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Jerry & Joyce Berens

There's no time like the present to thank Joyce and Jerry Berens for the outstanding work they did as secretary. They served the club this past year and made the transition to me so easy. Everything was neat and orderly. They gave me the membership roster on cd which only required slight revisions before it could go (zoom) out to you through cyberspace. Thank you again, Joyce and Jerry.

Upon taking up their office, they started encouraging us in their newsletter to "share our favorite RV or vacation spot." In this issue I am going to "share" one that we happened upon in an unexpected place. It will be on the third page of this newsletter. We can have as many pages as we want because it won't cost us a penny more.

Maybe you will be the next one to "share" - I hope so! By Theda Chambless



NOT BIG-BUT A GOODIE

At our February outing in Eufaula, Alabama, we had only ten coaches, but had oodles of fun and fellowship. Even the cold rain on Friday didn't dampen our spirits. Saturday and Sunday were nice enough to make up for it.

The Valentine's Day decorations in the club house were superb and the table arrangement was unique. Just the thing for a small group. The Boatfields and Heaths were wonderful hosts.

On Friday night we went to dinner at the Lakepoint Restaurant and met at the club house later for "Chase the Ace."

Saturday morning started with pancakes and syrup, sausages, juice and coffee. Following we had our business meeting and were free for lunch and the afternoon.

Saturday evening we were treated to homemade spaghetti, sauce, meatballs, plain and garlic bread, salads, and all kinds of desserts. It was great!

After that we played "Chase the Ace" and visited, and ate leftover dessert from that wonderful dinner.



Hosts James & Rene Boatfield and Rickey & Patricia Heath dish out delicious spaghetti and meatballs for our Saturday dinner.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark These Events On Your Calendar

Hosts should provide information to the editor at least two months in advance. Campouts that are 'TBA' in the WIT Club News are not covered by insurance. **It is very important that chapter members notify the hosts after making their reservations so the hosts can plan meals accordingly.**

March 9-11, 2007 - Leisure Acres, Cleveland, GA, 706-865-6466. Hosted by the Homer Bunch.

Friday Night Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Chili, rice, saltines, slaw, and dessert. Games to follow.

Saturday Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. Sausage/egg casserole, grits, toast, juice, and coffee. Chapter meeting to follow

Saturday Lunch - on your own

Saturday Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Pork roast and rolls. Please bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert to share. Games to follow.

Sunday Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. Muffins, sweet rolls, juice and coffee. Devotional following breakfast

FOR ALL MEALS: Bring your own dishes, silverware, and drink. Hostesses will have coffee.

April 19-22, 2007 - Georgia State Rally, Georgia AgriCenter, Perry, GA. *The theme is "Western Round-Up". Friday night's entertainment will be Ray Shaw. The clubs will be the entertainment for Saturday night. If you wish to be part of the entertainment, call Myra Stainback at 770-591-1852.*

May 18-20, 2007 - State Meeting, River Country RV Park, Gadsden, AL. Hosted by Gone With The Winnies.

June 8-10 - Tentative location - Charleston, SC. Hosted by James & Rene Boatfield, Rickey & Pat Heath and Gwin & Charlene Brewton.

July 15-20, 2007 - Grand National Rally (GNR), Forest City, IA.

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August 10-12, 2007 - Harvest Moon RV Park, Adairsville, GA. Hosted by Ken & Judy Seifert and Jesse & Theda Chambless.

September 21-23, 2007 - State Meeting, Twin Oaks, Elko, GA. Hosted by Atlanta Metro Winnies.

October 12-14, 2007 - Location TBA. Hosted by the Hal & Bobbie Pierce and Bill & Annette Whitmire.

November 9-11, 2007 - Lakeside Landing RV Park, Pell City, AL. Hosted by the Carrollton Crew.

December 14-16, 2007 - Location TBA. Hosted by James & Rene Boatfield and Rickey & Pat Heath.

ERRORS ON ROSTER

There were errors on our Membership Roster. Henry & Shelby Good's e-mail address is "hgood1@bellsouth.net," **not** bellsouth.com. * On Doug & Bonnie Rounds' address, please leave out the period in the first part. * Rick & Mary Ann Spilman's anniversary is October 31st, **not** October 30th.

Sorry for the errors. I used to accuse my old IBM Selectric of being illiterate; now I am beginning to suspect that my PC is suffering from the same affliction. Oh, well!

PHOTO CD's

Judy Seifert has current photos of all the GWTW members. She has the cd's. I requested mine and already have a completed (almost) pictorial GWTW directory. Thank you, Judy! Anyone interested can contact her at 770-745-4555 or judyvs@juno.com.

ADDRESS OR E-MAIL CHANGE

If you change your mailing address, phone number or e-mail address, please notify your secretary, Theda Chambless at 706-636-5212 or jessetheda@etcmail.com.

LIVING BY GOD'S WORD

By
Chaplain,
Henry Good



Love is patient, love is kind, it does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. **Love never fails.** (I Corinthians 13:4-8a. NIV)



CRAFTY JO SEZ:

By JoAn Blankenship



In the absence of Crafty Jo, Patricia Heath reported on the progress of the lap covers for nursing homes. Ten covers were completed at the February outing and more are planned for the March outing.

At the March outing it will be discussed just which homes will receive these lap covers. If you have a relative in a nursing home that you would like to receive covers, please let us know. Either contact Crafty Jo Blankenship at hublank@bellsouth.net or your secretary at jessetheda@etcmail.com.

DON'T FORGET OUR WEB PAGE



Our web site can be found at <http://gwtw.gawit.com>. From there you can find links to the state club and other chapters. The site is continually updated with the latest photographs taken at our many outings. You can help Fred if you will send him any pictures you take at recent meetings.

If you know anyone looking to become a member or you want to show them what we are about, just direct them to our web site. There they will find our schedule of events and copies of our newsletter.

GWTW SHIRTS AND HATS

If you would like a GWTW hat or shirt, please contact Betty Sprayberry at (706) 677-3972 or by e-mail at absberry@windstream.net.

THEY NEED YOUR PRAYERS

Though Mac & Pat McAlister did not renew their membership due to health reasons, we should continue to pray for them; also Jane Hett (Max Parker's sister); and our own Jerry Berens.

Kathryn (Nannie) Griffin recently lost her grandson in a car accident. David Raider lost his brother in Florida. Please remember them and their families in prayer.

Contact your newsletter editor to request prayer.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Irene Turgeon-Mar. 8
Fred Tomsett-Mar. 10
Pat Heath-Mar. 13
Roy Tyler-Mar. 14
Gene Martin-Mar. 28
Wanda Hill-Mar. 31

ANNIVERSARIES

Hal & Bobbie Pierce
March 11 (42 yrs.)

TECH TIPS

By Rickey Heath



For GM or Workhorse chassis, use your foot parking brake when parking. When you put GM in park on column there is no brake sufficient to hold. The vehicle will still roll.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

By Betty Werner



Individual Quick Strawberry Shortcakes

4 cups sliced strawberries with
1/2 cup sugar - set aside
2-1/2 cup Bisquick mix
1/2 cup milk
3 Tbsp sugar
3 Tbsp butter or margarine, melted
Stir Bisquick, milk, 3 Tbsp sugar and melted butter until soft dough forms. Drop by 6 spoonful onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 425 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. Split warm shortcakes, fill and top with strawberries & custard sauce. Whipped cream is good, but custard sauce is better.

Custard Sauce

1 box regular vanilla pudding mix
(not instant)
2-3/4 cup milk
Cook until slightly thickened, or add more milk to a pouring custard consistency. Cool, pour over strawberry shortcakes.

Note: You can use sugar substitute to mix with the strawberries. This is a great, quick recipe and **DELICIOUS!** Make it for your sweetie on Valentines Day.

The National Music Museum - Vermillion, SD



Photo by Jesse Chambless

I just as well tell you up front that we are MUSEUM FREAKS! If you don't like museums, just ignore this article and hope for one more to your taste next time. The best way to get one you like is if **you** write it. I challenge you!

Year before last when exploring the Lewis & Clark Trail, we were trucking up Interstate 29 headed just north of Vermillion, SD where we would experience trekking up Spirit Mound as the Lewis & Clark expedition had done. After seeing Spirit Mound and were entering the town of Vermillion, we noticed a small sign on the left showing directions to a Music Museum.

As I said before, we are "Museum Freaks" and just can't pass up a museum. Since it was getting late in the afternoon we undertook the task of finding a place to park our rig for the night. Then we found another bonus in that little town, . . . they have a little park along the main road that will accommodate about a half dozen units. FREE! It has water and electricity, but no sewage. (Well, what can you expect for nothing?)

After parking and hooking up, we set off in the tow car to locate the museum and found it on the campus of the University of South Dakota. We would start early the next morning because it takes us all day to go through a good museum.

We were truly amazed at the number of instruments they have there - over 10,000 - from all over the world. In fact, they bill themselves as "the preeminent institution of its kind." There are rooms and rooms - each room depicting a particular type of instrument. You can rent little headsets that play a few bars on the instrument you are viewing. Don't forget to get one. The age of some pieces just staggers the imagination. Just think of someone playing that very violin four hundred years ago!

It took us the full day to go through it all, so we just spent the night in the little park and pursued Lewis & Clark the next day. We didn't think they would mind.

If you are ever in that area, don't forget to allow enough time to see the Music Museum, you won't regret it!

When **you** submit **your** article, be sure to include a picture. Remember the old adage, "a picture is worth a thousand words."

ADVERTISE ON OUR WEBSITES - SUPPORT OUR RALLY

If you have a friend that owns a business, tell them about this great, inexpensive advertising source available to them on our website. For just a door prize item or \$20.00 donation, an ad will be placed on all three websites plus the Rally and GNR picture sites the following year. This ad can list phone numbers, e-mail addresses, or have a hot link to the advertisers own website.

In the year 2006, our sites have had 11,933 visits and each year it grows. Your friend's ad can be seen 1,200 times by WIT members in the upcoming year. Please contact Fred Tomsett at 404-626-3696 or fred@gawit.com.

I'VE BEEN A THINKIN'!

By Theda Chambless



I've been a thinkin' that with all those wonderful compliments about the new newsletter format, I just might decide I know what I am doing, . . . but not yet!

You know, I think we received enough positive response on the storytelling festival that we can go full speed ahead. So now is the time for **you** to start a thinkin' about that story you are going to share with us in May at the FIRST ANNUAL GEORGIA REBELS' STORYTELLING FESTIVAL." I know May is several months away, but it will take a lot of time to polish up that story about Uncle Fred that has always amused you.

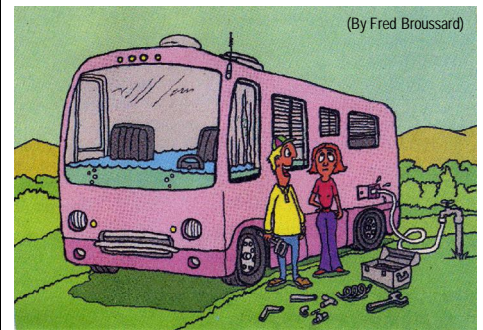
Let me know right away if you will share a story with us. It would be something to go to a storytelling festival with no storytellers. I'm getting nervous awfully early, aren't I? Boy, would I have egg on my face in May if no one showed up with a story.

I have a book with general guidelines for storytelling I would be glad to share, but most people just jump in and start - sometimes I think that's best.

FUN CORNER



By Mary Ann Spilman



(By Fred Broussard)

"By rearranging a few pipes, I've discovered a way to store more fresh water."

A doctor calls a plumber in the middle of the night because his toilet is running and keeping him awake. The plumber drives out and fixes the problem in about fifteen minutes. A week later, the doctor receives a bill for four hundred dollars. Enraged, he calls the plumber to complain. "I'm a doctor and I don't even charge sixteen hundred bucks an hour!" And the plumber calmly replies, "I didn't either when I was a doctor."