



Georgia Winnie Rebels

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I don't know how to express my appreciation for all those that chipped in to help with the 2007 State Rally in Perry other than to say thanks to each of you. I think just about everyone attending assisted in some way. Attached is the summary of the Rally which was sent to WIT and will be included in the June WIT News.

I've had the chance to review all the survey's turned in and can report to you that the Rally was a success. Participation levels were extremely high for all major events. Sure, there are areas we can improve (and will), but overall everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and had a good time. I plan to pull together a summary of the feedback and present the results at the May State meeting in Gadsden.

Speaking of the upcoming outing in Gadsden, it's not too late to make plans to attend. Gone With the Winnies is our host chapter and they have put a lot of effort into making this a great weekend – complete with story telling! Just call the campground to make your reservation then advise Theda.

May 18-19

River Country RV Park, Gadsden, AL
256-543-7111

Call or email Theda Chambless to confirm your plans (706) 636-5212 or jessetheda@etcm.com

Also, don't forget the September State meeting hosted by Metro:

September 21-22

Twin Oaks RV Park, Perry, GA
478-987-9361 (prior to Sept 1st)

Advise Dan Rankin at 770-977-1911 or dc.rankin@gmail.com

The nominating committee has been hard at work developing a slate of officers for next year. If you have any desire to serve your club in a leadership role, please call the committee chairman, Hal Pierce at 706-356-4533 and let him know.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Gadsden and again, thanks to everyone for making the April Rally a success.

Doug Ralston

The 2007 Georgia Winnie Rebels State Rally "A Western Roundup" has closed and now recorded in the history books! We had 110 coaches attend along with a varied group of vendors, making this a successful rally. The rally was held at the Georgia Fair Grounds and Agra-center, located in Perry, GA. A large group of friends from Florida attended, along with 10 other states being represented in addition to Georgia.

The rally officially began on Thursday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.. The opening ceremony featured a color guard from a local high school presenting the flags and a warm welcome from Mayor James Worrall.

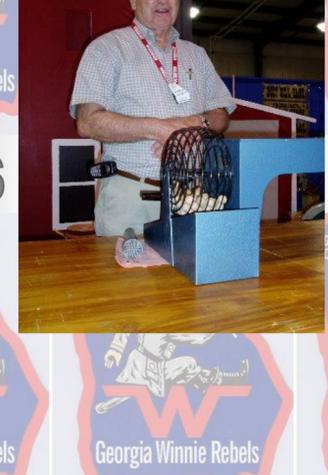
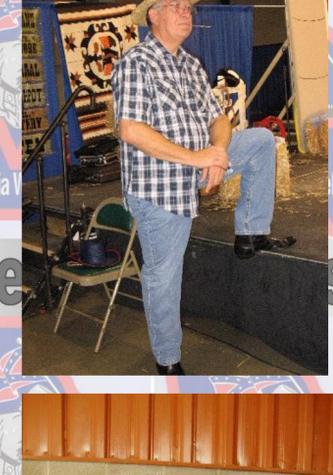
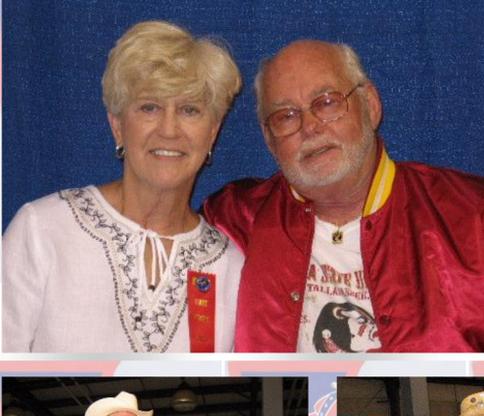
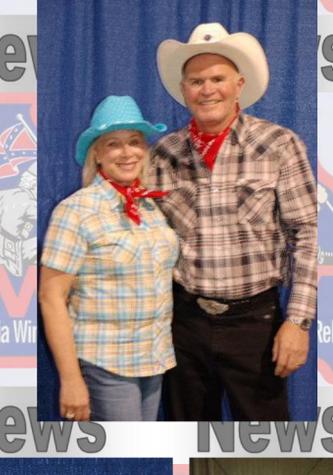
We had a fine complement of vendors providing both goods and services to the attendees. At the top of the list was John Bleakley Motor Homes, who provided coaches for viewing and for sale along with service technicians to take care of emergency repairs. Blue Ox provided free "tune-ups" for existing Blue Ox tow bars and Rally's R Us was seen all over the park. Coaches were being washed and detailed, carpets were being cleaned and folks were buying new name tags, veteran items, etc. A major run was made on the WIT store, buying new jackets, shirts, and hats.

The main hall for the rally had a large "Hee Haw" style barn center stage, providing the focal point of the room. Tables and walls were decorated in a western motif with cowboy hats, deputy badges and "wanted" posters featuring pictures of many members of the state club. A hearty thanks to the Huelsbeck's for the design and building of the barn and the Tomsett's for the table and wall decorations.

In addition to typical seminars being provided, special emphasis was given to the ladies this year, including a craft seminar (36% of the ladies attended) and a ladies driving class was conducted with 31 women completing the class representing 56% of the ladies at the rally! Hay rides were enjoyed by all and the Saturday afternoon square dance turned out to be as much fun for those watching as for those actually dancing! Dick and Mikki Dodge, WIT Eastern Area Representatives, held a seminar reviewing WIT tours.

Myra Stainback was the entertainment director and boy did she deliver! Friday night Ray Shaw kept everyone laughing and clapping to the beat of his varied selection of songs. The highlight of the rally was the Saturday night entertainment. Myra produced a musical (?) that highlighted the spectacular talents of our own WIT members. "Minnie Pearl" opened the show followed by singers, skits, line dancing and comedians. The show was closed by singing a medley of gospel songs. DVD's of the show were made available for sale and pick-up early Sunday morning.

Following Sunday morning continental breakfast, State Chaplain Henry Good presented a heart felt devotional. Then it was Happy Trails time as everyone told old and new friends goodbye and wished them a safe trip.



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