



Metro Atlanta Winnies

OCTOBER 2007



Metro Atlanta Winnies October Newsletter

Members of the Metro Atlanta Winnies had an exciting weekend at the Pine Mountain Campground this past weekend. The weather cleared up by Friday afternoon and the rest of the weekend was beautiful. Happy hour started at 4 o'clock and then our hosts, John and Yvonne Cowan, along with Doug and Brenda Ralston, kicked off the Friday night activities with a wiener roast over an open campfire. We all toasted marshmallows later and prepared smores. Everyone then settled down around the campfire for an evening of laughter and fun. Saturday morning we caravanned to the Wild Animal Safari a few miles away. The group loaded up into a large bus with open windows, a large supply of animal food and headed into the park. The animals heard us coming and started running for the bus to be fed. The animals are so tame that they stuck their heads in the door and windows with mouths wide open. A giraffe put its entire head and part of his long neck into the bus and grabbed the food cup right out of Margie's hand!

We all had fun feeding the wild life and headed back to the main entrance building for lunch. After lunch, we visited the wild life zoo and then returned to the campground for the rest of the afternoon. That evening, a trip was made to town where we dined at local Italian restaurant.

Sunday morning the group was treated to breakfast followed by a short business meeting. Good-byes were said and everyone headed for home.

The November outing will be at the Cartersville KOA in Cartersville, Georgia. Call the campground at 770-382-7330 to make your reservations if you haven't already done so. A cookout is planned for Friday night and a turkey dinner for Saturday evening. Please plan to bring a pot luck side dish for the Saturday dinner. Famed story teller and folksinger Gary Greene will entertain us Saturday evening. You may remember Gary as he was our guide at the New Echota State Park we visited last June. A visit to the Booth Western Art Museum is planned for Saturday. See you in Cartersville.

Dan Rankin, President
Metro Atlanta Winnies

METRO ATLANTA WINNIES OCTOBER 2007 MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 20, 2007

Location:

Pine Mountain Campground, Pine Mountain, GA

Call to Order:

Dan Rankin, President called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m.

Reading of September 2007 Minutes:

The September 2007 meeting minutes were approved as published without being read.

Reading of the Treasurer's Report:

Linda Tomsett, Treasurer read the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report was approved as read. Linda Tomsett confirmed that everyone had paid for the Pine Mountain Animal Park costs.

Thank You's:

Dan thanked everyone for coming and thanked our hosts, John and Yvonne Cowan and Doug and Brenda Ralston.

Old Business:

2008 Dues are due by October 2007. Please make \$25.00 check payable to Linda Tomsett and mail to 455 Dan Place, SE, Smyrna, GA 30082.

Dan needs to have the members who have signed up to host in 2008 let him know which campground they have chosen as soon as possible so that we can send the information to WIT. We still have August and October still open and need hosts for those months.

New Business:

Fred Tomsett reminded everyone that our club web site address is <http://atlantawinnies.gawit.com> and the state site is <http://gawit.com>. Do not put www in the address. He also printed pictures of the Pine Mountain Animal Park bus with all attendees and applications for anyone who wanted them.

Election of Officers for 2008:

Dan Rankin announced that the nominating committee that was created to find new officers was headed by Doug Ralston and included Jeff Squires and Jim McKinnon. He opened the floor for any new nominations and with no new nominations made the following officers were voted on and approved:

- Dan Rankin, President
- Fred Tomsett, Vice President
- Sarah Sowers, Secretary
- Linda Tomsett, Treasurer

These officers will be sworn in during the January state meeting.

Upcoming Outings:

November - KOA in Cartersville. Dan will cook hamburgers Friday night and we will have a storyteller from the New Echota Park to be our entertainer. We will also tour the Booth Western Museum on Saturday.

December 22nd- Christmas Party at Dan and Margie Rankin's home.

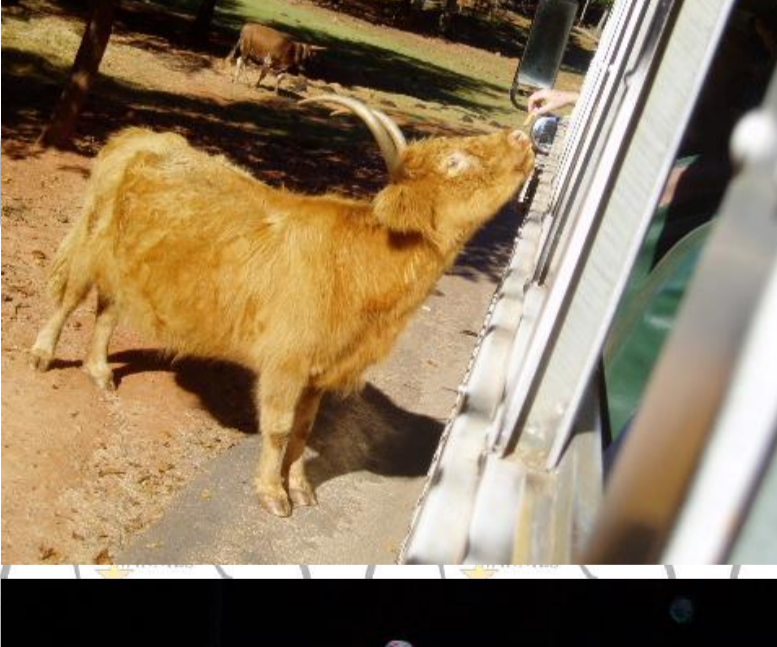
January 2008 - State Meeting in Valdosta - It will be held from Thursday through Sunday and Jim and Stu Lynn Simpson have some special things planned for us.

February 2008 - Fred and Linda Tomsett are hosting at the Cherokee, NC KOA and have planned a trip on the Smokey Mountain Railroad. The campground will purchase the tickets for us and will shuttle us to the train station in Bryson City. The trip will take about 4 hours total. Instructions and directions are listed on our web site.

March 2008 - We may be changing the date to the 4th weekend because Easter falls on the 3rd weekend and Roy and Sarah Sowers will be hosting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:05 a.m.

Submitted by Linda Tomsett, Treasurer



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