

The REBEL ROUSER



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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



*Fred Tomsett
President*

We just had a very successful rally with a little luck and the hard work of many people. We only had positive feedback.

Our Georgia club members were happy, the guests were happy, and the campground owner was happy.

Our entertainers had everyone up dancing and rolling in the aisles laughing. Chuck Cape and the Majic Band were first class. We found them, thanks to Jim Bell, who saw them at an Elks hall.

We found a great caterer and next year we will have both dinners catered by them.

I have 1,558 pictures from our photographers to wade through for the web site. I hope to get the rally web site posted in about a week. A 2012 Rally button will appear on <http://gawit.com> when the site is ready.

I would like to thank all the members that jumped in and made this rally happen. I hope to see all of you at the state meeting next month.

**Fred Tomsett, President
Georgia Winnie Rebels**

THE FABULOUS FIFTIES



*A display of a few of the "Poodle Skirts" at our April 2012 Georgia WIT Rally
Marilyn Warner (Alabama); Ronnie Padgett (Georgia); Mary Steinmeyer (Florida);
Sarah Sowers (Georgia); and Lyn Brown (Georgia)*

Our April 19-22, 2012 Georgia State Rally was held at the Bald Mountain Camping Resort in Hiawassee, Georgia. It was a new location for us and comments ranged from "good" to "great," so we will probably use their facilities in 2013.

To kick off the rally, John Byrnside furnished and prepared a "welcome to the rally" hamburger dinner for everyone. Fantastic! Thanks, John!



John and Tom Padgett grill burgers



President Fred Tomsett presents Roy Sowers with a plaque thanking him for all his contributions to the success of the rally.



*Ray Vaughn
Navy Vet WWII*



The opening ceremony was held Thursday morning. Ray Vaughn and John Byrnside presented the colors while Fred Tomsett, President, Jesse Chambless, Invocationist, Butch and Becky Moore, Eastern Area Reps, and Pat and Doug Formanek, WIT General Manager, stood at attention on the stage.

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*John Byrnside
Army Vet*

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Seminars and lunch filled the time until the ice cream social at 2:00. The social was sponsored by Farm & City Insurance Services.

Peggy Longo enjoys the ice cream social

JoAn Blankenship taught us a new card game - Hand and Foot. It was lots of fun as the picture below shows.



Jamin' with Dan held on the Pavilion porch drew a large crowd. We all sung along, since he played and sang songs familiar to our age group.



Dan Rankin, a wonderful guitarist



Fred Tomsett hammed it up with one of Dan's songs. He was hilarious!

Bingo was a favorite game. As usual, Franklin Jackson was the caller, and as usual, he did a wonderful job.



Franklin Jackson



Franklin's helpers Patricia Heath, JoAn Blankenship and Margaret Jackson

Thursday night it rained steady all night. If you have ever slept under a tin roof, you know how good the pitter patter on the roof of a motor home sounds. It didn't dampen our spirits, even though the motorcycle tour had to be rescheduled for the next day and some of the games had to be brought inside.

Friday morning breakfast was a real downhome southern breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee and juice.

After breakfast, games and seminars kept us all occupied until the hot dog lunch inside the Pavilion. The skies were overcast with a drizzle that day. Lots of people shopped at the WIT Store to replenish their WIT logo garments. Doug & Pat Formanek and Butch & Becky Moore manned the store.



Becky was glad to take our money

An old-fashioned cake walk (or cake hop) at 2:30 had a lot of people hopping around the circle trying to win a cake. We had 31 cakes and pies.



Wanda Eubanks, Patricia Heath, Linda Tomsett and Chris Yontz served dinner

After a delicious dinner of spaghetti, salad, French bread, homemade banana pudding and iced tea prepared by GWR ladies, we went on to the evening entertainment.



Jim Bell as Jumpin' Jim

The Sock Hop with DJ Jumpin' Jim Bell was really funny! Jumpin' Jim with his Georgia Winnie Rebel entertainers showed we didn't need to go outside our club to get talent. Dan Rankin was Marty Robbins; Lyn Brown was Minnie Pearl; John Cowan was a young Elvis; and Hubert Blankenship was an older Elvis. They did a wonderful job.

Saturday breakfast consisted of pancakes, sausage, coffee and orange juice. Games and a WIT Tour Seminar kept us entertained until it was time for lunch - which we had on our own.

Early afternoon gave us a card game (Chase the Ace) and a Pet Parade. Judges for this important event were Marilyn Beardsall, Tim Winterstein (Bissell Rep), Vanessa Squires (Bissell Rep), Mattie Goben, and Paula Burtch. Yvonne Cowan officiated.

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AND THE WINNER IS . . .



Penny Hatmaker - Penny won first place for costume with **Belle Brown** taking second place. **Maddie Rankin** took first place for best character with **Molly Warner** taking second place.



Maddie Rankin



Molly Warner



Belle Brown

Each dog was allowed to choose its own prize from a selection on a table.

After an especially good catered dinner, we had prize drawings and registrations for a Prom King and Queen contest. Wow, did we have some good contestants. Dressed in the finest gowns and suits of the Fifties, they glittered all over the place, giving competition to the sparkling Giant Mirror Ball.



Sarah Sowers was elected Queen at the "Very Senior Prom," and Fred Tomsett was voted King. Lyn Brown was runner up for Queen and Roy Sowers for King.

Fifties music and entertainment were supplied by the live band Majic. Dancing the steps from the fifties was fun - we even did the charleston, twist, and many others, plus the slide.



Queen Sarah being serenaded

We had a continental breakfast before saying goodbye to our old and new friends until the next rally.



... THE END ...

PRIZE WINNERS



Fred Tomsett presents Joe Kahl of Louisiana the winnings for the 50-50 drawing.

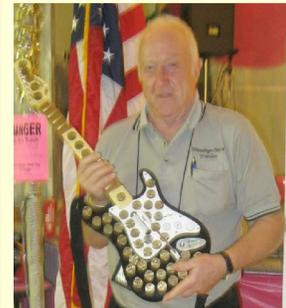


Dan Tuzzolo from Florida won our stainless steel grill.



Mary Ann Walkover of Calhoun KOA presented Creshia Reynon from Louisiana two free days at their park.

Marcel and Creshia Renon from Louisiana won the Georgia Basket.



Robert (Bob) Beardsall from Ontario, Canada won the guitar with 50 \$1.00 gold coins on it.

Wayne Maffet of Georgia/Florida won the rally theme basket.



Wayne and Pat Thomas from Georgia won the money umbrella.

Linda Tuzzolo from Florida won a jug of wine for finding Shorty.



OUR VENDORS



Eugene and Patsy Johnson
Passport America



Chip Maddox
Rally's "R" Us, Inc.



Aaron and MaryAnn Walkover
Calhoun KOA



Vanessa Squires and Tim Winterstein
Bissell Sweepers

MOTORCYCLE TOUR



David and Myra Stainback led the group on a tour of the beautiful north Georgia mountains. Doug & Pat Formanek, Marcel Renon from Louisiana and Byron Lewis from Alabama took part in the scenic ride.



GAMES



Wayne & Pat Thomas, John Findeis and Eileen Clark relax between games of "Snake".



Janice Whitehead and Winky Parker try their hand at "Sandbag Baseball." Competition was keen between Tennessee and Georgia. Tennessee finally won. Scores were 10 to 13 in favor of Tennessee. JUST WAIT 'TIL NEXT YEAR!



John Cowan drives the remote controlled "Thunderbird of the Future."

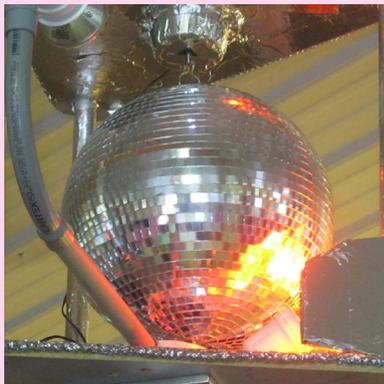


The Louisiana ladies loved "Hand and Foot."

STAGE AND HALL DECORATIONS



Thanks to Fred and Linda Tomsett, we had a beautifully decorated stage and hall reminiscent of the Fabulous 50's. A lifesize Elvis, a handmade juke box, and a soda fountain that revolved to make a movie screen.



The Giant Mirror Ball



GATE WORKERS



Gate workers JoAn Blankenship and Tom Padgett
Other workers were Ronnie Padgett, Winky Parker, Patricia Heath, John Byrnside and Theda Chambless

TACKY LIGHTS



When Jim Bell was performing as Jumpin' Jim, he was asked to announce that everyone should look for the tacky lights as they left the building. He wondered who would get them this year. Guess who - Jim and Barbara Bell!

ENTERTAINMENT



Jim Bell as Jumpin' Jim, a disc jockey, with Hubert Blankenship as an aged Elvis.



Lyn Brown as Minnie Pearl. Lyn was hilarious as Minnie Pearl. She had us all rolling on the floor.



Dan Rankin as Marty Robbins



John Cowan as a young Elvis



Hubert Blankenship played an aged Elvis while John Cowan played him at a younger age.



Marty Robbins with backup singers Marilyn Warner and Ronnie Padgett



Sarah and Roy Sowers



Ronnie Padgett and Chuck Cape, leader of Majic and major vocalist



JoAn and Hubert Blankenship

CANDIDATES FOR PROM KING AND QUEEN



Richard and Lyn Brown



Barbara and Nick Nicholson



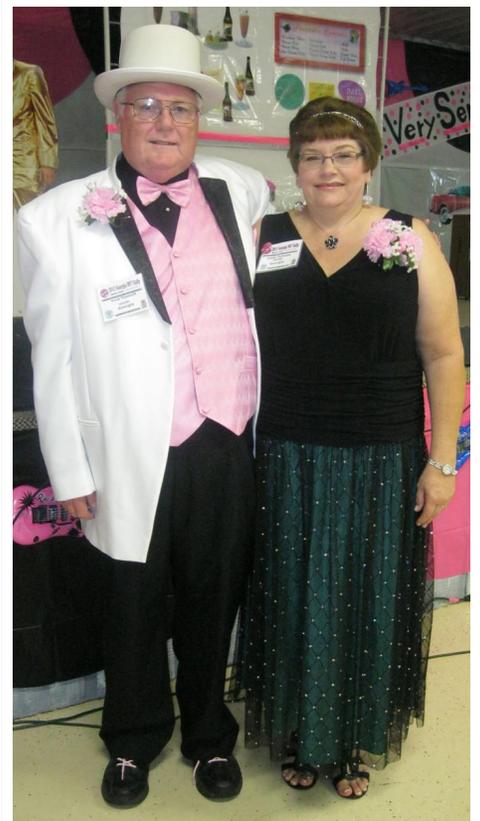
Ronnie and Tom Padgett



Sarah and Roy Sowers



Wayne and Pat Thomas



Fred and Linda Tomsett

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MORE CONTESTANTS



Jim and Pat Hatmaker



Fred Tomsett and Friend.
Fred's "Friend" is the teddy bear from the Theme Basket. The teddy bear matched his pink tie perfectly.



Elaine Byrnside and Shorty



Linda Tomsett



Ray Vaughn and Rickey Heath just couldn't resist those rocking chairs

TOO GOOD TO LEAVE OUT



Lyn Brown and Elvis



Fred Tomsett's personalized shirt
Fred is a whiz with a glue gun



Butch & Becky Moore and Doug & Pat Formanek



Myra Stainback crowns Queen Sarah



Ronnie Padgett, Sarah Sowers and Lyn Brown

TOO GOOD TO LEAVE OUT



Bob and Marilyn Beardsall



Richard and Lyn Brown



Mary Ann and John Findeis



Doug and Pat Formanek



Jim and Pat Hatmaker



Wayne and Jean Maffett



Becky and Butch Moore



Margie and Dan Rankin



Linda and Dan Tuzzolo



Janice and Harry Whitehead



Ed and Young Williams



Chris and Ray Yontz