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DON'T FORGET OUR STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 19th is the big day! The "First Annual Georgia Rebels' Storytelling Festival" will be aired at the state meeting at River Country RV Park in Gadsden, Alabama.

It's getting pretty exciting - we already have seven storytellers, and hope to have boo-koodles of listeners. If you haven't already registered and made your reservations, now is the time. Just call Theda at 706-636-5212 or e-mail to jessetheda@etcm.com to register, and make reservations at River Country Campground at 256-543-7111.

Storytelling was all but extinct up until a few years ago, but there has been a recent strong resurgence.

There's still time for you to volunteer to tell that story you have had in the back of your mind for years. Just let Theda know and she will send you a set of guidelines taken from a book by one of the foremost storytellers of our time.

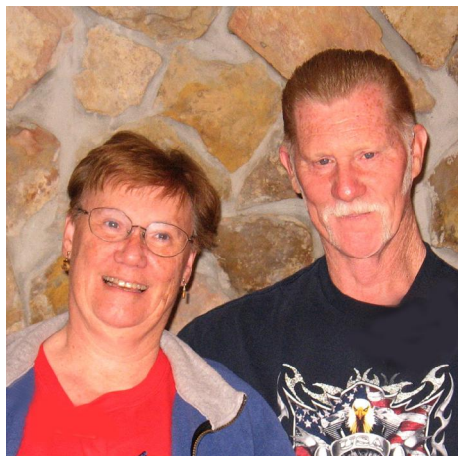


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OUR NEWEST MEMBERS WE WELCOME YOU!



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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.**

May 18-20, 2007 - State Meeting. Make reservations at River Country RV Park, Gadsden, AL (256-543-7111). Hosted by Gone With The Winnies. Call Theda Chambless at 706-636-5212 or e-mail to jessetheda@etcm.com to register.

(All times below are Georgia time)

Friday Evening: Meet to go to Top O' the River Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. (or your choice). Return at 7:30 p.m. to the club house for desserts and coffee furnished by the GWTW hosts. This will be followed by country music by Doug Ralston and friends.

Saturday Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee will be served from 8:30 to 9:30.

Business Meetings: Immediately following breakfast.

Lunch and Afternoon: On your own.

Saturday Dinner: Catered by "Miss Jean" of Gadsden at 6:00.

Evening Entertainment: The "First Annual Georgia Winnie Rebels' Storytelling Festival."

Sunday Breakfast: Sweet rolls, bagels and cream cheese, fruit bowl, homemade banana-nut bread, juice and coffee.

Devotions: Immediately following breakfast. Then "Happy Trails" time.

June 8-10 - Holiday RV Park, Chattanooga, TN, telephone number 800-693-2877. Hosted by James & Rene Boatfield, Rickey & Pat Heath and Gwinn & Charlene Brewton.

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Friday Evening: Meet at 5:00 p.m. to drive to a favorite restaurant.

Saturday Morning: Breakfast of pancakes and sausage at 9:00 a.m. Business meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday Evening: Dinner in the club house at 6:00 p.m. Hosts will supply meat; bring a side dish and dessert to share. Games to follow dinner.

Sunday Morning: Coffee and sweet rolls at 9:00 a.m. followed by devotions.

Bring drinks, plates and utensils to all meals.

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, Twin Oaks, Elko, GA. Hosted by the Atlanta Metro Winnies.

October 12-14, 2007 - Location TBA. Hosted by 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 - River Country RV Park, Gadsden, AL. Hosted by James & Rene Boatfield and Rickey & Pat Heath.

LIVING BY GOD'S WORD

By
Chaplain
Henry Good



The angel said to the woman, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: **'He has risen from the dead!'**" (Matthew 28:5-7 NIV)

THEY NEED YOUR PRAYERS

Dan Rankin recently suffered a heart attack and will have a triple bypass soon.

Mac McAllister is gradually improving, but still needs your prayers.

Max Parker's sister Jane Hett and Mary Ann Spillman's cousin Sherry Mitchell still need prayer.

Recuperating

Max Parker, Gene Martin, and Jerry Berens.

ONLY THREE MONTHS 'TIL GNR

July 15th is the opening day for the Grand National Rally in Forest City, Iowa. If you haven't already registered and wish to attend, you should send the application in the WIT Club News magazine right away.

There is **so** much to see and do there and we feel everyone should attend at least once. If you haven't yet attended, this would be a great time to start. Once you start you will probably want to go every year.

DON'T FORGET OUR WEB PAGE

By Fred Tomsett



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 if you will send me 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.

By Judy Seifert

DID YOU KNOW . . .



that when backing down a hill in neutral and using the brakes the front wheels won't drag? We have a gravel drive that we must back down to put our RV in the shed. We found if we have it in reverse with the brake on, the front wheels drag in the gravel and mess up the drive. If we put it in neutral and use the brake, the wheels don't drag. When we get to the bottom of the hill we have to put it in reverse to get into the shed, of course. Don't know how many in our club would ever need to back downhill on gravel, but there it is for what it's worth.

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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Max Parker - May 5

James Boatfield - May 31

ANNIVERSARIES

Roy & Diane Tyler

May 1, 1958 - 49 Years

Dan & Margie Rankin

May 2, 1970 - 37 Years

Franklin & Margaret Jackson

May 2, 1957 - 50 Years

TECH TIPS

By Rickey Heath



To clear odor from a foul-smelling refrigerator, place coffee grounds inside and close the door.

Panty hose made into a knot makes nice windshield cleaners.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

By Betty Werner



Gracie Allen's Classic Pot Roast

1 Large Roast of Beef

1 Small Roast of Beef

Take the two roasts and put them in the oven. When the little one burns, the big one is done. **APRIL FOOL!**

Coconut Cream Easter Eggs

1 med. potato, cooked & mashed

1 pkg. (16 oz.) coconut

1/4 tsp. salt

1 tsp. vanilla

3 lbs. confectioner's sugar

1 lb. chocolate, melted (for dipping)

Thoroughly mix potato, coconut, salt and vanilla. Gradually add sugar and mix until thoroughly blended. Shape into eggs on cookie sheet and let ripen overnight. Next day, dip into melted chocolate. Set eggs onto waxed paper to harden. Decorate with tubed icing if desired.

ADDRESS OR E-MAIL CHANGE

Help us keep our master list current. If you change your mailing address, phone number or e-mail address, please notify your secretary, Theda Chambless at 706-636-5212 or jessetheda@etcmil.com.

CRAFTY JO SEZ:

It's even more fun to give the lap covers than it is to make them.



Crafty Jo Blankenship, Mary Ann Spilman, and Patricia Heath give lap covers to Clancey Caldwell of Roy Richards Cancer Treatment Center in Carrollton, GA. They also took covers to Carrollton Manor Nursing Home and Tonner Hospice Care in Carrollton.

There will be no organized crafts at the May state outing in Gadsden, AL.

FUN CORNER

By Mary Ann Spilman



"Tater People"

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called "**Spec Taters.**"

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called "**Comment Taters.**"

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands. They are called "**Dick Taters.**"

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet. They are called "**Agie Taters.**"

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help. They are called "**Hezzie Taters.**"

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called "**Emma Taters.**"

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing to lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called "**Sweet Po Taters.**"

We know that every Gone with the Winnie is a "**Sweet Po Tater,**" so we really don't know why we bothered to pass this along.



GEORGIA WIT STATE 2007 RALLY A HUGE SUCCESS

"Howdy pardner" was heard everywhere as friends greeted friends (and made new ones) at "The Western Roundup" Georgia WIT State Rally in Perry, Georgia this past week end.

The rally was officially kicked off on Thursday afternoon at 2:00. The opening ceremony featured a color guard presenting the flags and a hearty welcome from Perry's mayor, James Worrall. From then on it was just fun, fun, fun.

The main cowpokes, Doug and Brenda Ralston, along with all their side-kicks, did an outstanding job of planning and executing the rally from start to finish. Besides the excellent vendors, John Bleakley Motor Homes provided the new line of coaches for viewing and inspection. Numerous services were provided such as carpet cleaning, coach washing, motor home identification signs and other such items we motor home owners feel necessary.

Linda and Fred Tomsett decorated our large gathering room in a western motif with cowboy hats, deputy badges and "wanted" posters featuring many that suspiciously resembled Georgia Winnie Rebel members. The sound man, David Stainback, kept the western music going adding to the western atmosphere.

Breakfast was served each morning. Saturday was pancakes and sausages for everyone. Can you imagine making pancakes for over 200 people? Well they did it, and did a wonderful job. Thursday evening we had an ice cream social and Friday noon Bleakley sponsored a hot dog lunch. Rick and Mary Ann Spilman were in charge and I noted that they really know how to "take charge." I asked Rick how he got so many volunteers because people just ignore me when I ask. He casually said, "I just volunteer 'em." The Friday and Saturday evening meals were both catered by the Yoders. Wonderful!

Ongoing seminars, craft classes, ladies' driving classes (both diesel and gas), and cooking classes kept everyone busy. Hay rides and square dancing were fun and door prizes were unusually attractive this year. Our WIT Eastern Area Representatives, Dick and Mikki Dodge, held a seminar to tell about WIT tours: what was new and the availability of space on the 2007 tours. The 2008 tours are already beginning to fill, so if you plan to get in on a WIT tour in either 2007 or 2008, you had better hustle.

Friday evening we were entertained by Ray Shaw and his lovely wife. Back this year by popular demand, their beautiful singing interspersed with anecdotes about their children and grandchildren make you feel they are a part of your family.



The Cast of this Fabulous Production

The highlight of the rally was the Saturday night entertainment. Myra Stainback produced a musical (?) that highlighted the spectacular talents of our own WIT members. Our Princess was "Minnie Pearl;" Fred Tomsett was a lumberjack and Linda Tomsett, Brenda Ralston and Myra Stainback were lumberettes. Hubert Blankenship was "Mr. Wonderful," and left everyone breathless from laughter. There's no way I can convey the craziness that went on during that presentation. All I can say is, "You shoulda been there!"

On Sunday morning, after a continental breakfast, Chaplain Henry Good presented a moving devotional. Thanks Henry! Then it was Happy Trails time as everyone told friends goodbye and wished them a safe trip.

You've heard it said that "One picture is worth a thousand words." Well, here is the "rest of the story" in picture.



Charlene Brewton and Annette Whitmire serve hot dogs while "Boss" Rick Spilman looks over their shoulders.



James Boatfield waits patiently for more pancakes to serve the waiting line while Jim Simpson, Jesse Chambless, Jim Bell, Grant Baldwin, and Jim Shari flip pancakes.



Joe Fowler rearranges pancakes while Rickey Heath awaits his next customer.



Rick and Mary Ann Spilman



Thanks to Pat Heath, our Georgia basket this year turned out to be a pony watering tub. Thanks, Pat, for heading it up; and thanks to all who contributed items and bought tickets.

The following pictures need no explanation.



George and Betty Werner



Kathy and Grant Baldwin



Sheriff Theda and Deputy Jesse

SATURDAY NIGHT



Linda Tomsett as Mardi Gras dancer



Ronnie Padgett as Minnie Pearl Hubert Blankenship as Mr. Wonderful



Fred Tomsett and the Lumberettes



Fred Tomsett and Myra Stainback do the chicken