



Gone With The Winnies Newsletter

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May in Gadsden, AL Meeting

Mary Ann and I were not able to make this State Meeting. I understand that it was a very successful meeting with the GWTW Team doing the hosting. Great job folks. Hal Pierce was presented a 'gavel' for our club at the meeting that was donated by George and Betty Werner. Unfortunately, when George went up to present the gavel, he fell and broke his hip. Our thoughts and prayers go out to George and Betty with wishes for a speedy recovery. It is my understanding that George was finally released from the hospital in Gadsden on June 15 and Betty drove him home in their car. Tom McHaney and Hal Pierce drove over on the 15th and picked up their motor home and brought it back to Dawsonville for them. Thank you Tom and Hal for going the extra mile for one of our members.

June in Hiawassee, Georgia Meeting

We arrived on Thursday afternoon just minutes before a large rain storm came through the campground. That certainly soaked everything as well as some campers who had to go out in the rain to put up awnings as the wind really started kicking up (that may have been the only bath they took while there – grin).

Thursday night the campground had a fish fry for everyone. They asked that folks bring a dish to go with the meal. Folks said the fish was super and they had plenty of it. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the time. On Friday night, everyone caravanned to Hayesville, NC to eat Bar-B-Que at Country Ribs. We all ate too much as the food was super. This was some of the best ribs I have ever eaten. The meat really did fall off the bone (smile). When we got back our hosts had cookies and ice cream waiting for us in the meeting room.

Saturday morning our hosts had a full breakfast waiting for us. We had scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, coffee, sausage, and jelly. If you left hungry, don't blame the hosts. Our business meeting was held and Bobby Eubanks was elected our Second Vice President. Thank you Bobby for stepping up to help fill our office roster.

Editors' Corner

Food For Thought:

A couple issues ago I mentioned a thought about meals for our get-togethers. It was brought to my attention that the only real meal that is prescribed by our group is the Saturday evening shared meal. It seems that over time our prepared meals have grown to a point that we may be causing folks to not volunteer for hosting because they do not feel they can do that much work. I have had several folks let me know that they thought it might be good to not have so many prepared meals.

So folks, why not volunteer to be a host/hostess and slim down the prepared selections. This will save some funds for the club as well as make it more enjoyable to host. Maybe just have a shared meal on Saturday with coffee available for folks to drink in the mornings. If you want, maybe some Danish for both Friday and Saturday morning and no big cooked breakfast either day. I think everyone would enjoy the friendship just as much and I know I could sure use less food intake (grin).

Rick Spilman

Lunch was on our own with supper being 'Pork Loin (or Loran as some spell it – grin). As usual the food and friendship was extraordinary. Afterwards, many members got together outside of the McHaney's motor home to visit and tell tall tales.

Sunday morning was met with Danish and coffee and a devotional. Everyone said their good-byes and headed down the road until next time. Our greatest appreciation goes out to our hosts Hubert & JoAn Blankenship and Rickey & Patricia Heath. They did a wonderful job for our get-together!!

Do you fight with Mosquitoes during the Summer? Do you feel unsafe in certain situations?

I know Mary Ann and I do most every evening. If you are 'sweet' like Mary Ann, they really seem to like to bite you and collect all that good blood. We ran across a tip to help with those little pesky critters. Of all things, it is using Listerine! Big bottles of Listerine are pretty inexpensive. Get one and a small spray bottle. Fill the Spray Bottle with Listerine (do not water it down any) and spray around the area you are going to sit. You will be amazed that you will not see any mosquitoes in the area. Mary Ann sprayed her legs and arms with it when she walked Tripper up the driveway the other day. She usually comes back with at least a half dozen new bites. This trip she came back bite free. So she will swear by it that it works.

Some of you may have heard of using it, but it was new to me. If you are going into or are in a situation that might be somewhat uncomfortable from a safety standpoint. Carry a can of 'Wasp Spray'. Some police have told folks that it works better than 'Pepper Spray'. Why? You can reach out 20 feet with the wasp spray which keeps that potential attacker farther away to start with than pepper spray does. The wasp spray blinds the attacker until they get to a hospital to get treatment. Maybe that way the police can nab them since they can't just run away. Plus folks won't ask as many questions seeing a can of wasp spray sitting around as they would seeing pepper spray on the table.

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Keep all our members in your prayers as we go forward in the New Year. Marianna Moosa & Patricia Heath were up and around at the meeting along with Gladys Cain and Melva & Milton Dalton. Please continue wishing them a continued recovery and we hope to continue seeing them at the meetings. We need to add George & Betty Werner to our thoughts and prayers as they recover from the falls and broken bones. Also, please think about Betty Sprayberry who is a bit under the weather right now. Hopefully she will show much improvement in the near future. Hopefully this will be the last of these new entries. Every member of our club is needed and missed when they are not present.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Christel Cason
July 1
Henry Good
July 2
Theda Chambliss
July 4
Bill Hood
July 11
George Werner
July 19
Dick Walz
July 20
Judy Wilkinson
July 26

JULY

ANNIVERSARIES

Russ & Ellen Peters
July 12, 1969
Harry & Bert Treadaway
July 16, 1950

AUGUST
BIRTHDAYS

Jesse |Chambliss
August 5
Zana Palmer
August 5
Betty McHaney
August 6
JoAn Blankenship
August 7
Harold Stanfield
August 7
Edna Hesser
August 8
Franklin Jackson
August 8
Karen Strong
August 10
Margaret Jackson
August 13
Winky Parker
August 13
Rickey Heath
August 15
Julie Raider
August 19

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

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 Chambliss and Dennis & Nancy Sloan, 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.

Jo Ann MacLellan

August 23

Bobbie Pierce

August 24

John Findeis

August 29

Mona Fredrick

August 29

AUGUST

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Karen Strong

August 1, 1970

Bobby & Wanda

Eubanks

August 2, 1970

Tom & Betty

McHaney

August 10, 1951

Rickey & Patricia

Heath

August 11, 1967

George & Barbara

DeMatteis

August 13, 1979

Ernest & Marianna

Moosa

August 26. 1960

Something to Brighten Your Day---

Yesterday I had a flat tire on the interstate. So I eased my car over to the shoulder of the road, carefully got out of the car and opened the trunk.

I took out 2 cardboard men, unfolded them and stood them at the rear of my car facing oncoming traffic. They look so lifelike you wouldn't believe!

They are in trench coats, exposing their nude bodies and private parts to the approaching drivers.

I started to change my tire, and to my surprise, cars started slowing down looking at my lifelike men. And of course, traffic started backing up. Everybody was tooting their horns and waving like crazy.

It wasn't long before a state trooper pulled up behind me.

He got out of his car and started walking towards me. I could tell he was not a happy camper!

"What's going on here?"

"My car has a flat tire," I said calmly.

"Well, what the hell are those obscene cardboard men doing here by the road?"

I couldn't believe that he didn't know. So I told him,

"Hello-o-o-o-o, those are my emergency flashers!"

HOW TO CALL THE POLICE IF YOU'RE OLD

George Phillips age 82 of Meridian, Mississippi was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. George opened the back door to go turn off the light, but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked 'Is someone in your house?' He said 'No.'

Then they said 'All patrols were busy. You should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available.' George said, 'Okay'. He hung up the phone and counted to 30. Then he phoned the police again.

'Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot them.' and hung up.

Within five minutes, six Police Cars, a SWAT Team, a Helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic, and an Ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence, and caught the burglars red-handed. One of the Policemen said to George, 'I thought you said that you shot them!'

George said, 'I thought you said there was nobody available!' (True Story)