

THE WINNIE WANDERER



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF GONE WITH THE WINNIES OF NORTH GEORGIA

Volume 8

February, 2008

Number 2

President.....Tom McHaney
301 Rue Chalet, Lavonia, GA 30553
706-356-2296, bettymac1@windstream.net
First Vice President.....Hal Pierce
1122 Gumlog Road, Lavonia, GA 30553
706-356-4533, hwp@alltel.net
Second Vice President.....James Boatfield
111 Lambdin Circle, Barnesville, GA 30204
770-358-3673, jboatfie@peoplepc.com
Treasurer.....Betty McHaney
301 Rue Chalet, Lavonia, GA 30553
706-356-2296, bettymac1@windstream.net
SecretaryCharlene Brewton
4791 Timberland Drive, Mableton, GA 30126
770-948-6950, charbrewton@bellsouth.net
Newsletter Editor.....Charlene Brewton
Contributing Editors
Crafts Editor.....JoAn Blankenship
Did You Know?.....Judy Seifert
Food Editor.....Betty Werner
Laugh Editor.....Mary Ann Spilman
Living by the Word.....Chaplain Henry Good
Tech Tips Editor.....Rickey Heath

A BUSHEL OF THANKS

To real, real friends
THEDA CHAMBLESS
and
RICK SPILMAN

I agonized about being the GWTW secretary when approached by the Committee because I did not want to drop the Newsletter which was formatted by Theda and was also a winner at GNR. However, I did not have a clue about carrying it on. Theda assured me I could learn and she would teach me. I also needed help as far as the computer. So, how lucky can you be to have two consultants working with you. Thank you both for your patience, instruction and being there when I need you. Theda, thank you also for the complete and orderly records you passed on to me. Thank you Jesse and Mary Ann for sharing Theda and Rick. Thanks to Gwin for his support. We enjoyed Jesse's mean chili and Mary Ann's delicious pork stew. We will make it if I do not sink the ship. **THANKS !!!!!!!**

From your Editor, Charlene

A belated

HAPPY VALENTINES

to all !!!!!!!!!!!



FEBRUARY OUTING WAS SUPERB

The Homer Bunch did it again in having an absolutely fantastic outing starting with the selection of the beautiful River Vista Mountain Village Resort. The lodge was brightly decorated in red, a Valentine theme. This was just a very special outing for another reason. GWTW celebrated our 35th Birthday.

GWTW love to eat and eat we did. Wednesday night, some early arrivals went to Harrah's in Cherokee while others dined in Dillard at the Cupboard Cafe. Thursday morning, our self-appointed breakfast chefs, Tom McHaney and Jim Bell, treated us to breakfast that would put the "Golden Arches" to shame. Thursday afternoon, it was decided to have grilled hot dogs including the heavy trimmings, chili, baked beans and more Thursday night. Yum-Yum!

Friday night, vegetable and potato soups, cornbread and dessert. Saturday started with breakfast casserole, grits and biscuits followed by the business meeting. The hosts again tempted us with delicious pork roast for dinner with others bringing the side dishes, and, of course, the birthday cake and ice cream.

The Resort, Dillard and surrounding areas offered it all for our free time. Many games of Hand and Foot and Chase the Ace were played. Lots of chatting, stories being shared and

(Continued on Page 2)

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 14-16, 2008, Leisure Acres, Cleveland, GA, 888-748-6344, hosted by George and Betty Werner and Fred and Linda Tomsett.

Friday, 6:00 p.m. Bring small pot of soup & crackers or dessert to share. Hosts expect variety of soup. Soup will not be mixed. Games to follow.

Saturday Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast casserole, biscuits and gravy.

Club Meeting - 10:00 a.m.

Saturday Lunch and afternoon - On your own.

Saturday Evening, 6:00 p.m. - Corned beef furnished by hosts. Bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Games to follow.

Sunday Morning, 8:30 a.m. - Danish, juice and coffee.

Devotional to follow breakfast.

FOR ALL MEALS: Bring your own plates, silverware and drink. Soup bowls furnished. Coffee served.

"Goodbyes until next time"

April 17-20, 2008 - Georgia State Rally, theme is *Hawaiian Luau*, AgriCenter, Perry, GA.

May 16-18, 2008 - State outing. Hosted by GWTW at River Vista Mountain Village in Dillard, GA., 888-850-7275.

(Continued on Page 2)

(Upcoming Events Cont'd. from Page 1)

June 13-15, 2008 - Hosted by Grant and Kathy Baldwin and Bill and Jo Hood, Holiday Trav-L-Park, Chattanooga, TN, 800-891-9766.

July 20-25, 2008 - Grand National Rally, Forest City, IA.

August 8-10, 2008 - Hosted by James and Rene Boatfield, Bald Mountain Park Camping Resort, Hiawassee, GA, 706-896-8896.

September 19-21, 2008 - State Outing hosted by Atlanta Metros, River Country Campground, Gadsden, AL, 256-543-7111.

October 10-12, 2008 - Hosted by Ernest & Mariana Moosa and Jesse and Theda Chambless, Cartersville KOA, Cartersville, GA 800-562-2841.

November 14-16, 2008 - Hosted by Rick and Mary Ann Spilman and Henry and Shelby Good, Lakeside Landing RV Park, Pell City, AL. **Do not call the Park - call the Spilmans.**

December 12-14, 2008 - Hosted by the McHaneys, Pierces, Brewtons and Casons, Pine Mountain Campground, Pine Mountain, GA, 706-663-4329.

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.

LIVING BY GOD'S WORD

By
Chaplain
Henry Good



We say: "It's impossible!"
God says: All things are possible.
"What is impossible with men is possible with God." Luke 18:27 NIV

TECH TIPS

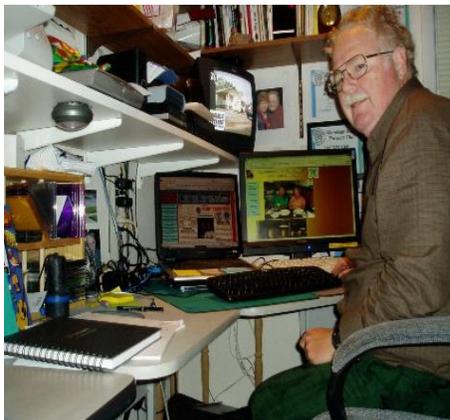
By Rickey Heath



For GM and Workhorse Motor Homes with either 350 or 454 cubic inch engine. If you notice antifreeze leaking from under engine and it isn't your water pump, check both sides of the engine, front and rear for intake manifold leaks of antifreeze around gaskets. I have just had mine repaired.

VIEW OUR WEBSITES

By Fred Tomsett



After you view the GWTW site, take a look at the State site. We have a page with all the video clips from the 2007 rally till now.

There is also a **Postcards from the Road** page with pictures sent in from members out on trips. If you go some where, please send back a picture for the **Postcards from the Road** page.

Check our websites at:

- <http://gawit.com>
- <http://gwtw.gawit.com>
- <http://atlantawinnies.gawit.com>

Thanks, Fred Tomsett, 404-626-3696 or fred@gawit.com

By Judy Seifert



THINK SAFETY

.... when you order water, iced tea or soft drink with lemon. Turns out we may want to rethink saying "with lemon". A recent report indicates that 77% of lemon slices tested in 21 restaurants had disease-causing bacteria. Restaurant workers should use tongs or gloves to pick up lemon slices to place on the glass but often use bare hands. Just be aware that lemon wedges have a potential to make you sick.

ADDRESS OR E-MAIL CHANGE

Help us keep our master list current. If you change your mailing address, phone number or e-mail address, please notify your secretary, Charlene Brewton, telephone (770) 948-6950, charbrewton@bellsouth.net.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Cathy Hargus, March 3
 - Fred Tomsett, March 10
 - Patricia Heath, March 13
 - Wanda Hill, March 31
- ### ANNIVERSARIES
- Ken and Edna Hesser
March 5, 1954
 - Kent and Mona Fredrick
March 19, 1960
 - Hal and Bobby Pierce
March 11, 1965

RECIPE

OF THE MONTH

By Betty Werner

PEANUT BUTTER PIE



- 9" chocolate Graham cracker crust
 - 1 cream cheese (8 oz. package)
 - 1 cup peanut butter (creamy smooth)
 - 3/4 cup sugar OR 1 cup powdered sugar
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1 tablespoon margarine
 - 1 tub Cool Whip (8 oz.)
- (Optional garnish - Cool Whip, grated chocolate) Beat softened cream cheese and peanut butter, add sugar, vanilla & margarine. Beat until well mixed. Fold in 1 1/2 to 2 cups of Cool Whip. Place mixture into pie crust. Refrigerate (or freeze to serve at another time).

(February Outing Cont'd. from Page 1) scenic drives were made to Highlands and Franklin, NC.

Sunday morning found us at the end of a fantastic weekend with a much needed light breakfast. Then a devotion by our Chaplain, Henry Good.

As we were leaving the lodge, comments heard were thanks to the hosts, have happy and safe travels and see you in March.



Our Homer Bunch (L-R) Melva Martin, Wanda Eubanks, Gladys Cain and Betty Sprayberry

HOLIDAYS IN THE SOUTH ON THE ROAD

By Mary Ann Spilman

We got on the road heading west from Carrollton around 4 p.m. on December 19, and spent the first night in **Pell City, AL**. From there we headed for **Tunica, MS**. We liked Tunica and decided it would be a good place to spend Christmas. We checked in at the Grand Casino RV Park on the 20th. We had driven through some powerful rain with high winds and were glad to get settled in. The next morning a front moved through with more heavy rain and winds up to 60 mph. Things are very flat in Tunica, so we caught most of the brunt. The weather cleared on Monday and we thought it was all behind us and we could just “chill out”.

But not so!! We had a travel trailer pull in next to us. The man got out and disconnected and put the jacks down. We had noticed beside the entry door “Welcome to My Zoo”. His wife then gets out of the car with a small dog and a “MONKEY” (yes, I said monkey). So, we knew we were in for a zoo. Also, there was a large dog which they tied out to the picnic table during the day. It was quiet and friendly and we felt sorry for him.

Christmas came and went and we really enjoyed it. We exchanged our gifts which included Nautica fleece tops. These tops came in real handy on the trip. Christmas was really a nice day. On the 26th, we had not gotten to any Casinos nor seen any of the area. We ventured out and about looking at the Casinos and RV Parks and found that maybe we should have stayed at Sams’ Town Park only about 100 yards from the Sams’ Town Complex. We decided to visit the Casino there later and spent several hours playing and walking around. We lost only \$10 so we figured we WON real big.

We left Tunica on the 27th and went to **Picayune, MS**. Unfortunately, we were late arriving at the campground, and when negotiating a difficult turn, we ended up with our right rear duals in the ditch, which contained enough water to be considered a swamp by itself. When the park owner was ready to call a wrecker, a young man trying to help said Rick was starting to try again and to wait to see what happened. With everyone standing around with their mouths open, Rick put it in reverse and it lifted right out of the ditch and backed up onto solid ground. What a relief! We stayed there for two days just to rest up from that unpleasant experience.

On the 29th we headed east back toward Alabama to the Camp Club Park in **Magnolia Springs** just outside Foley and Gulf Shores. It backed up to a golf course and had plenty of space for walking Tripper. It was a relaxing place. We dropped down to **Gulf Shores** for the day and checked out the **Gulf Shores State Park**. It is HUGE and has a lot of hook-up sites, and was located on a small lake.

On January 2, 2008, we headed east toward **Carrabelle, FL** and a Park called “Ho-Hum RV Park”. It was drizzly and cold, but we were parked with the front of the coach pointed right at the gulf. When the tide was in we were about ten feet from the water. But, boy, did it get cold! That night it went down to 18 degrees. Of course, I had always told Rick I did not want to go to the beach in Florida when it was hot. He had the last laugh!

On the 4th we headed home. We took in some scenic areas including **Madison, FL**. Madison has the narrow streets. We spent the night at the much improved Fair Harbor RV Park. Then.....look out Carrollton, here we come! It was a long trip, really enjoyable with many ups and downs and crazy things. Would definitely visit all places again except Picayune, MS and will pass there if I have a chance.



FUN CORNER

By Mary Ann Spilman



GENTLE THOUGHTS.....

A penny saved is a government oversight.

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends

Did you ever notice the Roman Numerals for forty (40) are “XL”?

If you think there is good in everybody, you haven’t met everybody.

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

The sole purpose of a child’s middle name is so he can tell when he is really in trouble.

Did you ever notice when you put the two words “The” and “IRS” together it spells “Theirs”?

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting for in line.

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know why I look this way. I’ve traveled a long way and some of the roads weren’t paved.

You know you are getting older when everything either dries up or leaks.

First you forget names, then you forget faces.

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks it was called witchcraft. Today, it is called golf.