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SECOND ANNUAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL



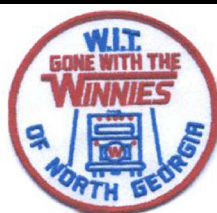
Back by popular demand, the Georgia Winnie Rebels will present their annual storytelling festival at the May state meeting.

Be sure to be at Dillard, Georgia on May 16-18 to witness this spectacular event. Last year's festival featured hilarious stories you just wouldn't believe (i.e. Fred Tomsett and Hubert Blankenship), with a few tearjerkers, and some so interesting you just didn't want them to stop. We're having some of our old tellers, plus several new, so you don't want to miss these stories.

At present, we have about six tellers and would like to have ten or more. If you would consider being a storyteller this year, get in touch with Theda Chambless at 706-636-5212, or jessetheda@etcmail.com.



"ALOHA"



GEORGIA STATE WIT RALLY HAWAIIAN LUAU

When we entered Heritage Hall at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter in Perry, GA, we found ourselves in Hawaii enjoying a Hawaiian Luau. The decorations by Fred and Linda Tomsett and others put us in the Hawaiian mood immediately. The stage was adorned with a sky blue curtain with palm trees. Big Tikis with moving eyes and blooming camellias were just in front of the curtain. Seating areas with real palms, gazebo and unique table arrangements completed the setting for the Georgia Winnie Rebels' gathering.

Early arrivals began on Tuesday, April 15, while Tom Wilson, Georgia State President, opened the rally at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17.



Theda & Jesse Chambless enjoy the Luau

Seminars, music, food and games were enjoyed by all. Here we go to enjoy
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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 16-18, 2008 - State Outing. Hosted by GWTW at River Vista Mountain Village RV Park, Dillard, GA 888-850-7275.

All Meals: Bring your own plates, silverware and drinks. Coffee served.

Plans for meals: Notify Tom McHaney or Hal Pierce after making reservations.

Friday Night, 6:00 p.m. - Dinner on your own, or you are welcome to bring your food and cook on the gas grills and eat together. Games in clubhouse follow.

Saturday Morning, 8:00-9:15 a.m. - Pancakes, sausage and coffee.

Meetings - State Meeting at 10:00 a.m. Chapter meeting times will be announced.
Saturday Lunch and Afternoon - On your own.

Saturday Evening, 6:00 p.m. - Barbeque Dinner.

Saturday Evening, 7:00 p.m. - the Second Annual Georgia Winnie Rebels' Storytelling Festival.

Sunday Morning, 8:00-9:00 am. - Sweet rolls and coffee.

Devotional - follows breakfast.

"Goodbyes and Happy Trails"

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June 13-15, 2008 - Hosted by Grant and Kathy Baldwin and Bill and Jo Hood, Holiday Trav-L-Park, Chattanooga, TN, 800-693-2877

July 20-25, 2008 - Grand National Rally, Forest City, IA.

August 8-10, 2008 - Hosted by James and Rene Boatfield, Bald Mountain Park Camping Resort, Hiawassee, Ga, 706-896-8896.

September 19-21, 2008 - State Outing hosted by Atlanta Metros, River Country Campground, Gadsden, AL, 256-543-7111.

October 10-12, 2008 - Hosted by Ernest & Mariana Moosa and Jesse and Theda Chambless, Cartersville KOA, Cartersville, GA, 800-562-2841, 770-382-7330.

November 14-16, 2008 - Hosted by Rick and Mary Ann Spilman and Henry and Shelby Good, Lakeside Landing RV Park, Pell City, AL. ***Do not call the Park - call the Spilmans***

December 12-14, 2008 - Hosted by the McHaneys, Pierces, Brewtons and Casons, Pine Mountain Campground, Pine Mountain, GA, 706-663-4329.

TECH TIPS

By Rickey Heath



When cleaning your windshield (interior only), choose a fog free glass cleaner. It will clean, protect and prevent condensation that can obstruct your view.

TICKET SALES A SUCCESS

Thanks to Fred Tomsett for making the money hat, Theda Chambless for heading up the ALOHA Basket, Rene Boatfield for heading up the GEORGIA Basket, those of you who helped fill the baskets, and all of the ticket sellers. You did a fantastic job and the \$\$\$ given to the Georgia Winnie Rebels showed all your efforts.

THANKS

from Jerry and Wanda Hill for the prayers, cards and phone calls. Jerry says he is so thankful to have GWTW friends who care so much. The caring has made a difference during these days.

VIEW OUR WEBSITES

By Fred Tomsett



Thank you Chapter Presidents for awarding me the plaque for my work. While I spend a lot of time on the website, I have fun doing it.

I do have helpers. For the April WIT Rally, Charlene Brewton, Roy Sowers, Don Stroud, Jim Simpson, Theda Chambless and Dan Rankin took pictures for the website. Therefore, I have 1,140 pictures to work with. The 2008 Rally website should be ready to see shortly. Watch for a big button on <http://gawit.com>.

Also, I want to especially recognize my number one helper, Linda Tomsett. She is the best helper of all.

Fred Tomsett fred@gawit.com

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the multitude of activities. Seminars on RV shades, earth gems, Sky Med, Healthy Gourmet, CPR, how to convert your TVs to digital and others were well attended. A favorite always is the Ladies Driving Class for both gas and diesel coaches. John Bleakley Motor Homes provided a variety of coaches to view.

The entertainment was superb. We had our own Jamin' with DDDD&E (the initials represent their first names) two afternoons. Friday night, Carmen Savelli was back and again a real hit. Saturday night, Hula Halau o Kalei (Hawaiian Dancers) made the Luau complete.

And did we eat, two hot breakfasts prepared by the men. Ice cream social sponsored by Farm and City Insurance Services, Forest City, IA. Hot Dog Luncheon sponsored by John Bleakley Motor Homes. One evening meal was catered by Yoder's. Roast pig was prepared and served by the Boy Scouts. All very tasty!!

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Julian Neville, May 1
Max Parker, May 5
Nancy Sloan, May 9
Jo Hood, May 18
Joyce Crosby, May 25
James Boatfield May 31

ANNIVERSARIES

Franklin and Margaret Jackson
May 2, 1957
Don and Margie Rankin
May 2, 1970
Julian and Martha Neville
May 7, 1950
John and Mary Ann Findeis
May 18, 1963

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

By Betty Werner



HAWAIIAN TRIFLE

- 1 pound cake or angel food cake
- 1 box instant vanilla pudding
- 1 large and 1 small tub of Cool Whip
- 1 can crushed pineapple/well drained
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup flaked coconut
- 4-6 bananas-sliced

In large mixing bowl, mix Cool Whip and all other ingredients EXCEPT cake and bananas. Do not over mix, just well enough to incorporate dry pudding mix. Slice cake into cubes and slice bananas. Layer cake on bottom of bowl. Spread layer of Cool Whip mixture over cake. Add a layer of bananas. Keep adding layers of cake, Cool Whip and bananas. Top off with the Cool Whip and pecans and/or coconut.

LIVING BY GOD'S WORD

By
Chaplain
Henry Good



We say: "Noboby really loves me."
God says: "I love you."
"For God so loved the world that he gave his Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
John 3:16 NIV



BIG 50!! CLASS REUNION

at the
United States Naval Academy
By Dennis and Nancy Sloan

We left heading for FAMCAMP at Ft. Meade, MD. If you are not active duty or a military retiree, choose a suitable alternate. Our ultimate destination was for my 50th reunion at the U.S. Naval Academy, but we left some time to visit friends.

We chose I-81 for our route to Maryland as the scenery is far better than I-95 and the traffic is not nearly as hectic. (I enjoy the right-hand lane at 57mph.) To avoid rush hour traffic, we took two days, arriving early the second day to get set up and do any necessary shopping.

We met Nancy's high school friend at her house in Mt. Airy, MD early on Saturday morning, and were joined by another high school friend and her husband for a leisurely drive to Shepherdstown, WV. There we visited the National Conservation Training Center, which is open to the public only on the third Saturday in October. All National Parks Service, National Forest Service, and other federal and some state conservation persons are eligible for training there. The setting was picturesque with the fall foliage, and the exhibits were interesting and interactive. We were allowed to eat in their cafeteria which was a real treat - delicious and downright cheap! It was a unique and memorable day!

Next on our agenda was a visit with Nancy's college roommate and her husband near Lancaster, PA. While there we attended the "Sight and Sound Theater" production of "In the Beginning." This theatre produces shows of Biblical themes with superb scenery and includes live animals on stage. The show was magnificent!! Folks are bussed from miles away to attend these performances.



Nancy: I think it's this way!

Denny: No, I'm sure it's that way!

The remainder of our trip was consumed by a memorable 50th College Reunion as we renewed old friendships. The Naval Academy is open to visitors, and you can see some of our tax dollars in action.

Our return trip included a visit to Williamsburg, with its historical neighbors of Jamestown and Yorktown. Having lived in the area "in another life," we were familiar with the landmarks and amazed (and sometimes appalled) with the changes.

The trip is an easy week, and can be expanded to include as many side trips as time and resources can accommodate. Having lived in the Washington, D.C. area for several years, we avoided the congestion and aggravation of that area as much as possible, and concentrated on the unique outlying opportunities that were lesser known in the general area.

HAPPY TRAVELS TO YOU!!!

Editors Note:

We are proud to be Americans and we support our military, both active and veterans.

FUN CORNER

By Mary Ann Spilman



GARFIELD ON THE OIL CRISIS

A lot of folks can't understand how we came to have an oil shortage here in our country.

Well there is a very simple answer. Nobody bothered to check the oil. We just didn't know we were getting low. The reason for that is purely geographical. Our oil is located in Alaska, California, Coastal Florida, Coastal Louisiana, Kansas, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Texas.

Our DIPSTICKS are located in
Washington, DC !!!!

Any questions????
NO? I didn't think so!!!!

CHILDREN

A nursery school teacher was driving an SUV full of kids home when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started guessing the dog's duties.

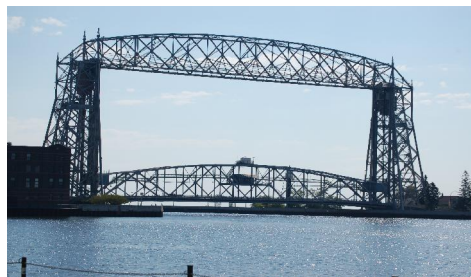
"They use him to keep crowds back," said one child.

"No," said another, "he is just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to an abrupt close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants....."

HAVE YOU ACTUALLY SEEN THIS BRIDGE?

(pictured in the March Newsletter)



While there was no "yes", there were plenty of questions. Answer: This is the Aerial Lift Bridge in Duluth, MN. It rises to let massive seafaring vessels enter the harbor. It takes about two minutes to go up and two down. The bridge goes up 25 to 30 times daily during the busiest months. Better luck next time!

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*Rene declares Eileen Clark winner*

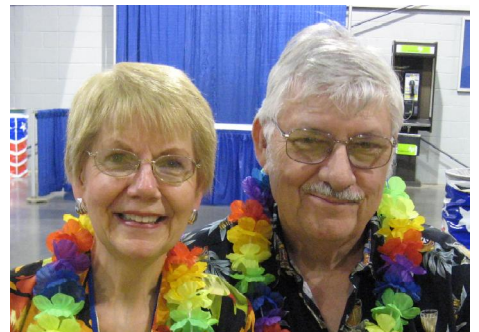
James and Rene Boatfield had great participation in all their games: Bean Bag Baseball, Washer Toss, Snake Toss and the Catch and Release Fishing. Those cheering the participants saw some real champions. There was Bingo which is always fun.

*Dick and Mikki Dodge at the festivities*

Dick and Mikki Dodge, our WIT Eastern Area Representatives, added a special spark to our Rally. Their seminar on the WIT tours certainly gave us many ideas for adding miles on our coaches rolling through this great country from sea to shining sea. There were testimonials about many of the tours and the opportunities for making lasting friendships were emphasized.

On Sunday morning, after a continental breakfast, Chaplain Henry Good delivered our devotional. Then, it was hard to realize these days of fun and fellowship were over. But reality set in when Dan Rankin, State President Elect, played his beautiful self-made guitar and led us in singing "Happy Trails" after which we exchanged hugs, goodbyes and said, "see you next time down the road," or for most it will be up the road to Dillard, GA almost on the North Carolina line for the May State Meeting.

NOW, IN PICTURES, HERE IS THE REST OF THE STORY !!

*Gladys Cain and Tom McHaney**Julie and David Raider**Jammin' with DDDD&E**Christel and James Cason**Hula Halau O' Kalei (Hawaiian Dancers)**Ernest and Mariana Moosa**Kupuna (grandmother) Dancers**Charlene and Gwin Brewton**Betty and George Werner*