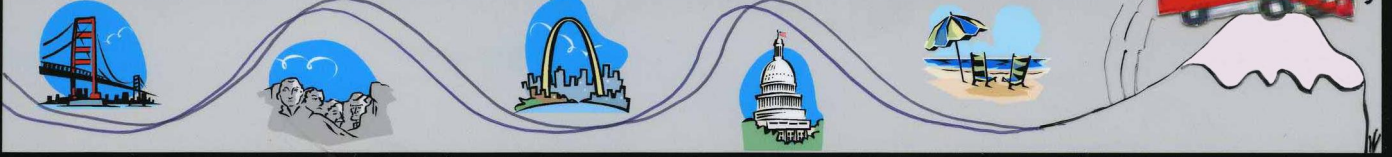


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LIST OF 2012 OUTINGS

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

July 15-20, 2012 - Grand National Rally at Forest City, IA.

August 10-12, 2012 - Hosted by the Homer Bunch, Homer, GA. Contact Wanda Eubanks at (706) 335-6305 or beeubanks@windstream.net. Held at River Bend RV Park in Hiawassee, GA (706) 896-1415.

September 21-23, 2012 - State Outing hosted by Metro Atlanta Winnies. Contact President John Cowan (770) 565-0800 / johncowan11@gmail.com. It will be held at the Calhoun KOA in Calhoun, GA (706) 629-7511.

October 12-14 - Hosted by Patricia and Rickey Heath (770) 258-3055. Location to be announced.

November 9-11, 2012 - Hosted by Hal and Bobbie Pierce (706) 356-4533 or hwp@windstream.net. To be held at the Leisure Acres Campground in Cleveland, GA (706) 865-6466.

Our June 6-10, 2012 outing at the Stone Mountain Park Campground was a real pleasure. The staff members there were friendly and attended to our every need. We had eight coaches with sixteen members participating and it was really a time of togetherness.

We waived the use of the pavillion and met and ate mostly at the host and hostesses camp sites. The weather was perfect, except Saturday night it rained all night and was still raining Sunday morning when we were ready to leave.



Our hosts extraordinaire: Hubert and JoAn Blankenship, Winky and Max Parker, assisted by Patricia Heath.

Several came early to get a head start on visiting and exploring Stone Mountain Park.

Thursday afternoon at 3:00 we met at the Heath campsite for refreshments - cheese, crackers, cookies, nuts, etc., etc. That was followed by a "Show and Tell" that entertained everyone for quite some time. See page 4 for details. We also made plans for the following day. Several wanted to go to the DeKalb Farmers Market to view the unusual

December 14-16, 2012 - Hosted by Christel and James Cason (770) 926-5825 assisted by Jim and Barbara Bell. To be held at the River Country Campground (256) 543-7111.

vegetables - and to see the people from foreign countries in their native dress.



After dinner, several went to see the spectacular laser show. A free shuttle was provided by the Park.

After Friday morning breakfast - as planned- we went to the DeKalb Farmers Market. It was quite an experience; however, Jesse wanted everyone to use their cafeteria and have some goat meat. That didn't go over so good.



Jim and Barbara Bell, Rickey and Patricia Heath, Winky and Max Parker, Margaret and Franklin Jackson, Jesse Chambless, and Annette and Bill Whitmire

Instead of goat meat, several of us went to Mary Mac's Tea Room in mid-town Atlanta. Mary Mac's has been open for business since 1945, and is a favorite eating place for mid-town workers as well as visitors.

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Jesse Chambless, Franklin and Margaret Jackson, Rickey and Patricia Heath, and Winky and Max Parker dining at Mary Mac's Tea House

Saturday morning breakfast was prepared and served at Winky and Max Parker's site. Our hosts prepared grilled sausage, scrambled eggs, hot biscuits, muffins, grits, fruit, coffee and juice, all served in the fresh morning air.



Host Max Parker prepared our sausage

We had the rest of Saturday off to explore the Park, or just relax and visit. We did a little of both. We discovered this picturesque bridge that was built in 1891 and originally spanned the Oconee River in Athens, Georgia.



The Saturday evening meal was also served at the Parker's site and was grilled hamburgers with all the trimmings, plus homemade chocolate cake, lemon bars, and many more delectable goodies.



Bill Whitmire digs into one of the burgers

Sunday morning we joined with others at the RV Park for devotions and a continental breakfast. It was a good meeting, and we enjoyed talking with people from different locations at breakfast.

We said our goodbyes until next time, which for many will be in August at River Bend Park in Hiawasse.

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).

GREAT PHOTOS



JoAn Blankenship and Winky Parker



Jim and Barbara Bell's family visited with them at the RV Park



Franklin and Margaret Jackson and JoAn and Hubert Blankenship



Bowing in thanks for our meal



Jim and Barbara Bell eating burgers

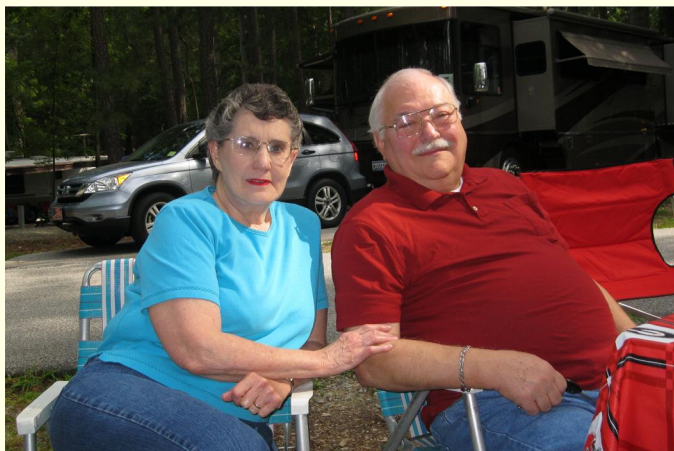
GONE WITH THE WINNIE FAMILY RELAXING



Barbara and Jim Bell



Hubert and JoAn Blankenship



Theda and Jesse Chambliss



Margaret and Franklin Jackson



Patricia and Rickey Heath



Winky and Max Parker



Jim and Stulynn Simpson



Annette and Bill Whitmire



Jim Bell made a "Redneck Wine Bottle" wind chime and presented it to JoAn Blankenship



Margaret Jackson displays her beautiful embroidered table cloth



Winky Parker's colorful quilt was a hit

SHOW AND TELL



Patricia Heath is learning to crochet and showed us the scarf she is making

OUR GOOD SAMARITANS



Jim and Stulynn Simpson just came from helping rebuild the Mountain View Baptist Church in Phil Campbell, Alabama. The church was destroyed by a tornado in 2011. Following is a "before" and "after" picture.



Before tornado



After tornado



Hubert Blankenship made (???) Georgia Bulldog coasters for Winky Parker



Franklin Jackson and Winky Parker look over Theda Chambliss' history album of GWTW and GWR



JoAn Blankenship shows us her fused glass coasters