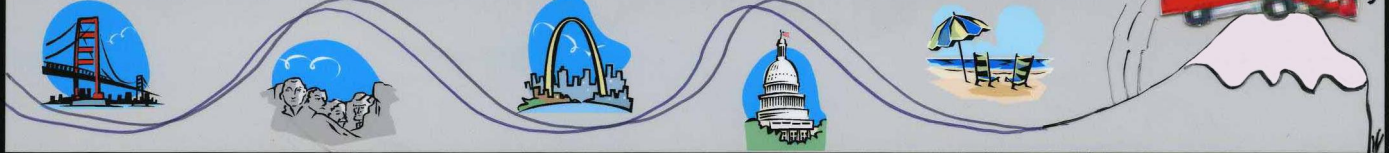


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## WE DID IT !!



### 3 FIRST PLACE WINNERS



### 2008 GRAND NATIONAL RALLY

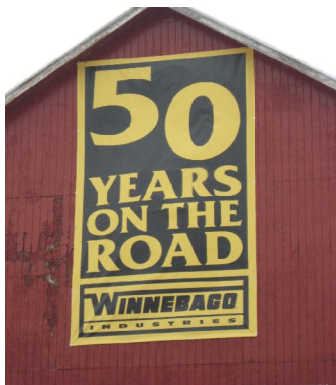
Forest City, Iowa

By now most of you have heard that **Fred Tomsett** won first place for the State website, **Atlanta Metros** first place for chapter website and **GWTW** first place for the Newsletter. We heard this was a

first in that one State was first in all these categories. **Georgia** stood tall! Remember our winnings last year were great too. Georgia is on a roll, let's keep it going for 2009.

Speaking of on a roll, let's keep our Motor Homes rolling. Start planning now for the 2009 State Rally, 2009 Grand National Rally and for now the 2008 September, October, November and December Outings.

Winnebago celebrated 50 years and the slogan shown below was everywhere on the Rally grounds. The row of state flags is impressive. See our Georgia flag:



Since Dan Rankin, our State President, had a conflict and could not attend GNR and no Chapter President was attending; and Charlene Brewton was the only officer and actually the Brewtons and Jacksons were the only active local chapter members attending, guess who was selected by Dan to be head of row? The Brewtons.....it was fun after the shock. The Brewtons felt it an honor to represent Georgia in the parade of flags. On Page 3 is a picture of Charlene and Gwin waiting for the official GNR opening to begin.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark These Events On Your Calendar

*Hosts should provide information to the editor at least two months in advance.* Campouts that are 'TBA' in the WIT Club News are not covered by insurance. **It is very important that chapter members notify the hosts after making their reservations so the hosts can plan meals accordingly.**

**September 19-21, 2008** - State Outing hosted by Atlanta Metros, River Country Campground, Gadsden, AL, [www.rivercountrycampground.com](http://www.rivercountrycampground.com), or call 256-543-7111.

**All Meals:** Bring your own plates, silverware and drinks. Coffee served.

**Plans for meals:** Notify Fred Tomsett at [fred@gawit.com](mailto:fred@gawit.com) or call 404-626-3696.

**Friday Night** - Top of the River Restaurant and back to the River Lodge afterwards.

**Saturday, 8:30 a.m.** - Eggs, potatoes, sausage, etc.

**Meetings** - State Meeting at 10:00 a.m. followed by local chapter meetings.

**Saturday Lunch** - On your own.

**Rally Planning, 2:00 p.m.** - Meet to plan for the April 2009 State Rally.

**Saturday Night, 6:00 p.m.** - Main dish is Fred's Macaroni and Beef. Please bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to share.

**Sunday, 8:30 a.m.** - Danish, juice and coffee.

**Devotional** - follows breakfast.

**"Goodbyes and Happy Trails"**

(Upcoming Events Cont'd. from Page 1)

**October 10-12, 2008** - Hosted by Ernest and Mariana Moosa and Jesse and Theda Chambless, Cartersville KOA, Cartersville, GA, 800-562-2841, 770-382-7330.

**November 14-16, 2008** - Hosted by Rick and Mary Ann Spilman and Henry and Shelby Good, Lakeside Landing RV Park, Pell City, AL. **Do not call the Park - call the Spilmans.**

**December 12-14, 2008** - Hosted by the McHaney's, Pierces, Brewtons and Casons, Pine Mountain Campground, Pine Mountain, GA, 706-663-4329.

**Reservations** - Remember to make your reservations for the remainder of the year if you have not done so. Many of the RV parks have only one meeting room. To assure that we have a meeting room, we need to make reservations early. Most parks allow cancellation ten days prior to arrival with no penalty.

**LIVING BY GOD'S WORD**

By  
Chaplain  
Henry Good



We say: "I can't figure things out."  
God says: "I will direct your steps."  
"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shall go: I will guide thee with mine eye." Psalm 32:8 KJV

**TECH TIPS**

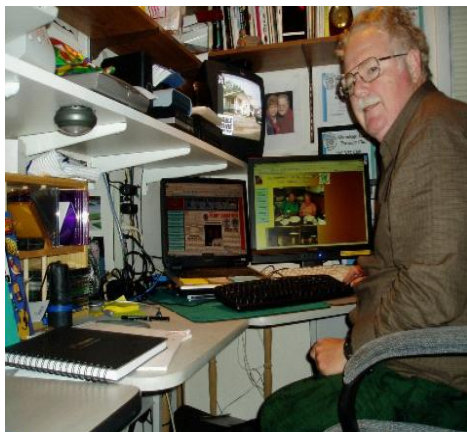
By Rickey Heath



A few years ago, the Department of Transportation required tire manufacturers to use a code on tires to tell when the tire was made. The last two digits in the code tell you what year the tire was made. Knowing what year they were manufactured will give you a clue as to when they need replacing even if they still have tread. The rule of thumb for replacement is 5-7 years.

**VIEW OUR WEBSITES**

By Fred Tomsett



Our website is evolving and growing. Last year I added the videos. This year the archive of newsletters will come up as PDF files that are easy to read or print. Membership applications and rally registration forms will also be PDF which will print with less problems than we had in the past. The traffic for the sites has been increasing. We have had the following number of visits to the sites. GAWIT State site had in 2007, 6,413 visits, in 2008, 7,708. GWTW site had in 2007, 2,785 visits, in 2008, 3,191. Metro site had in 2007, 2,820 visits, in 2008, 3,512. Please visit our websites each month as changes are made every month. Thanks,

Fred

By Judy Seifert



**DID YOU KNOW . . .**

...you can spray your Tupperware with nonstick cooking spray before pouring in tomato based sauce and there will be no stain.

...before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill with hot water. Pour out hot water, do not dry cup. Add ingredient such as peanut butter, and watch how easily it comes right out.

**A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER**

Betty McHaney, our Treasurer, asked that you be reminded that your 2008 Gone With the Winnies club dues should be paid on or before the October 10-12, 2008 outing at the Cartersville KOA, Cartersville, GA.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- Jesse Chambless, August 5
- Zana Palmer, August 5
- Betty McHaney, August 6
- JoAn Blankenship, August 7
- Harold Stanfield, August 7
- Edna Hesser, August 8
- Franklin Jackson, August 8
- Karen Strong, August 10
- Margaret Jackson, August 13
- Winky Parker, August 13
- Rickey Heath, August 15
- Julie Raider, August 19
- Jo Ann MacLellan, August 23
- Bobbie Pierce, August 24
- John Findeis, August 29
- Mona Fredrick, August 29

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- James Cason, September 3
- Charlene Brewton, September 5
- Tim Whitmire, September 8
- Milt Burtch, September 9
- Hal Pierce, September 12
- Esther Stanley, September 12
- Martha Blair, September 13
- Kathy Baldwin, September 15
- Don Blair, September 20
- Judy Wilkinson, September 25

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

- Tommy and Betty Mchaney August 10, 1951
- Ernest and Mariana Moosa August 26, 1960
- Rickey and Patricia Heath August 11, 1967
- Bill and Karen Strong August 1, 1970
- Bobby and Wanda Eubanks August 2, 1970
- George and Barbara DeMatteis August 13, 1979

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- James and Rene Boatfield September 15, 1957
- David and Jo Ann MacLellan September 1, 1961
- Don and Kay Stroud September 1, 1962
- Lewis and Joyce Crosby September 19, 1999

**JUNE WHAT AND WHERE IS THIS?**

Jesse Chambless correctly answered, "The Astoria Column atop Coxcomb Hill, Astoria, OR". The only historical monument of its type, a colorful pictorial frieze depicts westward expansion.



(2008 Grand National Rally cont'd. from Page 1)



There were six coaches parked in the Georgia row. This included Franklin and Margaret Jackson and their two granddaughters, Christin and Madison; Jim and Kaye Baskins, Marietta (some of you will remember they visited with GWTW at Leisure Acres in March, 2008); Kaye's sister and brother-in-law, Ron and Jean Peach, Hot Springs Village, AR;

John and Joy Barrett, Lake Park, GA; and Sam and Margaret Broady, Ellijay, GA.

There were eight coaches from Georgia (a total of 13 from Georgia) parked in other rows such as Section E, MILWITS, WITNets Club, WIT Racing Club, Singles Club and FL State Row.

We all had more we could do than you can imagine unless you have been to GNR and Pre-Rally Week. There are so many activities - tours, seminars, craft classes, music, vendors, bicycle trails - there is no way you can do it all. With so many things to do, everybody marked their schedules and mostly went their separate ways with everyone commenting on their fun filled days.

Together, we all enjoyed the parade and on Row Party day serving the Georgia refreshment, "ice cream", under the trees instead of in front of the sunny coach across the street (see our folks below at both events).



Georgia folks enjoying the parade



Dipping over 300 cups of ice cream.

We broke tradition since none of the group had ice cream freezers. Our buddies roaming around the row parties really enjoyed the many different flavors. Many wanted a little of this and that. Fun! Fun! visiting others grabbing a buffalo burger, comparing the various state BBQ, salads and tasty and zesty LA foods (if you enjoy LA cuisine sign up for the LA Rally, October 24-26, and join the GA caravan).

Our group made sure we went to The Branding Iron, a favorite restaurant. Some returned to order something that someone had that looked oh so good!

Space is gone: The CBS Morning Show was there, the Rock and Roll decorations and music returned us to the '50's, the evening shows, Pre-Rally Week, the Parade are a must and much, much more. The last official count we heard was 1,825 coaches. See [www.gawit.com](http://www.gawit.com) for the rest of the story in pictures.

### HIAWASSEE OUTING

While the group was small with nine coaches, the fun and fellowship that happens when you sit outside and chat registered a high **TEN**. Of course, there was Chase the Ace. Because of the small group there was no meeting room so the meals primarily were trying out the local restaurants.

Saturday night everyone enjoyed a cookout. There is "nothing like the smell of the grilling mixed with the fresh mountain air". What a treat!

No official chapter meeting was held. However, it seems that any and all chapter problems as well as the world problems were solved during the chatting sessions. So, everyone left relaxed, rested and looking forward to the Gadsden Outing in September at River Country, one of the GA groups favorite campgrounds. See you there.

### FUN CORNER

By Mary Ann Spilman



#### BUBBA HAS THE SHINGLES

Doesn't it seem more and more that physicians are running their practices like an assembly line? Here is what happened to Bubba:

Bubba walked into a doctor's office and the receptionist asked him what he had. Bubba said "Shingles". So she wrote down his name, address, medical insurance number and told him to have a seat.

Fifteen minutes later a nurse's aide came out and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said "Shingles". She wrote down his height, weight, complete medical history and told Bubba to wait in the examining room.

After a half hour, a nurse came in and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said "Shingles". So the nurse gave Bubba a blood test, a blood pressure test, an electrocardiogram, and told him to take off his clothes and wait for the doctor.

An hour later the doctor came in and found Bubba sitting patiently in the nude and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said "Shingles". The doctor asked, "Where?" Bubba said "Outside on the truck. Where do you want me to unload 'em?'"

### RECIPE OF THE MONTH

By Betty Werner



#### GAZPACHO ANDALUZ

1 clove garlic, 1 med. onion, 6 fresh tomatoes, peeled, 1 green pepper, 1 cucumber, peeled and seeded, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper, 2 tbsp. wine vinegar, 2 tbsp. olive oil and dash of hot pepper sauce or pinch of cayenne.

Put all ingredients in a blender and give it a whirl until all is liquified. Chill for several hours and serve with additional of any or all of the vegetables chopped and/or croutons for garnish.

Hint: You can use 3 fresh tomatoes and a 15 oz. can of stewed tomatoes.