

Metro Atlanta Winnies

# November Outing

Thirteen coaches were present for the November Outing at the Cartersville KOA in Cartersville, Georgia. We were honored to have Dick and Mickie Dodge, Eastern WIT Reps, join us for an exciting weekend of fun and laughter. A few coaches arrived on Thursday and later, we all headed to Cartersville for dinner at the Appalachian Grill. Friday saw the rest of the folks arrive. We all joined at the meeting room for Happy Hour and then the burger cookout. After everyone finished their burgers, reports of summer travels were given by some of the members. Ray and Kay Vaughn told us about their exciting trip the balloon festival in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Roy and Sarah Sowers talked about their trip to Cleveland with an exciting ending. Some of the things that happened during their trips may not have been funny at the time but we all had a good laugh as the stories were told.

A short business meeting was held Saturday morning and then we all caravanned to the Booth Western Art Museum for a guided tour featuring magnificent paintings and sculptors. Our tour guide was fabulous, discussing many things about the artists and their work. Following our tour, we all disappeared into the town of Cartersville for lunch and shopping at the various antique and sundry shops. That evening, KOA managers Jay and Ann Camp, prepared a turkey dinner for us. Pot luck side dishes were supplied by the members and a great feast was had by all. After dinner, Gary Greene, Georgia Ranger, story teller and folk singer, entertained the group with Indian and animal stories as well as performing some of his own songs that lasted into the evening hours. Earlier that day, Donna and Lloyd Wickenheiser, from Stratford, Ontario, Canada, arrived in their Vectra on their way south and joined the group for dinner. We were happy to have them as our guest and wished them a good trip to Florida.

We gathered once again Sunday morning for coffee and donuts and then said our good-byes until the next time we meet again.

As a side note, if you have not paid your 2008 dues, \$25.00, please send a check made out to Linda Tomsett, Treasurer, and mail it to:

Linda Tomsett 455 Dan Place Smyrna, GA 30082

Dan Rankin, President Metro Atlanta Winnies

#### METRO ATLANTA WINNIES NOVEMBER 2007 MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 17, 2007

### Location:

Cartersville KOA Kampground, Cartersville, GA

#### Call to Order:

Dan Rankin, President called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

# Reading of October 2007 Minutes:

The October 2007 meeting minutes were approved as published without being read.

# Reading of the Treasurer's Report:

Linda Tomsett, Treasurer read the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

# Thank Yous:

Dan thanked everyone for coming and thanked our hosts, Margie Rankin, David and Myra Stainback.

Also, welcomed our WIT Reps Dick and Mickie Dodge. We had 13 coaches in attendance.

### Old Business:

The Georgia State Rally, will be at Perry Georgia, applications for April 2008 are available and the theme will be Hawaiian Luau. Tom Wilson is the State President; contact him if you can help in the rally. The Florida State Rally is March 6 – 9, 2008 in Orlando, Florida. The North Carolina State Rally will be at Cape Hatteras, NC.

The Georgia State Meeting will be in January in Valdosta, GA.

#### New Business:

Dan Rankin thanked John Cowan for being Vice President for the past year. If you have not paid your 2008 dues they are due at this time.

#### **Upcoming Outings:**

**December 22nd-** Christmas Party at Dan and Margie Rankin's home. Dan and Margie are providing the ham and everyone is to bring a side dish

**January 2008 -** State Meeting in Valdosta - It will be held from Thursday through Sunday and Jim and Stu Lynn Simpson have some special things planned for us.

**February 2008** - Fred and Linda Tomsett are hosting at the Cherokee KOA in North Carolina and have planned a trip on the Smokey Mountain Railroad. The campground will purchase the tickets for us and will shuttle us to the train station in Bryson City. The trip will take about 4 hours total. Instructions and directions are listed on our web site. **March 2008** - Roy and Sarah Sowers will be hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

# **MEETING ADJOURNED**

# Submitted by Sarah Sowers, Secetary

