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DECISION TIME

At numerous meetings and discussions among individual members, the idea of merging (makes us sound important, doesn't it?) the Metro Atlanta Winnies and Gone with the Winnies has come to the forefront.

At our recent business meeting it was decided the matter should be put to rest - one way or the other. Therefore it was put on the GWTW schedule for a decision to be made at our next business meeting. During the next month, each member will receive an e-mail requesting their opinion as to whether or not we should combine the two Chapters. We hope the Metros will do the same. Some of the pros follow:

- (1) Several GWTW members also belong to the Metros. These members would only have to pay one set of dues.
- (2) We have had combined outings many times and it seemed to be a pleasure to all.
- (3) Both Chapter's membership has declined during the past few years. Combined Chapters would give us one strong chapter. One major problem would be choosing a name for our new Chapter.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



The new addition to the Christmas decorations at the River Country Campground in Gadsden, Alabama seemed to float in mid-air in the dark night.

We had eleven coaches participating and the weather cooperated with sunny days and cool, crisp nights.



Our extra-special hosts, Linda and Fred Tomsett, as they pose by the "Toys-for-Tots" Christmas tree. As usual, they did a fantastic job - we can always count on them!

Even though most participants arrived on Thursday, the outing was officially kicked off with the Friday evening meal, which was out-of-this-world. One of our members, Harold Callaway, prepared barbecue and Brunswick stew for the whole group. It was scrumptious!



Andrea and Harold Callaway are Metro members and have decided to join Gone with the Winnies also. Welcome to our GWTW family.

Saturday morning breakfast kept us all going strong throughout the day. We had biscuits, gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee and juice.

Shortly after breakfast we had our business meeting to take care of the necessary job of electing officers for the upcoming year. It seems we have a good slate of officers. Those elected are as follow and will be sworn in the first of the year at our business meeting. President Hubert Blankenship, Vice-President Franklin Jackson, Secretary Kathy Scogin, and Treasurer Melva Dalton.

Our nominating committee of Bobby Eubanks, Jim Bell and Hubert Blankenship did a great job.

The rest of the day we had free to sightsee, or just relax around our coaches visiting with friends. The weather was great for that.

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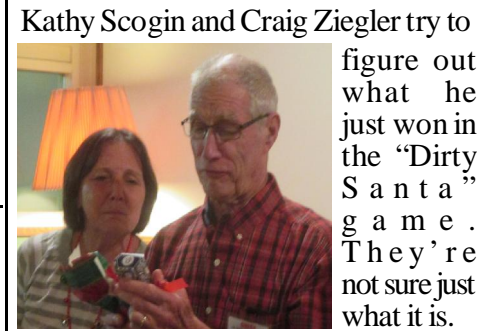
For our Saturday evening meal our hosts provided turkey and ham as the entrees with members bringing their favorite dishes to share. Along with all the tempting desserts, it was a lavish spread.

And then the fun began:

If you haven't played "Dirty Santa" (or whatever it is called), you have missed a lot of fun. The current person's number called can take the gift of either of the previous ones, which is hilarious, as the current person teases each person letting them think he is going to take their gift. This procedure goes on and on until you think you just can't laugh any more.



Jim and Sandra Tudor like their "Dirty Santa" gift.



Kathy Scogin and Craig Ziegler try to figure out what he just won in the "Dirty Santa" game. They're not sure just what it is.



Part of the group displaying the gifts they finally wound up with.



Dot Ziegler shows her snow-ball Christmas Tree. Each ball has a member's name embroidered on it with a happy face. It surprised us when she took the first one off and threw it across the room to us. We soon caught on and had a ball catching them.



Winky and Max Parker were enjoying the game along with the rest of us.

DOOR PRIZES



Again, Dean and Peggy Woodruff of Integrity RV Service in Douglasville, Georgia came through with fabulous door prizes.



Craig Ziegler, one of our newest members, seemed happy with the Rhino Flex Sewer Kit he won. Thanks, Dean and Peggy!