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WE'RE LOSING A FRIEND . . . JOHN BLEAKLEY MOTOR HOMES IS GOING OUT OF BUSINESS



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REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2011 GRAND NATIONAL RALLY

If you haven't already registered for the upcoming GNR it's not too late! You can find a registration form in your most recent WIT Club News, or go online for that and additional information at www.witclub.com.

The gate opens on Sunday the 17th and closes Friday the 22nd. Exciting events will be happening, such as:

- o Forest City celebration activities
- o Classic car cruise-in
- o Pre-Rally local and regional tours
- o Nightly entertainment
- o Vendors and seminars
- o Airplane rides over Forest City
- o Blue Ox challenge
- o Tuesday night state row parties
- o Outdoor recreational activities
- o 3rd annual Happy Camper Cookoff
- o Sneak peek of 2012 Winnebago and Itasca models
- o Sport and art competitions.

Register now - you'll be glad you did!

OUTING SCHEDULE FOR 2011

Mark these dates on your calendar and don't miss even one of them!

July 17-22, 2011- Grand National Rally, Forest City, IA. See column 1 for additional information.

August 12-14, 2011 - At River Country RV Park in Gadsden, AL (256) 543-7111. Hosted by Fred & Linda Tomsett (770) 438-1921.

September 16-18, 2011 - State outing hosted by the Metro Atlanta Winnies at the KOA RV Park in Calhoun, GA (706) 629-7511.

October 14-16, 2011 - At the River Vista RV Park in Dillard, GA (888) 850-7275. Hosted by Jesse & Theda Chambless (706-636-5212).

November 11-13, 2011 - To be announced.

December 9-11, 2011 - At the River Country RV Park in Gadsden, AL (256) 543-7111. Hosted by Tom & Betty McHaney (706-356-2296) and Jim and Barbara Bell (706-779-2647).

(Corrections to Theda-706-636-5212)

HELP KEEP OUR ROSTER CURRENT

If you have had a change of address, telephone number, etc. since the 2011 roster was published, let me know so we can keep the list current. Thanks in advance. We appreciate all you do to help keep our roster up to date. Theda Chambless (jessetheda@etcmail.com).

A FAMILY LOSS

The loss of little Heidi, JoAn and Hubert Blankenship's little Dachshund dog, was a blow to them. She had been a member of the family for many years. Heidi died on the way to the vet during the recent outing.

Yes, it's true! After speaking with a representative of John Bleakley Motor Homes, I am sorry to tell you that within ten days they will close their doors for the last time. This includes the Douglasville, Jackson and Unadilla facilities.

For many years Mr. Bleakley has supported us at our State Rallies and in other areas, and we have supported him with our business. When I remember their open houses with free hotdogs, participating in Show & Tell, helping at RV Shows with our nifty little vests, and assisting JoAn and Patricia prepare and serve the annual Bleakley employee Christmas dinner, I grow nostalgic. An era has passed, . . and we will miss it!

OUR JUNE OUTING

Our June 10-12, 2011 outing was held at the Great Outdoors RV Resort in Franklin NC. It was hosted by The Whitmires and Pierces. There were 10 coaches in attendance. The rain we had just cooled the air and made it better.

Friday night we went out to dinner as a group and had visiting in the clubhouse afterwards.

Saturday breakfast of pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee was served to start the day off right. The day was left open to explore the many interesting things available in the area - and they were many. Saturday dinner at the clubhouse featured a meat entree prepared and served by the outstanding hosts with each person contributing a side dish.

Sunday morning consisted of a continental breakfast during which time everyone shared their plans for their summer trips.

Again, goodbyes were said until the next outing, which won't be until August as GNR has replaced our July outing.