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HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS



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JANUARY STATE MEETING January 21-23, 2011

The meeting will be at:

Cecil Bay RV Resort
110 Old Coffee Road
Cecil, GA 31627

Phone: (229) 794-1484

Cecil Bay is located just off I-75 approximately six miles south of Adel, GA.

AGENDA

Thursday evening: dinner at the Catfish House-carpool at 5:30 p.m..

Friday evening: 6:00 p.m. Everyone bring something for the vegetable soup pot. Meat for the soup will be provided by the Sta-Goners. Bread and crackers will be provided by hosts. Bring your own drinks. Games will follow dinner. Utensils and bowls will be provided.

Saturday: Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Scrambled eggs with sausage gravy and biscuits, coffee and orange juice.

9:30 a.m.: State business meeting with club meetings to follow.

6:00 p.m.: Chili will be provided by the Sta-Goners along with cheese, crackers, catsup, and hot sauce.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.: Sweet rolls, coffee and juice. **8:30 a.m.:** Devotions.

PRELIMINARY OUTING SCHEDULE FOR 2011

Mark these dates on your calendar and don't miss even one of them!

January 21-23, 2011 - State outing hosted by the Sta-Goners. See column one for additional information.

February 11-13, 2011 - At the Holiday Trav-L-Park in Chattanooga, TN (800-693-2877). Hosts will be James & Christel Cason (770-926-5825) and Bob & Eileen Clark (770-926-0476).

March 11-13, 2011 - At Leisure Acres Campground in Cleveland, GA (706-865-6466). The Homer Bunch will be hosts.

April 7-10, 2011 - Georgia State Rally
May 20-22, 2011 - State outing hosted by Gone with the Winnies at River Bend RV Park in Hiwassee, GA (706-896-1415).

June 10-12, 2011 - At Great Outdoors RV Resort in Franklin, NC (828-349-0412). Hosted by Hal & Bobbie Pierce (706-356-4533) and Bill & Annette Whitmire (770-489-6847).

July - Grand National Rally

August 12-14, 2011 - Fred & Linda Tomsett. Location to be announced.

September 16-18, 2011 - State outing hosted by the Metro Atlanta Winnies. Location to be announced.

October 14-16, 2011 - At the River Vista RV Park in Dillard, GA (888-850-7275). Hosted by Jesse & Theda Chambless (706-636-5212) and Bob & Mary Ann Bertke (770-597-1219).

November 11-13, 2011 - To be announced.

December 9-11, 2011 - Hosts will be Tom & Betty McHaney (706-356-2296) and Jim and Barbara Bell (706-779-2647).

(Corrections to Theda-706-636-5212)

OUR DECEMBER OUTING

A Christmas wonderland greeted the thirty Gone with the Winnie members at their December outing at the River Country Campground in Gadsden, Alabama. Decorations dazzled the eyes as every bush, tree and building reflected its colors in the adjoining Black Creek inlet.

Friday's evening meal was touted as "finger foods," but let me tell you, it was one of the most fun, delicious meals we have had in a long time. We should do that more often. A big "thanks" to our hosts for a great job from start to finish.



Our wonderful hosts Tom and Ronnie Padgett and Rickey and Pat Heath

After dinner we had our monthly business meeting. Even our business meetings are far from the norm. As President Hubert Blankenship was presiding at the meeting, at precisely 7:00 p.m. Hubert's cell phone/alarm clock sounded. He said, "Oh, it's time for my

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pills.” He promptly stopped, casually took out his little container of pills, removed the pills and took them. Then he proceeded to chair the meeting. Only Hubert could have done all this with such a deadpan face. You see, even our business meetings are entertaining!

Visiting and games afterwards were enjoyable. After all, we don’t get to see each other often and we have to take advantage of the time we have together.



Milton Dalton and Betty Werner discussing serious business

Saturday morning breakfast with biscuits, sausage gravy, grits (with a side of cheese), juice and coffee kept us going strong the rest of the day. Some of us went to the mall and did some Christmas shopping. Other just lounged around and enjoyed the beautiful weather.

The Saturday evening meal consisted of entrees of baked ham and turkey. Covered dishes from the members rounded the meal out perfectly. The lodge was beautifully decorated and with the additions from our hosts, we could tell Christmas wasn’t far away.

After dinner we exchanged gifts. The hosts didn’t call it “Dirty Santa,” but that is what I called it, because some dirty bird took the gift I wanted to keep! Afterwards some of us gathered around the piano and sang Christmas carols.



Bob Bertke insisted on helping Mary Ann open her gift

Sunday morning we had breakfast of cereals, fruit, rolls, juice and coffee. Devotions by Jesse Chambless followed immediately after breakfast because it was starting to snow and we all needed to get home and get our motor homes stowed away.

It was another good outing.

WE SAY GOODBYE

For one reason or another, several of our members have chosen not to continue to be a part of our GWTW family. Mostly they seem to have so many other commitments they just don’t have time for us.

Since this is the last GWTW publication they will receive, we want each of them to know how much we have enjoyed their participation and how much they will be missed. We also hope they will miss us so much in 2011 that they will return in 2012 (or sooner).

We wish each of you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a healthy, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HELP KEEP OUR ROSTER CURRENT

Sometime during January, 2011 you will receive an updated 2011 GWTW roster. If you have had a change during 2010 that hasn’t been included in our roster, please let Theda Chambless (jessetheda@etcm.com) know right away. Also, if you have changes after the 2011 roster is published, let her know so we can keep the list current. Thanks in advance. We appreciate all you do to keep our roster up to date.

TOO GOOD TO BE LEFT OUT



Linda and Fred Tomsett played Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus. They gave each person a gift.



Ernest and Mariana Moosa show the gift Mariana received



Diane and Roy Tyler



Waiting for their “Dirty Santa” gifts - Let’s get this show on the road!