



# Gone With The Winnies Newsletter

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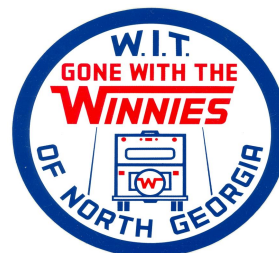
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## July No Meeting - GNR

We had no meeting in July due to the GNR in Forrest City. I was told that it was another good one and there were around 1200 units in attendance.

Since we did not have a meeting, Mary Ann and I went to see my mother and Don & Martha Blair in Tulsa, OK. We had a disturbing start to the trip. We went to Chattanooga for the first night and as we left the next morning I had a loss of thoughtfulness and failed to bring in the door awning. (Those things are pretty strong – smile). I caught it on a tree as we were heading out of the park and I went ahead and just closed it since I did not want to know what I had done. Fortunately there was just a small tear in the fabric and the unit was fine. I ordered some new fabric and changed it out after we got home.

That just started the day as we were headed to Clarksville, TN for that night. When we got there and checked in, I pulled us to our site and went out to disconnect the jeep. To my surprise, there was no cover on the engine anymore. The frame was still there, but the fiberglass covering had fallen off somewhere on the trip. That was disheartening. We got a new part from Winnebago after we got home and had it painted and it is now installed.

So the moral of the story is – check everything that sticks out from the side of your motor home before moving it and if you have anything glued onto it like our engine cover was, be sure and check them regularly for that fabulous epoxy that is used being loose. Don't run around with your rear-end showing like we did (GRIN).

## August in Milledgeville, Georgia Meeting

We arrived on Thursday afternoon which from what we understand was a good day to arrive. It seems that the days before had been very rainy and several folks ended up with their motor home feet stuck in the mud. It seems that several feet had to be dug out before they could be lifted and boards put down to keep the motor homes from tilting.

## Editors' Corner

### Food For Thought:

Since most of us fall into the Senior Citizen category, I think that it is time that we consider what is happening to our country. Most have served in the armed forces to protect our rights to freedom from governmental abuse. Most have worked hard for many years in order to hopefully enjoy a time in their later years to relax and live life comfortably.

It seems that our politicians now have a different idea for us. Most of them have not served their country in the military, or even had a real job in the real world other than being a politician. How can we believe that they have our interests in mind when they do not even know or understand what our interest are?

It is time for the silent majority to wake up and bring America back to its senses. If we don't do it now, I am afraid there will be no freedoms to fight for in the future and the generations following us will no longer be able to enjoy what we have built for them. The deficit is not the real culprit, but rather the lack of freedom to pursue life the way they want and to work to make a living that everyone can survive on.

Rick Spilman

It seems that the 'Jim Bell' repair crew was busy much of the time going from motor home to motor home fixing odds and ends that had happened to folks. Jim and crew – Thank You for all your support to the members of the club!!!

Thursday night most folks stayed in and grabbed a bite to eat in their motor homes. Friday night most folks went out to a local restaurant on the lake for some good food and friendship. After dinner, ice cream was served at the meeting room and then some games were played.

Saturday morning our hosts had breakfast waiting for us. Pancakes and sausage were served and no one left hungry. Our business meeting was held with very little new business to discuss.

Lunch was on our own with supper being 'Pork Loin' with everyone bringing some super side dishes and desserts. As usual the food and friendship was extraordinary. Afterwards, most folks gathered either on the screened porch or by the pool to visit and tell the usual almost truths (grin).

Sunday morning was met with sausage, rolls and coffee. Everyone said their good-byes and headed down the road until next time. Our greatest appreciation go out to our hosts. They did a wonderful job for our get-together!!

### *Do you have intermittent 12 volt problems in your motor home? Check your tires for age and wear!*

I have always tried to be very diligent keeping track of the batteries on the motor home. I have wet cell/deep cell batteries for the house side and always keep them filled to the proper level and inspect them for damage of any kind. However, I had not been paying much attention to the terminal connections other than to look for the dreaded gunk build up that you see on batteries from time to time. I had not paid much attention to the fact that the terminal connector wires were grey (they were that way when we bought the motor home). It seems that they are copper color rather than grey. It also seems that if they get too grey they will no longer take a full charge and will actually lose charge much more quickly. We found over the early months of this year, our lights would not stay quite as bright for as long of an evening and that our 'surround sound' system would pop when lights were turned on and off. This would cause the volume on the TV to drop way down when the light was turned on and come back up when the light was turned off. The inverter would drop to only showing a feed of around 11 volts and the battery readings on the electronic center would also be down in the low 11 volt area. It would not get back up to the 13 volt level at all even with very little draw on the system. The inverter should show 13 to 13+ volts going to the batteries on the electronic panel. I ended up having a company check out the system in Branson (that was costly) and they cleaned the terminals and connectors and sure enough the voltage came back up to where it should be and our intermittent low voltage problems went away. So, check your connections and maybe even scrape one of the connectors to see what color they should actually be (smile).

Be sure and not only check pressure in your tires before your next trip, but please make a special effort to get down and inspect the tread and sidewalls. Most folks say that if your tires are over 7 years old, they should be changed out no matter how little they look worn. Since our motor homes sit more than they travel, it seems that the sidewalls will crack and become a safety hazard long before we wear them out. Some folks keep their tires covered when the motor

SEPTEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS

**James Cason**  
September 3  
**Charlene Brewton**  
September 5  
**Tim Whitmire**  
September 8  
**Milt Burtch**  
September 9  
**Hal Pierce**  
September 12  
**Ester Stanly**  
September 12  
**Martha Blair**  
September 13  
**Kathy Grant**  
September 15  
**Don Blair**  
September 20  
**Judy Wilkinson**  
September 25

SEPTEMBER  
ANNIVERSARIES

**JoAnn & David  
McLellan**  
September 1, 1961  
**Kay & Don Stroud**  
September 1, 1962  
**Rene & James  
Boatfield**  
September 15, 1957  
**Joyce & Lewis  
Crosby**  
September 19, 1999

OCTOBER  
BIRTHDAYS

**Gladys Cain**  
October 4  
**Jerry Hill**  
October 4  
**Jim Shari**  
October 4  
**Judy Seifert**  
October 12  
**Tom Padgett**  
October 13  
**Annette Whitmire**  
October 25

home is not moving around and others have put treatment on the tires to help keep them from cracking. You hear stories that many of the treatments actually make the sidewall problem worse and that covering them does not necessarily reduce the risks. So be sure and do your research to determine what is best for your particular situation.

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Keep all our members in your prayers as we go forward in the year. George & Betty Werner were at the meeting in Milledgeville. George is still working hard at recovering but both are in high spirits. Also, please think about Betty Sprayberry who is a bit under the weather right now. Hopefully she will show much improvement in the near future. Hopefully this will be the last of these new entries. Every member of our club is needed and missed when they are not present.

*Mark These Events On Your Calendar*

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

*Sept. 18-20, 2009*

State Meeting, Pine Mountain Campground, Pine Mountain, GA hosted by Metro Atlanta Winnies, 706-663-4329.

*October 9-11, 2009*

Hosted by Jesse and Theda Chambless and Dennis & Nancy Sloan, Cartersville, GA KOA, 800-562-2841 and 770-382-7330.

*Nov. 13-15, 2009*

Key West, Florida

*Dec. 11-13, 2009*

Gone With the Winnies Christmas Outing, River Country RV Park, Gadsden, AL, 256-543-7111.

**Betty Werner**

October 26

**Margie Rankin**

October 28

OCTOBER  
ANNIVERSARIES

**Ronnie & Tom**

**Padgett**

October 12, 1958

**Julie & David**

**Raider**

October 18, 2003

**Linda & Fred**

**Tomsett**

October 21, 1995

**Bonnie & Doug**

**Rounds**

October 23, 1954

**Mary Ann & Rick**

**Spilman**

October 31, 1980

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I have a customer who owns a 2001 Ultimate Freedom 40' with 39,000 miles on it. It has been housed in his hangar at the airport the whole time he has owned it. He is asking \$100K for the unit. Let me know if you might be interested. - Rick

Something Relevant To Your Day---

*Think about this:*

- 1.. Cows
- 2.. The Constitution
- 3.. The Ten Commandments

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**COWS**

Is it just me, or does anyone else find it amazing that during the mad cow epidemic our government could track a single cow, born in Canada almost three years ago, right to the stall where she slept in the state of Washington? And, they tracked her calves to their stalls. But they are unable to locate 11 million illegal aliens wandering around our country. Maybe we should give each of them a cow.

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**THE CONSTITUTION**

They keep talking about drafting a Constitution for Iraq .... Why don't we just give them ours? It was written by a lot of really smart guys, it has worked for over 200 years, and we're not using it anymore.

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**THE 10 COMMANDMENTS**

The real reason that we can't have the Ten Commandments posted in a courthouse or Congress is this -- you cannot post 'Thou Shalt Not Steal' 'Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery' and 'Thou Shall Not Lie' in a building full of lawyers, judges and politicians ... it creates a hostile work environment.

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