Revenue has released the regulations associated with the transportation funding bill that passed earlier this year.

Of note to RV owners is that the Department is advising that the new fee for "heavy vehicles" will impact all vehicles in the weight ranges notes, REGARDLESS if they are used for commercial means or not. I had previously indicated that I believed that RV's would be impacted by this regulation and now the Department has confirmed this.

Frequently Asked Questions for Heavy Vehicle Highway User Impact Fee

(Q1) What are the new highway user impact fees?

House Bill 170 created new annual highway user impact fees that apply to certain heavy vehicles. The heavy vehicle highway user impact fee is \$50.00 for any vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 15,500 pounds to 26,000 pounds. For vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of 26,001 pounds, or higher, the heavy vehicle highway user impact fee is \$100.00. The highway user impact fees will not apply to vehicles used as part of interstate commerce, i.e., those vehicles registered in the International Registration Plan ("IRP").

(Q2) My vehicle falls within one of these weight categories but is not used for commercial purposes. Do I still owe the fee?

The highway user impact fees apply to all vehicles that fall within the prescribed weight categories regardless of whether such vehicles are operated for commercial or non-commercial purposes.

(Q3) When are the highway user impact fees due?

The highway user impact fees will be due at the time of initial vehicle registration and annually at the time of registration renewal. For personal vehicles, the fees will be due if the owner's registration or registration renewal date (i.e. the owner's birthday) is on or after July 1, 2015. For business vehicles, the fees will be due if their registration date or their statutorily-designated registration renewal date is on or after July, 2015.

(Q4) Are any vehicles exempt from the highway user impact fees?

No. The law does not provide for any exemptions or exclusions from the highway user impact fee. The types of vehicles that will be subject to this fee, assuming the vehicle in question meets the weight requirements, also include government vehicles and farm vehicles.

(Q5) Do the highway user impact fees replace the license fee I have been paying every year when I renew my license plate?

No. The new annual highway user impact fees are in addition to the general annual license fee you already pay at the time of registration and renewal. For example, a personal passenger vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 15,500 pounds will pay an annual license fee of \$20.00, a highway user impact fee of \$50.00, and any annual ad valorem taxes that may apply.

(Q6) Will I receive a notice in my registration renewal that my vehicle is subject to these fees and when to pay them?

Yes. If your vehicle is subject to the highway user impact fees, your annual renewal notice will automatically reflect such fees on the renewal notice.

THANK YOU, JIM!

TOO GOOD TO LEAVE OUT



The Metro Atlanta Winnies
Our Hosts



Ray Yontz, President
Metros Atlanta Winnies



Jim Tudor's Retro



A peaceful setting