



Metro Atlanta Winnies

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Metro Celebrates 20 Years! Founders (as many as we could find)

By Sarah Sowers

Metros November outing was held at the Cartersville KOA. Our host and hostess, David and Myra Stainback, did an outstanding job of preparing the activities and food for the meeting.

This outing was very special as the Metro Atlanta Winnies were celebrating their 20th birthday. The Metro chapter was formed and started back in November of 1988 by David and Myra Stainback, who are very active members to this day!

Eleven Metro coaches showed up for the festivities plus fifteen guests including five past State and Metro presidents.

Friday evening everyone enjoyed a picnic dinner. Lots of fellowship followed. The 4 D's & E guitar band played into the night. (Dan, David, Don, Doug and Eric)

A business meeting was held Saturday morning with new officers for 2009 being voted in:
Fred Tomsett, President
Roy Sowers, Vice President
John Cowan, 2nd Vice President

Late Saturday afternoon the celebration began with a fantastic dinner to honor the club and to celebrate Thanksgiving. Turkey and ham, plus all the side dishes was served along with a birthday cake and candles.

The WIT 20th year birthday patch was presented to the group by President Rankin.

After dinner, more fellowship and a hot game of BINGO was played in the hall.

A full breakfast was served on Sunday morning. We all said our good-byes until we meet again.

Dan Rankin, President
Metro Atlanta Winnies

HISTORY OF THE METRO ATLANTA WINNIES

The newest WIT club in Georgia was the brainchild of Norris and Kitty Spencer who represented Winnebago in our area. They recruited members already in WIT by telephone and by meeting with new owners at local Winnebago dealers.

The first organizational meeting was held on September 10, 1988 at the Spencer's home in Roswell, GA with sixteen people present. During that meeting officers were chosen and chapter symbols were selected.



Officers elected were:
President: David Stainback
Vice-President: Norman Boisclair
Secretary: Pat Boisclair
Treasurer: June Knight

It was decided to name the chapter, Metro Atlanta Winnies as the plan was to recruit members from that area of the state.

Chapter colors of black, white and gold were chosen. The chapter patch and symbol is an outline of the state of Georgia with a star denoting Atlanta, and a motorhome design in bottom area of state.

An Application for Charter was completed and signed by Leslie Ramey, President of the Georgia Winnie Rebels State Club, who attested to attending the meeting of Metro Atlanta Winnies and finding everything in order.

The first Planning Meeting of Metro was held Saturday, September 24, 1988 at the Stainback's home in Roswell. There were nine members in attendance. Members decided to assess members for patches. It was decided that the star be circled on the patch. Members decided to hold rallies during the third weekend of the month and that the business meeting be held on Saturday afternoon of the rally.

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Myra holds up the original
Metro Atlanta Winnies patch.



The 20th Birthday patch from WIT



State Meeting January 16, 17 & 18, 2009

Make your plans now to attend the Georgia Winnie Rebels State Meeting in Elko, Georgia, at Twin Oaks RV Park. Please call the campground at 478-987-9361 to make your reservation and tell them you are with the Georgia Winnie Rebels. The host chapter for this meeting is the Sta-Goners. Contact Tom and Ronnie Padgett at 478-971-4017 to let them know you are coming. The reservation deadline date is January 10th. Make your reservations early so we can all be together.

At this meeting, new officers for all chapters will be sworn in. We also will wrap up any outstanding business for the April rally.

GWR had twelve coaches in attendance at the Louisiana State Rally in Rayne, LA. Two units rolled in early and ten coaches arrived in a caravan on Tuesday afternoon. We all had a wonderful time with tours, food and entertainment. Some photos are posted on the website with more coming. If anyone has any ideas for another caravan adventure next year, please let me know.

We are still in need of a 2nd Vice President!!! If you would be interested in stepping forward and assisting the club in this important position, let me know at the state meeting or contact me if you have any questions.

Hope to see you all in January.

Dan Rankin, State President
Georgia Winnie Rebels

2009 Schedule

January 16-18
State Meeting
Host: Sta-Goners
Location: Twin Oaks, Elco, GA

February 20-22
Host Needed

March 20-22
Host: Milt & Paula Burtch
Location: TBA

April 16-19
April State Rally Perry, GA

May 15-17
May State Meeting
Host: GWTW
Location: River Country, Gadsden, AL

June 19-21
Host: Cowan & Kerr
Location: TBA

July 17-19
(for those who can't go to GNR)
Host Needed
Location: TBA

August 21-23
Host: Ken & Judy Seifert
Location: KOA Cartersville, GA

September 18-20
September State Meeting
Location: TBA

October 16-18
Host: Fred & Linda Tomsett
Location: TBA

November 20-22
Host: Stainback & Stroud
Location: KOA Cartersville, GA

December 22
Christmas Party
Host: Roy & Sarah Sowers

We still need Hosts for February and July!

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Charter members of the club included the Boisclairs, Fletchers, Hamiltons, Knights, Leaches, Mohmey, Spencers and Stainbacks. In November the Jagers, Snells and Dean Grogan joined.

The October 14, 1988 the club celebrated its first monthly meeting at Bald Ridge Creek Park on Lake Lanier at which time David Stainback stated that he had received the Certificate of Chapter acceptance. Metro Atlanta Winnies was official! The Knights had been very actively communicating with members who weren't attending meetings and others whose names were furnished by the Spencers. Other members were encouraged to call new WIT members and tell them about Metro.

By the November meeting the Chapter had 17 members. Five coaches caravanned to Huntsville, AL to tour the space center and shop at Boaz. Members at the meeting decided to have a dinner meeting at the Steak and Ale in Dunwoody instead of a campout in December.

At the January Georgia State Rally in Statesboro, GA the chapter decided on the official name tag. It was decided that the tag would be white letters on black background in keeping with the chapter colors.

These meetings finalized the business criteria for getting Metro Atlanta Winnies official, but don't think that the rallies weren't also a lot of fun for those in attendance.

ELECTION HELD, NEW OFFICERS

The election of Metro Atlanta Winnies officers was held. The officers for 2009 are:

- Fred Tomsett, President**
- Roy Sowers, 1st Vice President**
- John Cowan, 2nd Vice president**
- Sarah Sowers, Secretary**
- Linda Tomsett, Treasurer**

Fun!



This picture reminds me of the story about the sky diver who's parachute wouldn't open. He was falling-falling-falling when he saw a guy coming up from the ground. He yelled out :
 "Do you know anything about parachutes?"
 The guy answered:
 " No, Do you know anything about lighting a gas fireplace?"

Special Pre Rally Event

Wednesday Hamburger cookout!

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Metro Atlanta Winnies Chapter

Rally News

Did you see our ad in the Nov./Dec. WIT News? We hope to attract more out of state visitors. We are the first State to put a half page ad in the WIT News. Decorations are well underway. The Elves have been working in the Tomcatt Workshop. Vendors have been contacted and we have four signed up so far. Some members have found us door prizes. It will help if each member finds a door prize. I'm sure that you know someone that you can talk out of something. Trinkets for goodie bags are also needed.

Circle your wagons for FUN at the

2009 Georgia WIT Rally April 16 - 19 2009

"Westward Ho the Wagons"

Entertainment: **Ray Shaw**
Cedar Hill Bluegrass Band
Jamin' with Dan and the Cowboy Guitars



- * Square Dance * BINGO * Cake Walk * Games *
- * Prizes * Ice Cream * Hot Dogs * Pet Parade*



Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter located on I-75 in Perry, GA
 \$125 Rally fee includes 3 nights of 30 Amp w/Full Hookups

Contact Dan Rankin at 678-772-9524 or dc.rankin@gmail.com

For details and registration form go to: <http://rally.gawit.com>

Past Members came to Celebrate the Anniversary



Five Georgia Winnie Rebels Past State Presidents and Dan



**Don't miss the
Christmas party
at
Dan & Margie's
December 22nd**



Gene Clopton, Milt Burch, David Stainback, Steve Thomas, Doug Ralston, Dan Rankin

See all the November pictures at <http://atlantawinnies.gawit.com>