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## ATLANTA METRO WINNIES

Did it Again ....

....A delightful September State Outing at the River Country Campground with twenty- three coaches rolling in. Everyone gave a big welcome to Charles and Olive Payne who visited from Dallas, GA.

Early arrivals on Wednesday and Thursday were free to do whatever. On Wednesday night, we had dinner at Ryan's and on Thursday night, we chowed down at the Red Lobster.

Friday everyone was about settled in around the River Lodge on the Coosa River. Fantastic weather was enjoyed swinging, sitting on the dock, walking or sitting along the River Walk ....visiting with everyone along the way. Friday night everyone had dinner at a favorite restaurant, Top of the River, and gathered at the River Lodge later to play Chase the Ace and/or visit.

A hot breakfast, including hash browns, scrambled eggs, sausage and all the trimmings started a great Saturday. The local chapter meetings followed the State Meeting held immediately following breakfast. Following lunch on our own, an April 2009 State Rally Planning Meeting was held at the River Lodge. Some had vanished after the earlier meetings to go to the Flea Market buying much needed items and probably items that will gather dust.

Then it was dinner again at the Lodge, and Fred and Linda Tomsett prepared their famous macaroni and beef. Everyone added a spread of salads and veggies and tempting desserts. Next, we all enjoyed Bingo with the high winners being Jim and StuLynn Simpson from Lake Park, GA (almost on the FL line). The Simpsons traveled the longest distance to Gadsden so we were pleased to add a wee bit to their fuel funds.

After a continental breakfast Sunday morning plus a surprise of the leftover "hot breakfast" and devotion by Ken Seifert, it was time to hit the road after a great State Outing. The GWTW are looking forward to the October Outing.

*Dan Rankin and Fred Tomsett*

have the programs and activities well underway for the April, 2009 State Rally, in Perry, Ga. REGISTER NOW!! Application is on State website <http://gawit.com>. See you there in your "Western Gear".



## 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.**

**October 10-12, 2008** - Cartersville KOA, 800-562-2841, 770-382-7330, hosted by Ernest and Marianna Moosa and Jesse and Theda Chambless. Register with the KOA and notify Theda Chambless, e-mail [jessetheda@etcmail.com](mailto:jessetheda@etcmail.com) or call 706-636-5212.

*Bring plates, beverages and eating utensils unless otherwise indicated.*

**Friday Dinner-6:00 p.m.**-Walking tacos. Bring your beverage, a fork and napkin. (KOA advises that there are good restaurants in Cartersville, but the best ones do not take reservations. If someone chooses to go out to eat, no one will be offended.)

**After Dinner**-Chase the Ace in the club room.

**Saturday Breakfast-8:00 a.m.**-Scrambled eggs, sausage, grits, sausage gravy, biscuits, coffee and juice.

**Business Meeting**-Immediately following breakfast.

**Saturday Lunch**-You will be free for lunch and the afternoon. There are several interesting places in Cartersville to visit, such as the Booth Western Art Museum, New Echota State Historic Site, and others. If anyone is interested in going to either of these, let us know and we will set up a group.

**Saturday Dinner-6:00 p.m.**-Low country boil. Bring a dessert to share.

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**After Dinner**-Chase the Ace in the club room.

**Sunday Breakfast-8:00**-Croissants, bagels and cream cheese, fruit bowl, juice and coffee.

**Devotion**-Immediately following breakfast, then

**We say our goodbyes!**

**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 McHanays, Pierces, Brewtons and Casons, Pine Mountain Campground, Pine Mountain, GA, 706-663-4329.

**Reservations** - Remember to make your reservations for the remainder of the year if you have not done so. Many of the RV parks have only one meeting room. To assure that we have a meeting room, we need to make reservations early. Most parks allow cancellation ten days prior to arrival with no penalty.

**LIVING BY GOD'S WORD**

By  
Chaplain  
Henry Good



We say: "I can't forgive myself".  
God says: "I forgive you".  
"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 NIV  
"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus".  
Romans 1:8 NIV

**TECH TIPS**

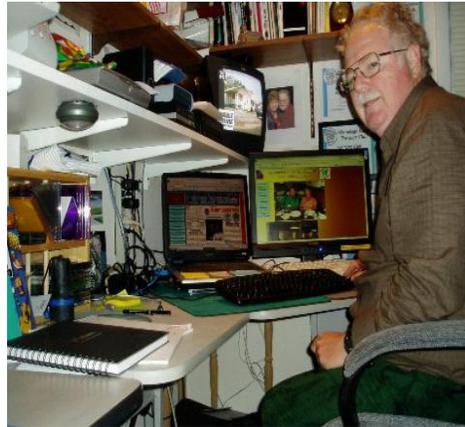
By Rickey Heath



Tips to keep your generator in good working order. Road grit can get into the generator and wear on the armature and brushes. Mud flaps help control road grit. If your generator sits a good distance from the rear tire, consider a second flap. Running the generator on the move is the way it was designed. During muddy/dusty road conditions consider not using the generator. Never power wash the generator intake.

**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](mailto:fred@gawit.com). Thanks,  
Fred

By Judy Seifert



**DID YOU KNOW...**

...peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.  
...to add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic or at the end of the recipe if you want a stronger taste of garlic.  
...to take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem they ripen faster.  
...to store your opened chunks of cheese in aluminum foil and it will stay fresh much longer and not mold.

**A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER**

Betty McHaney, our Treasurer, asked that you be reminded that your 2009 local and state club dues be paid on or before the October 10-12, 2008 outing at the Cartersville KOA, Cartersville, GA.

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- Gladys Cain, October 4
- Jerry Hill, October 4
- Jim Shari, October 4
- Judy Seifert, October 12
- Tom Padgett, October 13
- Annette Whitmire, October 25
- Betty Werner, October 26
- Margie Rankin, October 28

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- Doug and Bonnie Rounds  
October 23, 1954
- Tom and Ronnie Padgett  
October 12, 1958
- Rick and Mary Ann Spilman  
October 31, 1980
- Fred and Linda Tomsett  
October 21, 1995
- David and Julie Raider  
October 18, 2003

**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

By Betty Werner



**SODA CRACKER COOKIES**

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 cups chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 40 single soda crackers

Line cookie sheet with aluminum foil and grease. Cover with 40 single soda crackers. Boil butter and brown sugar 3 minutes. Pour over crackers and bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes. Remove from oven and spread with chocolate chips. Sprinkle with chopped nuts and cut while warm.

From: [cooks.com](http://cooks.com)

**GWTW SHIRTS AND HATS**

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

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER ....**

.... **Jerry Hill and Henry Good**. President McHaney talked with Wanda Hill and **Jerry** is still in rehab, but she says he is doing good. Tom also talked to Henry Good. **Henry** is recovering well; however, not as fast as he would like. GWTW look forward to your return soon.



# ALASKA HIGHLIGHTS

By  
Jesse & Theda Chambless

Although we didn't think our "Alaska Adventure" would start until we reached Alaska, we would like to mention the array of wildlife we saw along the highways in British Columbia (more than we saw in Alaska). Also the fantastic mountain scenery in the Yukon Territory (see the above picture).

If you have read any of our previous articles, you know we like museums - but we like unusual, out-of-the way places as well. We'll share some of these with you.

**HIGHLIGHT #1:** We drove up the Alaska Highway to Fairbanks to be in the area on June 21st - the date of the Summer Solstice. We drove the Jeep Wrangler 150 miles northeast of Fairbanks near the Arctic Circle to a place called Eagle Summit - the best place to view the Solstice. Jesse took a picture every 15 minutes through the entire thing. It was amazing to see how the sun just dipped down and rolled across the mountain tops and began to rise again.



12:45a.m. 1:00a.m. 1:15a.m. 1:30a.m. 1:45a.m. 2:00a.m. 2:15a.m. 2:30a.m.

**HIGHLIGHT #2:** This was our fourth trip to Alaska, but the first time to see Mt. McKinley. It has always been enshrouded with clouds. But hurrah - this time we had two days of glorious sunshine. The first day we went up into Denali National Park on a bus. It was great - but not the highlight. The next morning we went white-water rafting - fun, but still not the highlight. In the afternoon we took what they call a "Flightseeing Tour."

**HIGHLIGHT!!!** We flew over and around and in between mountain peaks, including a spectacular Mt. McKinley with a minimum of clouds, and hundreds of miles of snow-capped mountain ranges and glaciers. It was breathtaking! This flight alone was worth the trip.



Denali (Mt. McKinley) from the air

**HIGHLIGHT #3:** The Kenai Peninsula has always been a favorite of ours. We drove down to Homer. It was nice, but not a highlight. We then went to Seward. Since July 4th is my (Theda's) birthday, we celebrated it with the locals in Seward. About 81 years ago, two sourdoughs sat drinking at a bar when one bet the other he could climb the mountain adjoining the town in less than an hour. He didn't succeed, but every year on July 4th, the town continues the challenge with hundreds of people attempting the climb and descent of Marathon Mountain in record time. This year's winner did it in 44.5 minutes. Since it had just rained, the runners returned covered with mud, but undaunted.

**HIGHLIGHT #4:** South of Whitehorse there is a little town named Atlin that is referred to as "Little Switzerland," a name well deserved. It is on an unpaved, bumpy road about 59 miles off the main highway. Atlin was established as a Gold Rush Camp in 1898 and 1899. When we checked into the RV park we asked for a spot on Atlin Lake. The manager asked if we would like the "Penthouse." We said "yes," and were directed to a raised, gravel extension surrounded by the lake and beautiful snow-capped mountains. It was definitely worth the drive.

## FUN CORNER

By Mary Ann Spilman



## GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDCHILDREN

My young grandson called to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was and I told him "62". He was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I am not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised. "Mine says I am four to six."

My granddaughter was visiting one day when she asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo while I asked, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," she replied.

## WHERE IS THIS GARDEN?

More than 150,000 flowers are planted each summer, 2,300 acres of beautiful forest surround the garden. The park holds picturesque picnic areas and fully modern campgrounds, adventurous hiking trails and winding bike paths. This is all in a wildlife refuge, where you are sure to spot deer, moose and other animals in their natural environment.



## TRAVEL QUOTATIONS

Stop worrying about the potholes in the road and celebrate the journey

We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open.