



# Gone With The Winnies Newsletter

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## November Meeting – Knights Key, FL.

For those who were not able to make the trip down to the Keys in November, you missed a really good meeting and a good time. We missed everyone and thought of you regularly.

The meeting was chaired by our First Vice President – Hubert Blankenship. It was held as our group sat watching the Atlantic Ocean slap up against the seawall at the farthest point of Knights Key. We all watched a beautiful sunset and wished everyone the best.

Everyone was reminded that our dues for the Winnies as well as the State Club were due and needed to get to Betty McHaney. An email was sent to those who were not able to attend. The December Christmas Party was discussed and it was decided that sitting there in our shorts with the balmy breezes would not be possible at the December meeting (smile). The meeting was adjourned but we had several supplemental meetings of an evening around the point or at one of the Motor Homes that were there.

## December in Gadsden, Alabama Meeting

We were late getting to Gadsden Thursday due to a leaking tire problem that we had encountered as we finished our November trip. Since we had a house full of water when we got home from a broken filter inside our new refrigerator, I had not had a chance to check the tire until we were getting ready Wednesday afternoon and then it seemed to be OK. Well, at 4 AM Thursday morning the low air pressure sensor went off for the tire that had been suspect so I spent Thursday morning and early afternoon trying to get that resolved. When we got to Gadsden around 3:00 PM we set up and visited a few folks but stayed in to get a little rest.

Friday other Motor Homes arrived and we had a large group that went to dinner at the Top Of The River restaurant. It was a super meal and everyone enjoyed visiting and eating (seems we sure do a lot of that – grin). Folks came back to

Editors' Corner

2009 is about over and we have to wrap things up for another year.

It has been my pleasure trying to send something out to everyone so that hopefully they can feel like they have been part of our get-togethers even though they were not able to physically get to the meetings.

Thank you all for allowing me to only send these little notes every other month as I have tried to keep working. (That has not been that successful either (smile)).

2010 will bring a whole new set of officers for the club and new challenges for us all. Please try to become as active as possible during this next year as the more folks there are to help, the less work it is for the few that hold things together.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you all down the road. Be safe and look out for the other guy.

Rick Spilman

the campground and met at the meeting room to visit and eat cookies.

Saturday morning rolled around and we were meeting on Alabama time so we did not have to get to breakfast until 9:30 Georgia time. A lot of folks can make it up and get to breakfast by then (smile). The Pierces, Whitmires, and Bells had made biscuits and gravy and eggs and sausage for us. There was more food than everyone could put away. Great job folks. I sure was not hungry afterwards. The afternoon was on your own so many took in close by flea markets and shops and even a movie or two. We met for dinner at 6:00 Alabama time and everyone was hungry. The Hosts had fixed ham and turkey and rolls, while the ladies brought some delicious side dishes and desserts. We ate by candle light and again stuffed ourselves. After dinner we formed a large circle and drew numbers for gifts. Everyone got a gift and there were some interesting ones (grin). We enjoyed ourselves and hope that everyone there did as well. After the drawing, most folks tried to drag themselves back to the motor homes to get some rest.

Sunday morning we had breakfast of left over ham, biscuits, rolls, jelly, etc. It made for a great start of the day.

Needless to say, it turned cold Friday and started raining Saturday and into Sunday. Not near as nice as it was in the Keys (smile). Everyone said their farewells and we ended another year of fun and frolicking for the 'Gone With The Winnies' Club.

Winter is Here !!

As those that made the Gadsden meeting are aware, Winter has arrived. Make sure that you have the proper amount of anti-freeze in your cooling system. If you are not going to use your Motor Home this winter, be sure to winterize it or you might have some nasty shocks come Spring.

For those that will be doing things with your Motor Home all Winter long, please do not forget that those pesky water lines run under your floors in the bay areas (some might even be on the outside of the vehicle). It is nice to use a small electric heater inside the coach so the big unit does not have to run, but this will not always keep your water pipes warm and they can freeze on you. The gas furnace helps keep some heat in the bays on really cold nights and can sure save some big damage. I keep a small ceramic heater with a thermostat and fan on it plugged up in the bays at all times. This keeps air circulating in the bays and helps keep things warm as well as the humidity from getting too high down there.

I am sure that many folks have had their water pump freeze on a really cold night as well. I try to keep a shop light on in the water compartment on those cold nights and that seems to be just enough extra warmth to keep the cold critters at bay. I also wrap my water hose with the foam insulation you get at Home Depot or Lowes for wrapping water pipes in your home. This usually works pretty good down to the low teens but below that it is probably best to just unhook that water hose and store it till things warm up a bit.

Hope everyone has a warm and safe Winter. See you in the Spring.

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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

**James & Christel**

**Cason**

January 17, 1959

**Bill & Jo Hood**

January 21, 1981

**Jimmy & Zana**

**Palmer**

January 24, 1954

**Milt & Paula Burtch**

January 26, 1957

**Charles & Ollie**  
**Payne**

January 28, 1960

**Arnie & Inger**

**Mjelde**

January 31, 1970

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Keep all our members in your prayers as we go forward to another new year. 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

Jan. 15-17, 2010

Hosted by Sta-Goners

Agirama in Tifton, GA

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Something Relevant To Your Day---

*To my fellow "Old Dogs:"*

*One day the old German Shepherd starts chasing rabbits and before long, discovers that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a panther heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch.*

*The old German Shepherd thinks, 'Oh, oh! I'm in deep doo-doo now!' Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to*

*the approaching cat. Just as the panther is about to leap, the old German Shepherd exclaims loudly, 'Boy, that was one delicious panther! I wonder, if there are any more around here?'*

*Hearing this, the young panther halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees. 'Whew!' says the panther, 'That was close! That old German Shepherd nearly had me!'*

*Meanwhile, a squirrel who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the panther. So, off he goes, but the old German Shepherd sees him heading after the panther with great speed, and figures that something must be up.*

*The squirrel soon catches up with the panther, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the panther.*

*The young panther is furious at being made a fool of and says, 'Here, squirrel, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!'*

*Now, the old German Shepherd sees the*

*panther coming with the squirrel on his back and thinks, 'What am I going to do now?', but instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old German Shepherd says...*

*'Where's that squirrel? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another panther!*

*Moral of this story...*

*Don't mess with the old dogs.... age and skill will always overcome youth and treachery! BS and brilliance only come with age and experience.*

*Of course, I am in no way insinuating that any of **you are old**, some are just more 'youthfully challenged'.*

*You did notice the size of the print, didn't you?*

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