

Dear Metro Members:

Christmas is just around the corner and everyone is busy buying presents and making plans for the Holidays!

Several things are going on at Metro Atlanta Winnies as we move into December and prepare for 2007.

If you haven't made plans to attend the Christmas Party, please do so right away. We will gather at the home of Jim & Martha McKinnon's once again this year. I can hardly wait to see her Christmas tree. Details of the party are attached.

This may be the first year we have every member's dues in prior to December. Thanks to all of you for taking care of this responsibility. We began 2006 with a total coach membership of 27 and we are ending the year with 26. Our high count during the year was 29. We lost the Lockhart's due to Jim's death; the Coile's and Thomas' due to purchasing another brand; the Ripley's chose to maintain their membership through the Gone With the Winnies. We welcome our new members for the year, Barry & Joy Vlad; Eric & Terry Oswood and Roy & Sarah Sowers. I've also talked to another potential member living in Woodstock who might even attend the Christmas Party.

While thinking of our membership, I ask all of us to take a moment during this season to remember Jim Lockhart and Bert Cuba and their families. I'm not aware of any year our club has lost two active members as we have during 2006. Our prayers go out to their families.

Attached is a copy of the 2007 Metro Schedule. Please note that we need to make our reservations right away for the February and March outings. We only have one "open" month and we need someone to volunteer to serve as host for August. Please let Dan Rankin or myself know if you would like to pick that up.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Doug Ralston

METRO ATLANTA WINNIES CHRISTMAS PARTY 2006

December $16^{th} - 2:00 \text{ pm}$ till 4:00 pm

Home of: Jim & Martha McKinnon 7725 Appalossa Trail Gainesville, GA 30506 Phone: 770-887-9045

Food: Coffee, soda, sweets and salty snacks

What to bring: call Brenda 770-592-9550 (wk) ext 101 or 770-642-1659 (home)

Gift exchange: each person attending will bring a wrapped \$10 gift. This gift should be an item that begins with the first letter of the first name of the person bringing the gift. (Example: Wayne and wine or Frank and flashlight or Carol and cake). As each person arrives, a number will be placed on the gift and a corresponding number placed in a hat. Later, once everyone has arrived, people will draw numbers out of the hat to determine which gift they will receive. Then we can try to guess who gave the gifts to us.

Sing Along: Jim McKinnon will set up his karaoke machine so we can all join in singing Christmas

carols.

Driving directions: From GA-400/Hwy 19 go East on GA-369 (Browns Bridge Road). Drive 5.1 miles (~7 min) and turn left onto Saddle Creek Terrace. Drive 0.3 miles and make a sharp left onto Appaloosa Trail. Drive less than 0.1 miles and 7725 Appaloosa Trail will be on your left.

January 19-21 - State Meeting at Eagles Roost / Lake Park, GA, I-75 exit 5

Make reservations 229-559-5192 or online <u>camp@eaglesroostresort.com</u> Then contact Jim Simpson at 229-559-0922 or <u>wsim0922@bellsouth.net</u> For information go to <u>eaglesroostresort.com</u>

<u> February 16 – 17</u>

Host – Milt & Paula Burtch Harvest Moon RV Park (770) 773-7320 Adairsville, GA Make Reservations thru campground by Feb 1 and advise Milt or Paula Burtch at (770) 777-5964

<u>March 16 – 17</u>

Host – Barry & Joy Vlad Stone Mountain Park Stone Mountain, GA Make reservations through John Gombala (678) 232-4323 cell before Jan 15, 2007

<u> April 19-21</u>

State Rally "A Western Roundup" Perry, GA

May 18 – 19 - State Meeting TBA

June 15 - 16 Host – Fred & Linda Tomsett

<u>July GNR</u> Mini outing TBA

<u> August 17 - 18</u>

September 21-22 State Meeting

Host - Metro Atlanta Winnies TBA

<u> October 19 – 20</u>

Host – John & Yvonne Cowan / Doug & Brenda Ralston Pine Mountain Campground Pine Mountain, GA 31822 <u>www.camppinemountain.com</u> (706) 663-4329 Please make your reservations with Pine Mountain Campground prior to August 1, 2007.

<u>November 16 – 17</u> Host – Dan & Margie Rankin / David & Myra Stainback Cartersville KOA Cartersville, GA (770) 382-7330 TLAN

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