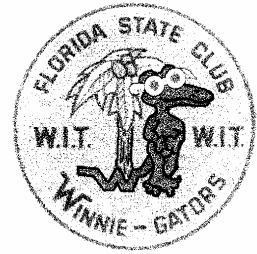




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From the President's Corner:

Paula and I thank all who came to the January state meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all those that have stepped forward to insure the club's success. There is no way that this club could make it without your support. Also, I want to mention that working with this group of officers for the past two years has been an enjoyable and rewarding experience. I know that the newly elected officers will have a very exciting time working with the many wonderful people we have in this club.

It has been brought to our attention that after each chapter elects their new officers, an updated roster needs to be sent to our treasurer, Barbara Schmittzeh and our web coordinator, Phil Halstead. It would also be nice to have a photograph of your chapter's officers to be included on the website.

Paula and I are looking forward to seeing everyone at the State rally in March. We have many activities planned and know everyone will have a great time.

Bud & Paula Geng

The January rally was held at Valdosta/Lake Park KOA in Lake Park, Georgia. There were 85 rigs in attendance. Everyone had a great time over the weekend, in spite of the cold weather. The weather made some of us wonder how we ever survived winters in the northern United States.

Our weekend included lots of good food and social hours. During the Welcome Hors d'oeuvre Buffet on Thursday, we were entertained by the local middle school Jazz Band. The children showed a lot of talent and following their performance, we collected a donation of approximately \$165 toward their travel expenses to Universal Studios later this year. On Friday and Saturday evening we were entertained by Juke Box, a local "Oldies" band. Everyone enjoyed dancing along to their music. During the afternoons, members entertained themselves playing games, bingo or shopping at nearby stores. Half of the proceeds from the bingo games went to the KOA Kare Kamps for Children with Cancer. On Saturday afternoon many of the ladies enjoyed a Red Hat tea. Many members also toured several of the new motor homes on display from Suncoast RV.

The following slate of officers were elected to office with their terms beginning following the March, 2007 rally:

President	Linda & Dan Tuzzolo
1 st Vice President	Marcel & Barbara Drapeau
2 nd Vice President	Gene & Nancy Vanaman
Treasurer	Barbara & Peter Schmittzeh
Secretary	Charlene & Terry Busch

A special thank you goes to Eddie Jones and his helpers for serving food for this outing. We also want to thank Suncoast RV in Winter Haven, Florida for sponsoring this event.

Reminder to all Chapters – Each chapter needs to bring 4-6 baskets and/or cakes for the Friendship Walk (\$10 value). Donations will be accepted from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Vendor Hall on Thursday, February 8th. The Friendship walk is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on February 8th.

2007 FLORIDA WINNIE-GATORS STATE RALLY

MARCH 8 - 11, 2007

Orlando, Florida



Once again it's Rally time in Florida as all of the Winnie-Gators and friends are invited to attend the Florida State Rally at the Central Florida Fairgrounds in Orlando, Florida. Our theme this year is "**Fun in the Sun**". Since Florida is the Sunshine state, there should be plenty of sunshine!

The Rally officially begins at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 8th with the Opening Ceremonies. Then, be ready for three nights and four days of jam-packed excitement. Your fee includes: A lunch after opening ceremonies, three catered dinners, a catered breakfast, two continental breakfasts, a wine and cheese party, ice cream social and three nights of entertainment. Vendors' Hall will be filled with bargains and services for your motor home. There will be craft classes, informational seminars, and games with prizes for the winners. Winnebago and Itasca motorhomes will be on display with the latest innovations for you to check out. The craft show has the same categories that are used at GNR. We encourage you to enter your work. Camping includes electricity and buddy water. There are dump stations and bath houses on the Rally grounds.

Rally Fees: 1 Coach (2 people) is \$160. 1 Coach (1 person) is \$115. Additional guests over age 6 is \$45 and the early arrival camping fee is \$20 per night. Registration forms are available in this issue of the WIT News and also on our web site www.winniegators.org. Please note the following on the registration form: Your arrival date, if you are a current state club president, or if you are a first-timer.

Send registration form and check to Barbara Schmittzeh at 6141 Kinlock Avenue, Spring Hill, FL 34608-1287. Checks should be made payable to Florida State Winnie-Gators.

The Florida Rally Fee is refundable; less a \$5 cancellation fee if written cancellation is received prior to February 28, 2007. Written cancellations received after February 28, 2007 will be subject to a \$20 cancellation fee. Notification should be sent to Barbara Schmittzeh at 6141 Kinlock Avenue, Spring Hill, FL 34608-1287 or via e-mail to: bschmittzeh@yahoo.com

Directions: Southbound from the Florida Turnpike, Exit 267 (Colonial Drive/Ocoee) and head east. Northbound from the Florida Turnpike, Exit 259 (I-4) West to Exit 75B (Kirkman Road), North. Turn Right on Colonial Drive (State Hwy. 50).

Eastbound from I-4, Exit 75B (Kirkman Road), North; turn Right on Colonial Drive (State Hwy. 50). Westbound from I-4 take Exit 84 West.

Note to VENDORS: You **MUST PRE-REGISTER!** For additional information contact Nancy Miller at (239) 574-2511 or e-mail at nmiller1213@earthlink.net. For additional information about the 2007 Florida State Rally contact Winnie-Gator Presidents Bud or Paula Geng at (941) 698-4194 or email Bugeng@aol.com or Pfgeng@aol.com.