

# Gone With The Winnies Newsletter

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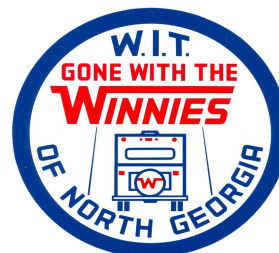
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## March in Cleveland Georgia Meeting

It was another cold and windy meeting weekend, but most folks did not mind as the friendship and fun kept everyone pretty warm.

The Brewton's showed up in their new Meridian, while the Tyler's showed up in their new Latitude. They both seemed to be really enjoying the new found room they have.

Folks that arrived early entertained themselves until the meeting started on Friday evening. The Homer Bunch did another outstanding job of providing food for everyone. As usual, there was plenty for everyone to eat mornings and nights. Bobby sliced up the meat Saturday night like he was a trained butcher. It was just the right thickness and was cooked just right. Betty and her casseroles were great and if you left any meal saying you were hungry, it was your own fault.

Gladys came hobbling in to say hello to everyone. She advised against having knee surgery unless you understand everything that is going to happen (smile). As you know, most of the Homer Bunch was pretty banged up that month, but they still did their part. Our hats are off to them for helping make the meeting a great success.

## April in Perry Georgia – The Rally

Spring has come and it was time for the Georgia State Rally. Tuesday morning was the first chance to get on the Rally grounds and Mother Nature was in rare form. It had rained on Monday night but appeared that Tuesday might be OK. She had other plans for us. Around 9 AM it started to rain and then hail mixed with the rain. The fairgrounds looked more like a lake than a parking place. After finally getting to a proper parking place, the rain seemed to mostly stop. The grounds however continued to slosh as you walked. But that did not dampen the spirits of those that had come early. It was going to be a Super Rally come 'h\*\*I or high water' (smile).

Editors' Corner

Food For Thought:

We have a wonderful club and some terrific folks that make up that club. It is a pleasure to be able to associate with each and everyone of you.

However, when you look at the meeting schedules and things like the Rally, it appears that there are just a few of the members that seem to be carrying the load for the others. I know there are things that keep each of us from helping do things for the club. I am still working and sometimes do not have the extra time necessary to help as much as I could. Others have some medical problems that keep them from participating as much as they might like too. But it would be so much better and easier on everyone if more folks would step up to the plate and take on some of the duties. Hosting is not that difficult and if everyone would participate, no one would have to do it very often.

Please consider hosting or taking over some of the officer duties for the club. You will be appreciated and you might just enjoy it.

Rick Spilman

Wednesday cleared up as more folks arrived and things started to pop. There were many Gone With The Winnies in attendance and they helped keep the fun going. All the clubs did a great job making the Rally a huge success. But, I was so proud of our folks as you found them at work at every turn you made. Thank You Everyone for your hard work doing almost anything that was needed to help the Rally be the success that it was. Our hats are off to Dan Rankin and the many people on his team that put so much time and effort into the programs. Of Course – without Fred's many talents including painting (hey didn't Linda help too) – the colorful effects would not have been nearly as wonderful. Good Job Everyone.

*Have you checked the roof seams along the gutter recently?*

For those that have looked up on the top of their side walls, you will notice you have a rain gutter. Now for those who have not gotten up on a ladder and checked that area of their motor home, I would suggest you do so (no matter how old your motor home is). The fiberglass roof wraps over the top of your motor home and is tucked down behind the rain gutter by just about an inch. As most know, an inch is not much distance. There is usually a clear seal (probably clear caulk) that is run along this gutter/roof connection. For all intent and purposes, it appears to me that that seal is about all that is holding that fiberglass roof in place. I found that in my case, this seal was not doing much sealing anymore. When I pushed in on the fiberglass roof material, I could see it give and there was then a gap between it and the gutter. When this occurs, water will run through the gap and into your sidewalls. In my case it was running down and exiting out the window by the driver. I had looked and looked and sealed the cap and window trying to stop that leak. It wasn't until I happened to put my hand down on the roof lip and saw it move opening the gap that I realized where the water was coming from. I then resealed the whole length of the motor home and so far no more leak. So check that area from time to time so you don't have fresh water available from your drivers window (grin)!

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Keep all our members in your prayers as we go forward in the New Year. Especially those like Marianna Moosa, Gladys Cain, Melva & Milton Dalton and Betty Werner who have been ill or have had surgery. Every member of our club is needed and missed when they are not present.

## *Mark These Events On Your Calendar*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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#### *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. Riverbend Campground, Hiawasse, GA, 706-896-1415. (Credit Card needed for reservation but campground request we pay in cash when we arrive.)

#### *July 19-24, 2009*

GNR in Forest City, IA

#### *August 14-16, 2009*

Hosted by The Cason's and The DeMatteis's, at Scenic Mountain, Milledgeville, GA.

#### *Sept. 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.

#### *Nov. 13-15, 2009*

Key West, Florida

#### *Dec. 11-13, 2009*

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

Something to Brighten Your Day---

The Power of the Badge

MAY BIRTHDAYS

**Julian Neville**

May 1

**Max Parker**

May 5

**Nancy Sloan**

May 9

**Jo Hood**

May 18

**Joyce Crosby**

May 25

**James Boatfield**

May 31

MAY

ANNIVERSARIES

**Franklin &**

**Margaret Jackson**

May 2, 1957

**Dan & Margie**

**Rankin**

May 2, 1970

**Julian & Martha**

**Neville**

May 7, 1950

**John & Mary Ann**

**Findeis**

May 18, 1963

**Tim & Debbie**

**Whitmire**

May 26, 1990

A DEA officer stops at a ranch in Montana , and talks with an old rancher. He tells the rancher, 'I need to inspect your ranch for illegally grown drugs.'

The old rancher says, 'Okay, but do not go in that field over there' as he points out the location.

The DEA officer verbally explodes saying, 'Mister, I have the authority of the Federal Government with me.' Reaching into his rear pants pocket, he removes his badge and proudly displays it to the farmer. 'See this badge? This badge means I am allowed to go wherever I wish...on any land. No questions asked or answers given. Have I made myself clear? Do you understand?'

The old rancher nods politely, apologizes, and goes about his chores.

A short time later, the old rancher hears loud screams and sees the DEA officer running for his life chased close behind by the rancher's prize bull. With every step the bull is gaining ground on the officer, and it seems likely that he'll get "horned" before he reaches safety. The officer is clearly terrified. The old rancher throws down his tools, runs to the fence and yells at the top of his lungs.....

'Your badge...Show him your badge!'

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

**Doug Rounds**

June 3

**Mariana Moosa**

June 8

**Betty Sprayberry**

June 9

**Martha Neville**

June 14

**Jimmy Palmer**

June 18

*Word of the Day*

**Liquidity** is when you look at your retirement funds and wet your pants.

**Arnie Mjelde**

June 21

**Ellen Peters**

June 29

**Mary Ann**

**Spilman**

June 29

JUNE

ANNIVERSARIES

**Max & Winky**

**Parker**

June 2, 1968

**Ken & Judy**

**Seifert**

June 5, 1960

**Barbara & Jim**

**Bell**

June 6, 1960

**Don & Martha**

**Blair**

June 10, 1961

**Eric & Kathy**

**Hargus**

June 14, 1980

**Jesse & Theda**

**Chambless**

June 18, 1976

**Larry & Judy**

**Wilkinson**

June 29, 1968