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A LETTER FROM YOUR EDITOR

Dear GWTW Friends,

Building on the outstanding work of our past secretaries, I am attempting to institute a new format for our newsletter. I would appreciate it if you would critique this first issue in order to improve and provide you with the type document that would best suit you.

I am not at all versed in computerese, so Rick and Mary Ann Spilman have kept me on track. Thanks, friends! You have no idea what the first "trial" issue looked like. If yours is okay, you can thank the Spilmans.

Just what would you like to see in your newsletter? Is there something in it you don't feel is necessary? Please let me know and I will make whatever changes you deem necessary. Remember, . . . it is your newsletter!

Note our new e-mail address: jessetheda@etcmail.com.

STA-GONER HOSTS RECEIVE A+

At our January outing at Lake Park, GA we were met by StuLynn Simpson with a smile and a packet of information of nearby points of interest. It seems the Outlet Mall and Flea Market next door won hands down.

Friday dinner was on our own, but a fantastic array of desserts followed in the club house - than "chase the ace."

Saturday morning breakfast was pancakes with sausage, juice and coffee. Business meetings took most of the morning but we were free for lunch and all afternoon. Saturday evening a catered meal of one-half barbecued chicken with all the trimmings was great, but the entertainment afterwards was really something.



Carmen Savelli
Tifton, GA



Kirsten Underwood
Tyty, GA

These two talented young ladies (14 and 15) charmed the audience with selections ranging from country to Broadway hits. They were members of the "State Show Choir" in Atlanta.



Jimmie & Myra Willis were recognized for 69 years of marriage.

Rolls and coffee were served Sunday morning with devotions afterwards.

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS WE ALL WELCOME YOU!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Hosts should provide information to the editor at least two months in advance. Campouts that are 'TBA' in the WIT Magazine are not covered by insurance. It is the responsibility of chapter members to notify the hosts after making their reservations so the hosts can plan meals, etc. *It is very important that you let your host know you are coming so they will know how much food to prepare.*

February 9-11, 2007 - Lakepoint Resort, Eufaula, AL, 334-687-6676. Hosted by James & Rene Boatfield.

Please note that all times mentioned are Alabama time. The proposed agenda is as follows: Friday, February 9th, dinner on your own./ Saturday, February 10th - breakfast of sausage, pancakes, juice and coffee will be served at 9:00 a.m. / Saturday dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. with spaghetti, meat sauce and salad. Please bring a dish to pass for this Italian dinner. / Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. pastries, juice and coffee will be served, followed by a devotional.

Please call James and Rene Boatfield at (770) 358-3673 or e-mail jboatfie@peoplepc.com to let them know if you can attend. Make reservations at the Lakepoint Resort at (334-687-6676).

March 9-11, 2007 - Leisure Acres, Cleveland, GA, 706-865-6466. Hosted by the Homer Bunch.

April 19-22, 2007 - Georgia State Rally, Georgia AgriCenter, Perry, GA. *The theme is "Western Round-Up". Friday night's entertainment will be Ray Shaw. The clubs will be the entertainment for Saturday night. If you wish to be part of the entertainment, call Myra Stainback at 770-591-1852.*

May 18-20, 2007 - State Meeting, River Country RV Park, Gadsden, AL. Hosted by Gone With The Winnies.

June 8-10 - Location TBA. Hosted by James & Rene Boatfield, Rickey & Pat Heath and Gwin & Charlene Brewton.

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July 15-20, 2007 - Grand National Rally (GNR), Forest City, IA.

August 10-12, 2007 - Harvest Moon RV Park, Adairsville, GA. Hosted by Ken & Judy Seifert and Jesse & Theda Chambless.

September 21-23, 2007 - State Meeting. Location TBA. Hosted by Atlanta Metro Winnies.

October 12-14, 2007 - Location TBA. Hosted by the Hal & Bobbie Pierce and Bill & Annette Whitmire.

November 9-11, 2007 - Lakeside Landing RV Park, Pell City, AL. Hosted by the Carrollton Crew.

December 14-16, 2007 - Location TBA. Hosted by James & Rene Boatfield and Rickey & Pat Heath.

I'VE BEEN A THINKIN'!

By Theda Chambless



When I say, "I've been a thinkin'," Jesse says his knees get weak and he starts to tremble. Well, he can relax this time, 'cause this zany idea is aheadin' in **your** direction.

Back in October, we went to Jonesborough (the oldest town in Tennessee), to the 35th Annual National Storytelling Festival. It is really surprising how many people attend those festivals. Jonesborough boasts 12,000 residents, and this festival brought another 14,000. I can understand why, because it was loads of fun. Each storyteller had his/her own unique way of telling his/her story.

In Colquitt, GA (Jesse's home town), they have a presentation called "Swamp Gravy" that depicts their rich Southern heritage. The opening song starts with, "I've got a story to tell; you've got a story to tell; everybody's got a story to tell." Well, I'll bet that's true! Just how many of you have an unusual story about some relative, something that happened to you, or just love to tell a good story you've made up?

My idea is: wouldn't it be nice to have an annual Storytelling Festival? Can't you just see a banner heralding "WELCOME TO THE FIRST ANNUAL GEORGIA WINNIE REBELS STORYTELLING FESTIVAL." Wouldn't a good time to start be at the May state meeting when GWTW's are hosting?

We have ordered guidelines from Donald Davis, a very famous storyteller, telling how to start your new
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pastime. We would be glad to share this information with anyone interested in storytelling.

Is this idea too far fetched? Please let me know how it sounds to you: if you think it's a good idea; if you would participate as a storyteller; or if you think it is downright undoable.

Please note that our new e-mail address is jessetheda@etcm.com. Send us your comments.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

By Betty Werner



PEANUT BUTTER BALLS

1 C. Graham Cracker Crumbs
2 Sticks Margarine, Melted
1 - 7 oz. Jar Marshmallow Cream
1 C. Finely Chopped Pecans
1 Can (3-1/2 oz.) Coconut
1 C. Peanut Butter (either kind)
1 tsp. Vanilla Flavoring
1 Box Powdered Sugar
Mix together, shape into balls and chill. Melt together over low heat or double boiler: 1 cake paraffin and 2 (12 oz. pks) semi-sweet chocolate chips. Dip chilled balls in chocolate and place on wax paper. Makes approx 50 balls.

DON'T FORGET OUR WEB PAGE



Our webmaster, Fred Tomsett, is a real prince. If you haven't looked at our web page recently, don't walk, but run to your computer.

Our web site can be found at <http://gwtw.gawit.com>. From there you can find links to the state club and other chapters. The site is continually updated with the latest photographs taken at our many outings. You can help Fred if you will send him any pictures you take at recent meetings.

If you know anyone looking to become a member or you want to show them what we are about, just direct them to our web site. There they will find our schedule of events and copies of our newsletter.

Thanks, Fred, you're doing a great job!

GWTW SHIRTS AND HATS

If you would like a GWTW hat or shirt, please contact Betty Sprayberry at (706) 677-3972 or by e-mail at absberry@windstream.net.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

David MacLellan -Feb. 5
Barbara DeMatteis-Feb. 9
Wayne Welch-Feb. 9
Babs Walz-Feb. 18
Paula Burtch-Feb. 20

ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Wanda Hill-Feb 4 (37 yrs.)
George & Betty Werner-Feb. 9 (6 yrs.)
Hubert & JoAn Blankenship-Feb. 19 (36 yrs.)

TECH TIPS

By Rickey Heath



Your roof trim needs to be checked at least every six months to a year to see if the caulking has dried out. This caulking is what keeps the roof from pulling up from the roof tracks.

CRAFTY JO SEZ:



"TIE A KNOT - SAY A LOT"

If you can tie a knot you can make a throw or a blanket. Our club will be making THROWS and BLANKETS for cancer patients and nursing homes at our February campout.

JoAn Blankenship

FUN CORNER

By Mary Ann Spilman



MARRIED 25 YEARS, RETIRED, BUY A MOTORHOME, AND THEN I LEARN HE CAN DO WINDOWS....