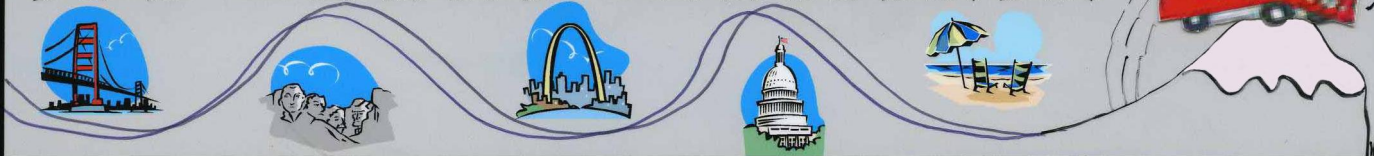


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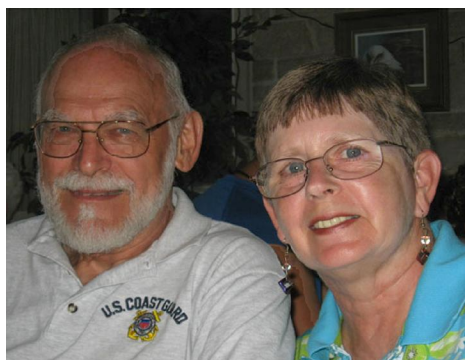
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## OUR NEWEST MEMBERS WE WELCOME YOU!

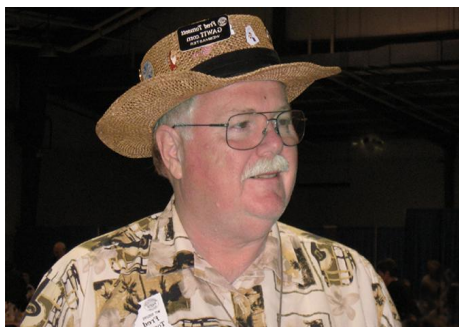


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## CONGRATULATIONS FRED TOMSETT - OUR WEBMASTER FOR WINNING THREE WIT INTERNATIONAL AWARDS



Not only did Fred's Georgia State website win first place, but the Atlanta Metros tied for first place at the local level, and the Gone with the Winnies took third place. Not bad, Fred!



Jesse Chambless, president of Gone with the Winnies, accepts the three awards for our absent webmaster from Kristie Renchin, WIT Club News Editor.



## GNR 2007 NOW HISTORY

"Just keep on a movin'," must have been the rally cry of Tailgate '07 at Forest City, Iowa in July, because from start to finish the Grand National Rally grounds were a beehive of activity.

Golf carts (reminiscent of bumper cars) darted around people as they each hurried from a seminar, tour or craft class to one of the many outstanding entertainment events. People-movers moved slowly up and down between rows of motor homes and little golf cart taxis flitted here and there, making sure everyone reached their destination on time.

Pre-rally week is almost as much fun as the actual rally. Scheduled tours take you to the John Deere factory, the Mall of America, the Amana Colonies, and numerous Winnebago factory tours. "Puckerbrush," which is a celebration planned by Forest City especially for early arrivals, treats you with

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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.*

**August 10-12, 2007** - Harvest Moon RV Park in historic Adairsville, GA. Call 770-773-7320 or e-mail harvmoon@bellsouth.net for reservations. *Directions: Exit 306; go west two blocks (2/10ths of a mile). Turn left opposite Waffle House onto Poplar Springs Road. Go 1/10th of a mile and park is on the right.* Call Judy or Ken Seifert at 770-745-4555 or e-mail to judyvs@juno.com to register. Hosted by Ken & Judy Seifert and Jesse & Theda Chambless. **Friday Evening** meal at BJ's Restaurant in Calhoun. **Saturday Breakfast** of scrambled eggs, sausage, grits, biscuits, juice and coffee. **Saturday Lunch** at Maggie Mae's - a cozy, newly remod-

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## Upcoming Events

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eled tea room. **Saturday afternoon** we will car pool to the Booth Western Museum of Art in Cartersville. **Saturday evening** "Bubba" burgers will be supplied by hosts with members bringing an appropriate side dish. **Sunday Breakfast** will be a "motel" breakfast. Just wander in and prepare your own at your leisure. **Devotions** and then "Happy Trails" again.

**September 21-23, 2007** - State Meeting, Twin Oaks, Elko, GA. Hosted by the Atlanta Metro Winnies.

**October 12-14, 2007** - Scenic Mountain RV Park, Milledgeville, GA. 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.

## TECH TIPS

By Rickey Heath



If you have a minor scratch, "Magic Markers" make a good repair tool. Choose the appropriate color and pretend you are a kid again!

## LIVING BY GOD'S WORD

By  
Chaplain  
Henry Good



For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38, 39 NIV)

## THEY NEED YOUR PRAYERS

Gene Martin isn't doing well right now. Continue to pray for him, Jerry Berens, Mac McCallister, and Sherry Mitchell.

Max Parker recently lost his sister, Jane Hett.



Be sure to use the links page on our website. This has links to other WIT clubs, OEM sites for the things in your coach, camping directory sites, and sites with lots of interesting stuff. If you know of a web site that we don't have yet, just send it to me at fred@gawit.com and I will add it to our links page.

Our web site can be found at <http://gwtw.gawit.com>. 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 . . .



### . . . it's easy to ruin the fuel pump inside your gas tank?

This came to my attention recently, and since several of our GWTWs are past fifty and might not be familiar with this gas tank/fuel pump arrangement, I thought I would pass it on to you.

If you run out of gas, don't continue to try to start the vehicle. The gas in the tank keeps the fuel pump cool, and even if the gas is very low, the fuel pump gets hot and is ruined. Replacing a fuel pump is expensive.

Follow the lessons below to protect your fuel pump:

Lesson #1: Don't run out of gas.

Lesson #2: If you do, don't run the starter more than once.

Lesson #3: It's probably a good idea to keep the gas in the tank from getting too low, especially in hot weather.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jesse Chambless - August 5  
Betty McHaney - August 6  
JoAn Blankenship - August 7  
Franklin Jackson - August 8  
Margaret Jackson - August 13  
Winky Parker - August 13  
Alex Sprayberry - August 14  
Rickey Heath - August 15  
Julie Raider - August 19  
Joann MacLellan - August 23  
Bobbie Pierce - August 24

## ANNIVERSARIES

Bobbie & Wanda Eubanks  
August 2, 1970 - 37 years  
Tom & Betty McHaney  
August 10, 1951 - 56 years  
Rickey & Pat Heath  
August 11, 1967 - 40 years  
George & Barbara DeMatteis  
August 13, 1979 - 28 years  
Jim & StuLynn Simpson  
August 15, 1987 - 20 years  
Ernest & Mariana Moosa  
August 26, 1960 - 47 years

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

By Betty Werner



### Church Staff's Snack

2 cups toasted rice cereal  
(such as Rice Krispies)  
2 cups peanut butter-flavored corn & oat cereal (such as Cap'n Crunch)  
2 cups mini marshmallows  
2 cups chopped pecans  
1-1/2 lb. white chocolate, chopped  
Coat large baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray.

In a large bowl, combine toasted rice cereal, peanut butter-flavored corn and oat cereal, marshmallows and pecans.

Place chopped chocolate in a medium-size bowl and microwave on HIGH for about 3 minutes, stirring half-way through. Stir until smooth. Pour melted chocolate over cereal mixture and stir until coated. Spread mixture onto prepared baking sheet. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour or until firm. Cut into 24 squares. **DELICIOUS!!!**

### Handy Hint

If you need to make a relish tray, and a dinner plate just isn't big enough, try using the revolving glass tray in your microwave. It works like a charm!

## FUN CORNER

By Mary Ann Spilman



### Pecans in the Cemetery

On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big, old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence. One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts.

"One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me," said one boy. Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence.

Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me."

He just knew what it was. He jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along.

"Come here quick," said the boy, "you won't believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls."

The man said, "Beat it kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk." When the boy insisted though, the man hobbled slowly to the cemetery.

Standing by the fence they heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me."

The old man whispered, "Boy, you've been tellin' me the truth. Let's see if we can see the Lord."

Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord.

At last they heard, "One for you, one for me. That's all. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence and we'll be done."

They say the old man made it back to town a full 5 minutes ahead of the kid on the bike.

**SMILE, God Loves You!**

### 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](mailto:absberry@windstream.net).

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a craft fair, barbecue dinner, pie and ice cream and to top it all off, a parade. Pre-rally was also a good time to take your coach to the service center for repairs before the rush started.

The opening ceremonies late Sunday afternoon started with a welcome from the Winnebago president, CEO, and WIT General Manager. The colors were presented by the MILWITs as the WIT singers led us in the U.S. and Canadian national anthems. It was a moving ceremony. And then, . . . there was the parade of flags. A representative of each state, province and specialty group entered when announced, carrying their respective flags. After the parade, Doug Formanek, WIT General Manager, announced formally, "THE WIT GRAND NATIONAL 2007 RALLY IS OFFICIALLY OPEN, . . . . LET THE FUN BEGIN!!!"



Would you believe, exercise every morning at sunrise? . . . . No way! But this is how many, many people started each day.

Loads and loads of classes were available, including RV driving safety, women's driving, doll making, china painting, CPR, quilting, gift boxes, toothbrush rag rugs, microwave/convection, acrylics, nylon flowers, and many more.

Other available activities were beanbag baseball, bowling tournament, arts and crafts competition, WIT rodeo, bingo, square dancing, pet parade, and last, but not least, driving (or riding in) a new 2008 Winnebago Vectra 40KD.

Entertainment abounded daily at the entertainment tent where we had some foot stomping country music, blue grass, barber shop, balladeers, a sing along session and a WIT karaoke showcase. Evening entertainment at the amphitheater featured the "New Odyssey," "The Brett Family," and the "50's at the Hop" (shown below), all popular Branson entertainers.



Seminars ran from 9 til 4 each day with a short time out for lunch. Trying to fit in everything you wanted to do was a major problem. You just had to choose your favorites and go for it.

Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 7 was set aside for the "State Row Parties." Each state row prepared a treat to be shared with anyone dropping by. It has been a custom for the Georgia row to make homemade ice cream, and we didn't break the tradition. It tasted great on that hot, sunny afternoon, and we had plenty of people to share it with.

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The Georgia row had a cookout on Thursday evening, and other evenings we all went to a traditional local restaurant.

Franklin and Maragret Jackson brought their granddaughters, Cristin (12) and Madison (7). Cristin and Madison had plenty to do, as WIT had provided an extensive youth program. Pool and pizza parties, craft classes, mazes, mid-way (carnival rides), movies, bowling, mimes, bike safety classes, bike rodeo, wall climbing, volley ball, frisbee, washer toss, horseshoe, beanbag baseball, ice cream social, dance, entertainment by disc jockey and lots of door prizes kept them and the other youngsters busy and happy. The cost for this is only \$25.00 per child for the entire rally. Pretty good, huh?

On Friday night, during the announcement period, awards were presented. Thanks to Fred Tomsett, our state website won first place; the Atlanta Metros tied for first place on the local level; and our Gone with the Winnies won third place.

The Gone with the Winnie's newsletter won second place, and we were again awarded the "Certificate of Excellence" for our club, as were the Stagers.



Our Georgia clubs won a total of six awards. I think that is a record, and I am indeed proud of our accomplishments.

There was a total of 1,435 paid coaches in attendance, but we were disappointed by the small number of Georgia Winnie Rebels in the Georgia Row - we had only five coaches, and all were gone with the Winnies.

Our three B's (the Bells, Bertkes, and Brewtons), were such a pleasure - don't know what we would have done without them. Their participation and cooperation made our job as "head of row" coach so much easier.



In the past Georgia has been one of the top ten participants. Other people from Georgia (including the Ripleys and Nevilles) were parked in various rows, making a total of 14 coaches from Georgia.

You should start making plans now to attend GNR 2008, because it is Winnebago's 50th birthday and they are planning a humdinger of a celebration, and guess what?

**WE'RE ALL INVITED!!!**

## GNR PICTURE STORIES



Doug and Dorothy Ripley, our special angels that we couldn't have done without.



Jesse Chambless, Bob and Mary Anne Bertke, Barbara Bell and Kathryn Griffin.



Franklin and Maragret Jackson with granddaughter Madison at Thursday night cookout.