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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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.

February 8-10, 2008 - Hosted by the Homer Bunch at River Vista Mountain Village, Dillard, Georgia. Telephone 888-850-7275.

Friday 6:30 p.m. - Vegetable soup, (bowls furnished), corn bread, crackers and dessert. Games to follow.

Saturday Morning Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.: Breakfast casserole, grits, biscuits, jelly and coffee.

Club Meeting - 9:30 a.m.

Saturday Lunch and Afternoon - On your own.

Saturday Evening - 6:30 p.m. - Pork roast furnished by hosts. Everyone bring a side dish to share. Cake and ice cream furnished by the club to celebrate GWTW's 35th Anniversary. Games to follow.

Sunday Morning Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.: Danish, coffee and juice.

Devotional: To follow breakfast.

Bring your own plates, silverware, and beverages.

"HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU"

March 14-16, 2008 - Hosted by George and Betty Werner and Fred and Linda Tomsett at Leisure Acres in Cleveland, Georgia. 706-865-6466.

April 17-20, 2008 - Georgia State Rally, AgriCenter, Perry, GA.

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OUR JANUARY OUTING WAS COLD

Our outing was at Lake Park in Georgia's deep south where hospitality was at its finest. The Sta-Goners again did a fantastic job as hosts. The Simpsons greeted some of us as we registered and were the last to say "good-bye."



StuLynn and Jim Simpson were there every step of the way keeping us on track.

Thursday evening was kicked off with heavy hors d'oeuvres and no one was anxious for dinner. After a lot of laughter and games, including Chase the Ace, some went to McDonald's for a late evening hot fudge sundae.

Friday we were on our own until we caravanned to Lake Dog for a tasty Low Country Boil. The restaurant was closed except for our group. Afterwards, more games at the Club House.

Saturday morning started with a hot breakfast. Business meetings followed with lunch and afternoon free. Saturday evening we enjoyed a catered meal. The entertainment was a lively band "Just in Case" from Live Oak, FL. They entertained us for three hours with good country music and singing.

Lake Park KOA treated us with a continental breakfast Sunday morning and then we said our good-byes.

OUR 2008 OFFICERS



Back Row, left to right: Tom McHaney, president; James Boatfield, Second Vice President. Front Row: Charlene Brewton, Secretary; and Betty McHaney, Treasurer. Hal Pierce, First Vice President was not present.

GWTW ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We are celebrating our 35th Anniversary at River Vista Mountain Village, Dillard, Georgia at the February Outing. We hope to see oodles of you who have been in our club many years because you are the foundation and the reason we get to celebrate. If you have not made your reservation, do so now. Notify Betty Sprayberry, absberry@windstream.net or 706-677-3972.

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

June 13-15, 2008 - Grant & Kathy Baldwin and Bill & Jo Hood. Location TBA.

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

August 8-10, 2008 - Hosts and location TBA.

September 19-21, 2008 - State outing. Hosted by Atlanta Metros. Location TBA.

October 10-12, 2008 - Hosted by Ernest & Mariana Moosa and Jesse & Theda Chambless. Location TBA.

November 14-16, 2008 - Hosted by Rick & Mary Ann Spilman and Henry & Shelby Good. Location TBA.

December 12-14, 2008 - Hosted by the McHaney's, Pierces, Brewtons and Casons. Location TBA.

LIVING BY GOD'S WORD

By
Chaplain
Henry Good



For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth to all generations. Psalm 100:5

God is a friend who never changes. Always he wants what is best for us; always he loves us and seeks to lead us aright.

THEY NEED YOUR PRAYERS

George and Betty Werner are improving. Continue to remember them. Sherry Mitchell (Mary Ann Spilman's cousin) needs a special prayer.

TECH TIPS

By Rickey Heath

WINDOW CLEANER
(Make Your Own)

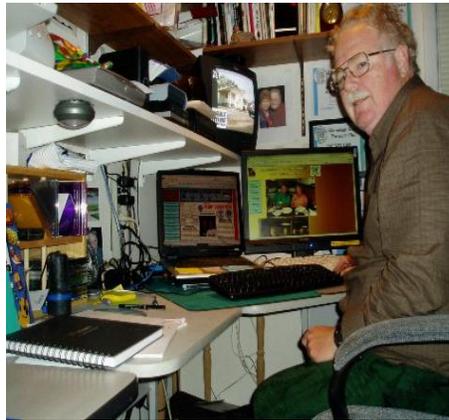


To 1 quart of water, add 1/4 cup of white vinegar and 3 to 4 drops of dishwashing detergent (e.g. Dawn).

Wash windows with old T-shirt and wipe down with newspapers.

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

By Judy Seifert



DID YOU KNOW . . .

...what you can do with Alka Seltzer tablets? To remove stain from the bottom of a glass vase or cruet, fill with water and drop in two tablets. To polish jewelry drop two tablets into a glass of water and immerse the jewelry for two minutes. Clean a thermos bottle. Fill the bottle with water, drop in four tablets and let soak for an hour or longer.

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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

David MacLellan - Feb. 5
Barbara DeMatteis - Feb. 9
Babs Walz - Feb. 18
Paula Burtch - Feb. 20

ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Wanda Hill
Feb. 4, 1970
George & Betty Werner
Feb. 9, 2001
Hubert & JoAn Blankenship
Feb. 19, 1971

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

By Betty Werner



CHOCOLATE PORCUPINE CLUSTER CANDY

- 12 ounces (2 cups) semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 14 ounces (1 can) sweetened condensed milk
- 2 cups pretzel sticks, broken in 1/2 inch pieces
- 1 cup honey-roasted peanuts
- 1/2 cup miniature candy-coated chocolate bits

Melt chocolate chips and sweetened condensed milk in a heavy saucepan over low heat. Stir constantly until melted and smooth. Do not let it boil. Remove from heat and let rest for 6 minutes.

In a large bowl, toss pretzel sticks, peanuts, and chocolate bits until evenly combined. Gently fold in melted chocolate mixture. Working quickly, drop mixture by the tablespoon onto waxed paper lined baking sheets. Refrigerate at least two hours, until firm.
Yield: 3 to 4 dozen candy clusters.



THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR

The New Year lies before you like a spotless track of snow. Be careful how you tread it, for every track will show.



ANOTHER SPECIAL PLACE NORTH CAROLINA'S OUTER BANKS

By Theda Chambliss



You know Jesse and I dearly love museums, but lighthouses are running a close second. Last summer we decided Alaska was out because of high gas prices, so we decided to vacation nearer home. It was a fun, memorable vacation. A photographer's paradise.

We left Cedar Island by ferry headed for the Outer Banks. Our first stop was Ocracoke, home of Donald Davis, one of the foremost storytellers of our time. Ocracoke's past is linked strongly to the ocean, as is shown by their beautiful, white lighthouse.



Ocracoke Lighthouse

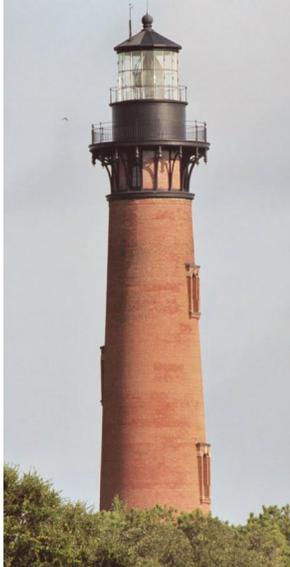
Another smaller ferry took us up the island to Cape Hatteras. The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse is the tallest brick lighthouse in the world, standing 198 feet tall. It was built to help ships navigate around Diamond Shoals off Cape Hatteras.



Cape Hatteras Lighthouse

The Brodie Island Lighthouse was constructed in 1872. It's beacon, originally fueled by oil, was electrified in 1932. A Fresnel lens made of cut glass prisms magnifies the light. Flocks of geese crashing into the lens was a major problem. The first Brodie Island Lighthouse was built in 1847; the second in 1859; and the present one was completed in 1872. The original name was "Body's Island," as the area is known as the "Graveyard of the Atlantic" because of formidable currents, fierce storms, and shifting shoals.

The Carrituck Beach Lighthouse is the northernmost lighthouse on the Outer Banks. It was completed in 1875, is 162 feet tall and has 214 steps. Its light can be seen for 19 miles. When the lighthouse was illuminated in 1875, it completed the chain of lights along the North Carolina coast by filling in a previously dark 80-mile gap. This red brick structure has never been painted in order to distinguish it in daylight from Brodie, Ocracoke and Hatteras lighthouses.



Carrituck Beach Lighthouse

Kitty Hawk lies midway between Brodie Island Lighthouse and Carrituck Island Lighthouse. On December 17, 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright changed the course of history. Their power-driven, heavier-than-air machine lifted off the ground and stayed airborne for twelve seconds.

This was quite a departure from their bicycle shop back in Dayton, Ohio.

In addition to the airstrip and museum, these pioneers of flight are remembered through a large granite marker and a life-size sculpture depicting their first flight.

As we lift off from the Atlanta Hartsfield Airport in a huge airliner, we never think of these humble beginnings and the two men that devoted their life to make this type travel available to us.



Brodie Island Lighthouse

FUN CORNER

By Mary Ann Spilman



CHILDREN'S SCIENCE EXAM

If you need a good laugh, try reading through these children's science exam answers.

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour? (Brilliant, love this!)

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A: Premature death.

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g., abdomen)

A: The body is consisted into three parts -- the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and the lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels A, E, I, O and U.

Q: What is a fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: What does "varicose" mean?

A: Nearby

Q: Give the meaning of the term "Caesarian Section."

A: The Caesarian Section is a district in Rome.

Q: What does the word "benign" mean?

A: Benign is what you will be after you are eight.

"May your life be filled with love, luck and laughter."