



# The REBEL ROUSER



Official newsletter of the Georgia Winnie Rebels - We rouse you to ACTION!

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# REGISTER FOR THE RALLY NOW!!!



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT Dan Rankin

As we start the beginning of 2009, Margie and I want to wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. We hope we can all use our motor homes to their fullest once again as the cost of operating has come down to a reasonable level.

Our club has had a fine year in 2008 with activities at outings being busy and fun. The Hawaiian Luau rally was very successful and was enjoyed by all. Our caravan to Louisiana was a highlight for those that attended. Perhaps another caravan could be organized with us traveling to some interesting place? Suggestions are welcome.

Now as we move ahead, your support by attending local chapter outings and state club meetings is important to the success of our organization - especially the annual Georgia

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## YOUR 2009 STATE OFFICERS



Back row, left to right: Fred Tomsett, Vice President; Dan Rankin, President. Front row, left to right: Theda Chambless, Secretary and Veronica Padgett, Treasurer.

## JANUARY OUTING AT ELKO

The weather was unusually cold at our January outing at Elko, but we were all as "snug as bugs in a rug" in their little club house. The Sta-Goners were wonderful hosts.

With 28 coaches attending, we had a grand old time. An old favorites sing-a-long Friday evening filled us all with nostalgia, and we sang "Happy Birthday" to Barbara Bell (GWTW) for her #\*!!?th birthday.

Saturday morning we had a "down home" breakfast of sausage gravy with biscuits (all homemade, I'm sure). State and club business meetings followed breakfast. At the State meeting, plans were finalized for the Georgia State WIT Rally in April. At noon Saturday, John Bleakley Motor Homes provided us with a hot dog luncheon.

Saturday evening the Twin Oaks RV park, where we were staying, prepared two baked hams and two turkeys. Along with the side dishes we brought, we had a real feast - absolutely wonderful!



Roy Sowers (Metros) just can't decide whether to have another piece of that cake behind him or not. Sarah isn't helping much.

Cash Bingo was the big attraction Saturday night. Nancy Sloan (GWTWs) won three straight games. Ronnie Padgett won the 50-50.

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## MESSAGES FROM TOMCATT



Please register for the rally as soon as possible. This will help us with the planning. Sign up to come one or two days early - on Tuesday or Wednesday. This will help us meet the minimum campsite days required to get the buildings for free. Additional pre-rally activities will be planned depending on the number of early campers. Metro Atlanta Winnies will be sponsoring a hamburger cookout for Wednesday at supertime.

## RALLY FUNDRAISERS

This year the State club will have a theme basket "Westward Ho." State members are asked to find something "western" for the State basket that we will raffle. I am starting the basket with some Cowboy movie DVD's. The local chapters are encouraged to raise money to pay for the rally also. You can bring basket items to the February or March local meetings, or the first day of the rally.

## DOOR PRIZES NEEDED

*We need members to find door prizes.*

**Talk a business out of something:** Get a product, a gift card, a check or their advertising items such as calendars, mouse pads or pens. Tell them that if they donate something you can then offer them a one-year ad on our award-winning website that will point to their business.

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## HELP NEEDED AT THE 2009 STATE RALLY

*We need members to assist in several jobs at this year's Rally.*

**Gate Minder:** Work at the gate to check in rally attendees. Please contact Tom and Ronnie Padgett to sign up for this task. Phone 478-971-4017 or vmp1045@windstream.net.

**Rally Breakfasts:** Help is needed to cook and serve breakfast each morning.

- Thursday - Metro men
- Friday - GWTW men
- Saturday - State Club men
- Sunday - Sta-Goners men.

**Vendor Assistance:** One person to welcome vendors as they arrive and guide them to their assigned booths. Please contact Fred Tomsett to sign up. 404-626-3696 or fred@gawit.com.

**Ice Cream Social:** Assist in making and serving ice cream. Ice cream machines are also needed. Please contact Grant Baldwin at 706-334-2264 or topofmt@earthlink.com.

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*Ronnie Padgett, state treasurer, won the 50-50 pot Saturday night. My, does she look happy. Do you think we could float a loan?*

Sunday breakfast consisted of sweet rolls and leftovers from Saturday morning, which everyone devoured.

Following breakfast, Chaplain Henry Good held devotions. His message was: don't sweat the small stuff, just love God and your fellow man.

After devotions, we unhooked the motor homes, hooked up the tow vehicles, and left the park in a torrential downpour.

Happy trails until next time!

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**Re-Gift:** If you have been given a nice gift that you will not use yourself, please donate it.

**Buy Something:** Some members have gone out and bought prizes to donate. Door prizes are being collected by Dan Rankin, Fred Tomsett, and Ronnie Padgett.

*You can bring prizes to the February and March local chapter meetings or to the rally.*

Fred Tomsett, Vice-President



## STA-GONERS PLAY CUPID



*Marie and Herb Jones*

A gregarious, outgoing, funny Herb related this story to us at the GWR State Outing, as reserved Marie looked on with an approving smile.

Marie and Herb were introduced at a State meeting in 1998. They continued to visit and learn about each other at Sta-Goner outings. Then Cupid's arrow found its mark and they were married in 1999. This year marks their 10th anniversary together as Sta-Goners and as husband and wife.

Since Marie's Winnebago had 100,000+ miles on it and Herb was relatively new to motorhoming, you can guess who was the teacher and who was the student. If you ever have a few minutes to spare, and need a good laugh, ask Herb about some of those experiences.

Marie and Herb want to thank all their friends at GWR, but especially their wonderful STA-GONERS.



## WE NEED CAKES FOR OUR CAKE WALK

*By Theda Chambless*

On Friday, April 17th from 4:00-5:00p.m., we will have an old-fashioned cake walk. When the music stops, whoever is standing on the number drawn will get the cake. The cost will be \$1.00 per walk and everyone is encouraged to participate. The proceeds will assist in defraying the expenses of the rally.

However, we need cakes galore. If you will contribute one, please contact me (Theda Chambless) at 706-636-5212 or jessetheda@etcm.com.

Maybe it should be called a "Cake and Pie" walk; or "Dessert" walk; but make sure whatever you bring would be equivalent to a nice cake, . . . okay? Thanks in advance for your help!



We know you think this first newsletter is nothing but your GWR officers' "Wish List," but this will be the last issue before the Georgia State Rally, and our only opportunity to convey our needs to you.

If you should have an item of interest you would like published in "The Rebel Rouser," please send it to Theda Chambless, new secretary and newsletter editor. Telephone 706-636-5212; e-mail jessetheda@etcm.com. An issue will be published after each State Meeting, with a special issue immediately following the State Rally.

**2009 GEORGIA STATE SCHEDULE**  
**State Rally** - April 16-19 at the AgriCenter in Perry, GA

**May Meeting** - May 15-17 at River Country RV Park in Gadsden, AL. Hosted by Gone With The Winnies

**September Meeting** - September 18-20 at Pine Mountain Campground in Pine Mountain, GA. Hosted by the Atlanta Metro Winnies

### YOUR STATE ROSTER

Please help us keep your State Roster up to date. Send any changes to Theda at jessetheda@etcm.com.

NEWS FROM THE METRO ATLANTA WINNIES



Fred Tomsett and Roy Sowers are sworn in as President and 1st Vice President of Metro Atlanta Winnies. John Cowan, our new 2nd Vice President was unable to attend because of illness. Sarah Sowers, Secretary, and Linda Tomsett, Treasurer, will continue with their same positions.

Metro's February meeting will be February 20-22 at Harvest Moon RV Park in Adairsville.

I hope to see all of you (or as Myra would say "Y'all") at the State Rally in April.

*Fred Tomsett, President, Metro Atlanta Winnies.*

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 Winnie Rebel WIT Rally!!! It is with extreme gratitude and delight that I see so many people volunteering to help and serve on various committees for this event. Member support by attending is not only important from a club standpoint, but necessary from a monetary value. Please register early!!!

Leadership is very important within our organization. Officers are needed to keep the ball rolling. The leadership role is structured in such a way that officers move up as time goes by, gaining experience within their position. A second Vice-President is needed to handle this objective. Someone needs to step forward to serve in this unoccupied position.

We also need to keep in our hearts and prayers thoughts for our members who are experiencing difficult times in their lives. Our chapter secretaries are doing a fine job keeping us informed in this area.

It is truly a pleasure for me to serve you and the Georgia Winnie Rebels as president for the next year and a half.



GONE WITH THE WINNIES SPOTLIGHT FUN, FUN, FUN



Mary Ann and Rick Spilman

For the past two years, Mary Ann has been contributing editor for the GWTW newsletter "The Winnie Wanderer." When you mention the newsletter to anyone, they immediately say, "Oh, I just love that 'Fun Corner'."

At the 2008 State Rally, Mary Ann picked on Dick Dodge, our Eastern Rep, to the point I keep wondering if he will return for the 2009 Rally in April.

Rick's computer expertise gets us out of a lot of trouble.

Circle your wagons for FUN at the

**2009 Georgia WIT Rally**

**April 16 - 19 2009**

**"Westward Ho the Wagons"**

Entertainment:

**Ray Shaw**

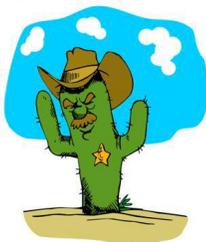


**Cedar Hill Bluegrass Band**

**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

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