

Metro Atlanta Winnies

July, 2006 News



Dear Metro Members:

Well, most everyone has returned to Georgia from GNR and other destinations targeted during the summer. Even with higher fuel costs, a lot of miles are being covered by our members! Of note, our web site was recognized as a Honorable Mention at GNR and our local chapter was recognized as a Chapter of Excellence. Our appreciation goes out to Fred Tomsett for all his work on the web site - way to go, Fred.

The attached summary of the July outing as guest of the Peach State Travelers (FMCA) was written by Susie Hamilton. Sounds like a fun weekend and thanks for Susie for having us and providing the write-up.

Just so you know, Bert & Carol Cuba haven't been able to get out like they would like to have during the last six weeks. Please keep them in your prayers along with Connie Lockhart. Brenda and I saw her a week ago and she is doing very well, all things considered.

On a lighter note, a lot of things are beginning to come together as we look toward the rest of '06 and into '07. I can hardly wait to get up to River Plantation Campground, Sevierville, TN on August 18-20. Our hosts, Jim & Chris Coil are sure to have a great weekend in store for us. Then, don't forget to let me know of your plans to attend the September State Meeting at the Sugar Mill RV Park, Thomasville, GA. More information will be coming out, but we will have a "50's/60's" dance on Saturday night, complete with a DJ!

I look forward to seeing everyone in Sevierville!

Doug Ralston

Metro Atlanta Winnies July Rally

The Metro Rally was held as a Friendship Rally with the FMCA Peach State Travelers Club. The rally was held at Bald Mountain Park Resort in Hiawassee, GA on July 21--23, 2006. The theme of the rally was "Christmas in July." The forty-seven attendees were welcomed on Friday afternoon by hosts wishing everyone a very hot, merry Christmas! The Activity Building was brightly decorated with Christmas trees, holiday decorations, red and green tablecloths, and Christmas centerpieces. If only the weather had been more like Christmas!

Hosts for the rally were John and Susie Hamilton. The Peach State Travelers welcomed members of the Metro Atlanta Winnies Club and other guests for a busy weekend of fun. The Winnies that attended included Milt and Paula Burch, John and Yvonne Cowan, and Ron and Reeva Munday. The Munday's son, Jeff, and his family; and, their daughter, Michelle, and her family came to enjoy a family reunion. Other guests were Marty and Pat Krause. We enjoyed meeting the guests and wish they weren't driving SOB's.

Friday evening the hosts served soups and sandwiches. After dinner the members and guests enjoyed a lively game of "Best Ball" putt-putt golf. The match was won with a score of 35 by Brenda Foster, John Hamilton, and Turk Milford. We questioned their adding abilities, but they swore that Brenda's putting abilities earned the low score. After the golf everyone returned to the building to cool off with ice cream and cookies.

On Saturday the group took the opportunity to enjoy the Georgia Mountain Fair, area gift shops, flea markets, and just cooling it amid the beautiful north Georgia mountains.

Saturday evening the hosts furnished a delicious chicken dish accompanied by pole beans, tomatoes, cucumber salad, lima beans, creamed corn, rice, and rolls. The group could hardly wait to dig into the cakes and trifle for dessert.

After dinner the Peach State Travelers Performing Troup put on a play entitled, "A Clampett's Christmas!" Based on the laughs from the audience the group was entertained by the antics of the troupe even if the acting failed to deserve a Tony nomination!

Next the hosts drew tickets for 21 wonderful door prizes. Terry had done her usual wonderful job of creating many beautiful Christmas crafts, Boyd had made a wooden "Jokers" game board, and the Carlyles had traveled far and wide to get nice door prizes. Thanks to Camping Time RV, Cracker Barrel, and other businesses for their donations.

Later the attendees enjoyed a rousing game of "Dirty Santa Bingo." Twenty-one real gifts were mixed with 21 "Booby" prizes. Those included a corn cob (in case of a paper shortage), a package of Depends (in case of a leak), a kitty-cat hat, and many other surprises which brought laughs from those lucky enough NOT to get a gag.

On Sunday morning the hosts served a breakfast of ham and cheese croissants, mixed fresh fruit, and juice. The attendees said their goodbyes and readied their coaches for the return home.

Metro Atlanta Winnies Outing Schedule 2006

September 15-17 - State Meeting – Sugar Mill RV Park, Thomasville, GA
(Make reservations thru Doug Ralston—w 770-592-9550; h 770-642-1659;
c 404-849-8376
Host Chapter – Metro Atlanta Winnies

October 20-22 -Cartersville KOA Campground, 800 Cass-White Rd. NW Cartersville, GA 30121
Phone: (770) 382-7330
Hosts – Doug & Brenda Ralston and Don & Kay Stroud

November 9-12 -SE Regional Rally
Georgia State Fairgrounds, Perry, GA
Hosts: GA & MS State Clubs

December -Christmas Party
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