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A GLANCE BACK AT 2008 AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO 2009

The 2008 officers listed above who are moving on look forward to the 2009 leadership from those shown below:

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Review the upcoming events for 2009 and if you aren't involved in some way with GWTW or the State, consider directing some of your energy toward local/state activities, you will be glad you did. You will receive far more than you give just having fun and making new friends.

Thank you for the opportunity to be Secretary and Newsletter Editor this year. Thank you Contributing Editors, Travel Article Editors and all of you who have shared your talents and given support to the 2008 Newsletter.

Note from 2008 Newsletter Editor



A belated

MERRY CHRISTMAS



And a

HAPPY NEW YEAR



CHRISTMAS OUTING AT THE NORTH POLE

While it was not intended, the hosts gave everyone a great feeling of the holiday season with cold weather and a cold lodge.....nice lodge but no adequate heat. Pine Mountain Campground at Pine Mountain, GA could be a premier campground with lots of improvements.

The hosts Tom and Betty McHaney, Gwin and Charlene Brewton, Max and Winky Parker and James and Christel Cason with the many helpers hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Outing as much as we all did.

There were early arrivals. The Wednesday night GWTW were invited to the Parkers' lovely home in a beautiful wooded area about a mile from the campground for Winky's tailgate chili and trimmings and grilled cheese sandwiches with brownies that melted in your mouth.

Thursday night, we all filled a Jolly Trolley and enjoyed Fantasy in Lights at Callaway Gardens. Seeing the eight million lights creating many scenes and sounds was a fantastic way for GWTW to begin the holiday season.

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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.

January 16-18, 2009 - State Meeting hosted by the Middle Georgia Sta-Goners, Twin Oaks RV Park, Elko, GA, 478-987-9361 and notify Tom and Ronnie Padgett at 478-971-4017.

February 13-15, 2009 - Hosted by Hal and Bobbie Pierce and Bill and Annette Whitmire, River Vista Mountain Village, Dillard, GA, 888-850-7275. Rate of \$25.74.

Friday Night-Caravan to local restaurant.

Saturday Breakfast-8:30 a.m.-Hosts will advise later or surprise!

Business Meeting-10:00 a.m.

Saturday Lunch and Afternoon-on your own. Remember all the surrounding places of interest.

Saturday Dinner-6:00 p.m.-Ham and turkey. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Sunday Breakfast-8:30 a.m.-Pastries and coffee

Devotion-follows breakfast.

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Bring plates, utensils, cups and drinks.

Happy Trails until we meet.....

March 13-15, 2009-Hosted by George and Betty Werner and the Homer Bunch, Leisure Acres, Cleveland, GA, 888-748-6344.

April 16-19, 2009-Georgia State Rally, AgriCenter, Perry, GA, **Westward Ho The Wagons**, go to the website <http://gawit.com> to get all Rally information.

May 15-17, 2009-State Meeting, River Country RV Park, Gadsden, AL hosted by GWTW, 256-543-7111.

June 12-14, 2009-Hosted by Hubert and JoAn Blankenship and Rickey and Patricia Heath. Location TBA.

July 19-24, 2009-Grand National Rally, Forest City, IA

August 14-16, 2009-TBA.

September 18-20, 2009-State Meeting, Pine Mountain Campground, Pine Mountain, GA hosted by Metro Atlanta Winnies, 706-663-4329.

October 9-11, 2009-Hosted by Jesse and Theda Chambless and Gwin and Charlene Brewton, Cartersville, GA KOA, 800-562-2841 and 770-382-7330.

November 13-15, 2009-TBA

December 11-13, 2009-Gone With the Winnies Christmas Outing, River Country RV Park, Gadsden, AL, 256-543-7111.

VIEW OUR WEBSITES

By Fred Tomsett



Have you checked the Postcards from the Road lately on the State website? We have had some postcards arrive from summer vacation. Please remember to look at the State website <http://gawit.com> as well as the GWTW site. Check out <http://rally.gawit.com> for the latest information on the 2009 State Rally. If you have any suggestions for the Georgia websites, please e-mail me at fred@gawit.com. Thanks,
Fred

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Kay Stroud, January 3
- Lewis Crosby, January 8
- Charles Payne, January 11
- Shelby Good, January 14
- Barbara Bell, January 16
- Joe Fowler, January 24
- Ken Seifert, January 27
- Dennis Sloan, January 29
- David Raider, January 31
- Michael Whitmire, January 31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- Jimmy and Zana Palmer
January 24, 1954
- Milt and Paula Burtch
January 26, 1957
- James and Christel Cason
January 7, 1959
- Charles and Ollie Payne
January 28, 1960
- Arnie and Inger Mjelde
January 31, 1970
- Bill and Jo Hood
January 21, 1981

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

By Betty Werner



VELVETTA FUDGE

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 8 ounces pasteurized process cheese, Velveta, cubed
- 1 1/2 pounds confectioners' sugar, about 5 cups unsifted
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa
- 1/2 cup non-fat dry milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups coarsely chopped pecans or walnuts

In a large saucepan over medium heat, heat the butter and cheese cubes together, stirring frequently; remove from heat. Sift together confectioners' sugar and cocoa; add to cheese, mixing well. Stir in non-fat dry milk, vanilla and nuts. Turn into a 9x9x2 pan. Chill until firm and cut into squares. Makes about 3 pounds of Velveta Fudge.

Hint: You can very lightly butter pan, easier to remove the fudge.

GWTW SHIRTS AND HATS

If you would like a GWTW hat or shirt, please contact Betty Sprayberry at 706-677-3972.

LIVING BY GOD'S WORD

By
Chaplain
Henry Good



We say: "I feel all alone."
God says: "I will never leave you."
"Do not be afraid or terrified....for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."
Deuteronomy 31:6 NIV
"For the Lord thy God is a merciful God; He will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them."
Deuteronomy 4:31 KJV

TO REHEAT PIZZA, heat the leftover pizza in a nonstick skillet on top of stove. Set heat to med-low and heat until warm. This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy microwave pizza.

TO GET RID OF FRUIT FLIES, fill small glass half full with Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dish washing liquid, mix well. The flies will be drawn to the cup and gone forever.

TECH TIPS

By Rickey Heath



CUMMINS ONAN 7500 GENERATOR
The new ones need to be serviced after 50 hours running. Also, run unit two hours each month. Then service unit after 150 hours thereafter,

By Judy Seifert



DID YOU KNOW. . .

BLEAKLEY MOTOR HOMES' ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

It has become a tradition for Gone With the Winnies to host a luncheon for Bleakley Motor Homes, Douglasville, each Christmas. On Monday, December 8, JoAn Blankenship and Patricia Heath again took the leadership role in this luncheon, serving again what Bleakley requested: spaghetti with meat sauce, the trimmings, plus salad, rolls, beverages and home made desserts galore.

Many happy diners including staff and employees were served and we received many "thank yous" and wished all of them a **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



Serving tables decorated for Christmas



Bleakley staff and employees dining



More Bleakley staff and employees dining



JoAn and Patricia, leaders, and helpers

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We had a very special guest during our Outing, Reecy Parker, Max Parker's mother, who at 91 years old announced to the group that she didn't have a Winnebago-Itasca but she rode her bicycle.



Longtime friends
Betty Sprayberry and Reecy Parker

Saturday night was a highlight after a traditional Christmas dinner, we laughed and some of us lost our chocolates as we had a fun exchange of gifts. Then, Christmas carols with Hubert Blankenship leading and Theda Chambless at the keyboard. The Christmas tree was surrounded with Toys for Tots brought by the GWTW.

After hot breakfasts Friday and Saturday, Sunday we had a continental breakfast and devotion by Jesse Chambless which included the Christmas story and stirred us to thinking of past Christmases which were dear to us. 2008 was ending for the GWTW so it was time for goodbyes, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Happy Trails until we meet in January at Twin Oaks RV Park in middle GA, at Elko.

For more pictures, see our website <http://gwtw.gawit.com>

FUN CORNER

By Mary Ann Spilman



SCRIPTURE ACTS 2:38

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled: Stop! Acts: 2:38" (Repent and be baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.)

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar: "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an Ax and Two 38s!"
(Remember knowing scripture can save your life in more ways than one!)

As we enter 2009, let's think of **WHAT WILL MATTER:**

Ready or not someday it will all come to an end. No sunrises, it will not matter what you owned, your grudges, resentments will finally disappear. So, too, your hopes ambitions. plans will expire. The wins and losses will fade away and it will not matter where you came from or on what side of the tracks you lived at the end.

So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured? What will matter is what you stood for, what you gave, what you taught. What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that encouraged others. It is not how many people you knew, but what kind of loss they will feel when you are gone. It is not how long you will be remembered, but by whom and for what. Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident, but of choice.

(Excerpts from "What Will Matter", Editor : Michael Josephson)