



The Winnie Gate

A Newsletter for Members of the Florida State Winnie Gators
Spring, 2008

President's Message

I hope everyone had a great time at the rally. According to the feedback, it was a huge success. I would like to thank all the chapters and volunteers for a job well done. I've already started plans for next year.

In May we have several things that need to be done. One is to vote on the by-law revision. The by-laws have been posted to the website, www.winniegators.org for

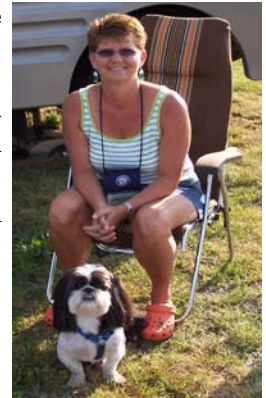
your review. Second, we need to appoint a nominating committee for new state officers and third we need a person to handle the door prizes for the rally next year. Please think about these tasks and volunteer.

GNR is fast approaching and we need to start making

plans for that, too. We will be discussing plans for GNR at the meeting.

I wish everyone a great summer and stay safe in your travels. Hope to see you at GNR.

Linda and Dan



Florida State Rally A Huge Success!

The 37th annual Florida State Rally, "Fiesta del Sol" was held at the Central Florida Fairgrounds in Orlando Florida in March with over 300 motor homes parked. In total 23 states were represented, as well as honored guests WIT General Manager Doug Formanek and his wife Pat and our own Eastern Area Representatives Dick and Mikki Dodge. Festivities began with opening ceremonies including posting of colors by the Cypress Creek High School Jr. ROTC of Orlando. Following opening ceremonies everyone enjoyed a catered lunch and margaritas.

Over the weekend rally participants were treated to a variety of activities including seminars, games an ice cream social, a wine and cheese party, and a pet parade. The friendship walk provided

people with an opportunity to win many gift baskets and delicious deserts, and everyone who participated in the games on Saturday morning had a lot of fun. Following dinner each evening we were entertained by some exceptional entertainment including The Night Owls an R&B review, Homer Noodleman, comedian and The Marlins a family of professional musicians.

This year the Winnie Gators chose the Prader Willi Syndrome Association to support. We raised \$1,433 for the charity and Gordon and Pat Crosby of the South Florida Winnie Gators gave an additional \$1,500 through their Crosby Family Foundation so we were able to donate a total of \$2,933. Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets or donated money to support this charity. We will continue to support

the Prader Willi syndrome Association next year.

This year we had over 50 vendors participating at the rally. Not only did they sell their products but many conducted seminars and all acted as judges for the pet parade. Besides the vendors attending the rally the Winnebago technicians were available for motor home repairs. We are always happy to see the technicians at our rally, and while they work very hard, I think they enjoy the reprieve from the cold and snowy weather in Forest City.



May 16-18 Campout at Rally Park

The May campout is scheduled for May 16 to 18 at Rally Park (Lazy Days) in Seffner.

Important Information:

- \$115 1 Coach 2 People
- \$ 90 1 Coach 1 Person
- \$ 25 Each Additional Person
- \$ 28 Extra Night Camping

The deadline for reservations is April 28th.

To make your reservation, complete the attached form and return it to Charlene Busch, 1094 Motorcoach Dr. Polk City, FL 33868.

If reservations are not received by April 28th, we cannot guarantee that you will be parked with the group and you may not get the group discount camping rate. For late reservations you will need to contact Rally Park and pay Rally Park directly for your camping. The additional amount due to the Florida Winnie Gators will be \$65.00 per coach.

If you have any special situations in registering or cannot register by the deadline, you must contact Linda Tuzzolo by email or phone.

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**EARLY CAMPING BEGINS ON
THURSDAY, May 15, 2008.**

For those of you who are Lovebugs, please note they will not be meeting in May.

Directions to Lazy Days—Rally Park:

From I-75 Interchange, take I-4 East one mile to County Road 579 (Exit 10). Turn north (left on 579 and proceed approximately one quarter mile. Rally Park is on the left. From I-4 West-bound, take County Road 579 (Exit 10) and turn north (right).

Campout Agenda

Thursday:

Dinner on your own

7:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting

Friday:

8:00 am – Breakfast at Lazy Days Café

11:00 – 1:00 – Lunch at Lazy Days Café

2:00 pm – Seminar on Insurance, Linda Smart, Florida Dept of Financial Services. This agency publishes a variety of consumer guides to help you with all your insurance needs.

4:00 pm - Happy Hour, A- M bring Snacks

6:00 pm – Catered Dinner

7:30 pm – Bingo in the clubhouse. \$5.00 for 6 games.

Saturday:

8:00 am – Breakfast at Lazy Days Café

11:00 – 1:00 – Lunch at Lazy Days Cafe

9:00 am – Board of Directors Meeting.

10:00 am – General Membership

Meeting

2:00 pm – Camping World Representative, Judy Mello with surprises

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm - Happy Hour, Wine & Beer provided, N-Z bring Snacks. We will also have a Raffle

6:00 pm – Catered Dinner

7:30 pm – Games and cards in the clubhouse on your own.

Sunday:

8:00 – 9:30 am – Continental Breakfast

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