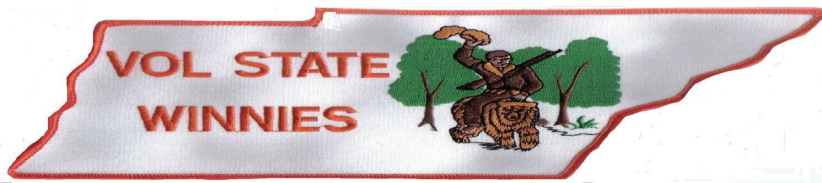


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The Tennessee State Club of Winnebago International Travelers

VOL State Winnies News

Anniversary Celebration

Since both MCW and WTT were planning a joint campout at Salt Lick Creek campground at Cordell Hull Lake near Carthage, TN on August 17-19, 2018, **RTT and VSW decided to join them** for a celebration of MCW's 44th Anniversary as a Chapter.

After discussions with the Chapters, the following preliminary information is provided.

Due to limited facilities and activities in the local area it is planned to have an outing to become better acquainted with some games and old-fashioned socializing with minimal work by anyone—almost a true no host outing.

For those who come early, there is antique shopping, museum and possible visit to the old country store and historic aspects of Granville, some picturesque country sites are a bonus.

Planned activities will somewhat depend on numbers in the outing, but some current thoughts are Saturday morning—some short state and chapter meetings, followed by some competitive games, i.e., bean bag baseball, which is fun for the participants, and side liners as well. Card games, holey board, are some other possibilities. Game time would be followed by in evening setting up some grills with all bringing their own hot dogs, sausages, hamburgers or other to grill. This would be followed by a 44th Anniversary Celebration with cake and home made ice cream (think we can find enough ice cream makers?).

RESERVATIONS: You can start making reservations now! The campground has 30/50 amp WE or WES sites. Go on the internet to make reservations at Reserve America.com. Try to reserve the site of your liking near the shelter. It is on the point between sites 53 and 55 on the map. Sewer sites are from 10-23, but often reserved for longer stays. The map on the internet gives details of the site for your review and selection. Fees are: \$15-26/night. **Evidently sites fill up early for the summer months, so you need to plan now for that campout and make your reservation. After making your reservation, please e-mail Brent Nickles at brentnickles@charter.net giving the dates you reserved and the site number.**



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For those enjoying the sun and beaches in Florida or elsewhere warm!!

Camp Freightliner at GNR

Freightliner Custom Chassis and Winnebago Industries are pleased to offer a Camp Freightliner class following the Grand National Rally. This will be just like the Camp Freightliner classes usually only available in Gaffney, South Carolina. The class is for Winnebago and Itasca rear engine diesels only.

Singles \$235.00

Couples \$285.00

Look for more information on the FCCC website:

<http://www.fccrv.com/owners/camp-freightliner/#camp-freightliner-overview.soon>

RED, WHITE and W— 2018 GNR

Dates: July 17 Parking begins at noon - 5 pm at GNR grounds
July 19-22 Puckerbrush Days, Forest City
July 21 Puckerbrush Parade Downtown Forest City
July 23-28 GNR (TN will have Row with a tent)
July 26 State Row Parties

Reservations:

- . Can be made now with discounted rate (postmarked by March 31st.)
- . On line or print format at www.witclub.com
- . Volunteer registration form also at www.witclub.com

Pre-rally Tours:

- . Not posted yet

Camp Freightliner at GNR—see side bar at left.

EVERY WINNEBAGO IS WELCOME AT GNR

WIT is making a change this year with opening up registration to any Winnebago brand product owner whether or not they belong to WIT Club. In talking to many Winnebago owners they have found that many don't understand WIT and all the social opportunities it provides. The company believes that the WIT Club Members are the best ambassadors of the Winnebago brand and will help those non-members to see the benefits of WIT membership.

“Inviting all Winnebago owners, and any of the grandfathered brands already eligible for WIT Club membership, RV owners will have the opportunity to experience GNR vendor seminars, activities, and entertainment along with all of you. The best part is they also can get to know the value of being a WIT Club member. We hope your clubs and chapters will take advantage of welcoming all these prospective members to your gatherings during GNR week. As many of you who've attended in the past know, GNR is a great opportunity to make friends from across North America.”

“Of course, as a valued WIT Club member, you will receive a discounted GNR registration fee—see witclub.com for registration details. Registration is now open and you can save money by taking advantage of our 'early bird' rate.”

Note: 1. Grandfathered brands are Sunny Brook & Country Coach. Grand Design owners are not currently eligible to join WIT or attend GNR.

2. If you have the opportunity to invite someone from TN we suggest that you encourage them to sign up for the TN Row unless their unit is over 40'. State Rows only accept 40' or less.

IOWA STATE RALLY JULY 12-15. 2018

The Iowa State Rally will be July 12-15. 2018 at Amana, Iowa.

The Theme for the rally is “Germanfest”.

This is a good rally to attend on the way to GNR. The Amana Colonies are a National Historic Landmark and one of America’s longest-lived communal societies. The community began in 1714 in Germany and continues today in Amana, Iowa. Thousands of visitors come each year to tour the colonies, the shops and eat at the wonderful restaurants.

The rally will include tours of the colonies, wine and beer tasting, workshops, vendors and much more. The site of the rally is the large Amana RV Park. The special rate for camping with full hookups will be available Friday July 6—16 and is \$27.00. No other discounts will be accepted. Camping is included in the registration fee from July 12-14. Other tours and information are available at www.amanacolonies.com.

Registration received by June 30 one rig (2 people is \$140, \$150 after June 30th). One rig 1 person is \$115.00, or \$125 after June 30th. Meals included with registration fee are breakfast Friday, Saturday and Sunday (continental). Friday and Saturday night will be catered meals.

To obtain a registration form, please visit the Iowa Winnie Hawk website www.iowawinniehawks.com or contact President Bob or Carol Hustad (319-270-9624 or 319-270-7352) or send the generic form to Carol Gammon, Iowa Winnie Hawks Treasurer 1121 Stafford Ave. Ames, IA 50010 with the fee included.

Two couples have already expressed interest in attending this rally from VSW on the way to GNR. If interested please contact Ralph Wiggers 931-787-4157 or Virginia Wiggers 931-200-4742 or rvwiggers59@gmail.com. The Iowa Winnie Hawks are working on a pre-rally schedule that will be provided to all of our members when received. If interested and dates are compatible we could arrange for a meeting together along the route to Iowa.

STATE RALLIES

Here are some State Rallies that you may be interested in.

North Carolina

Apr 26-29, 2018

Winston Salem Fairgrounds

Winston Salem, NC

Theme: NC WIT Fair 2018

Georgia

May 2—4, 2018

Coastal Georgia Resort
Brunswick, GA

Theme: Tropical Luau

If you attend any state rallies please let your VSW and Chapter Presidents know.

NEWS FLASH

As of Feb. 13, 2018 26 sites have been reserved for the VSW combined campout at Nashville I-24 Campground!

If you want to go you need to make reservations now before the campground is booked up.

More GNR Opening ceremony : Based on State and Chapter recommendations there will be no parade, but States and Groups will be called to stand for recognition.

VOL STATE WINNIES CAMPOUT –CO-HOSTED BY MCW

April 19-22, 2018

NASHVILLE I-24 CAMPGROUND

1130 Rocky Fork Rd.

Smyrna, TN 36167 615-459-5818

20 Sites have been reserved for VOL State Winnies. 50 amp sites are \$35.00 and 30 amp sites are \$33.00. Good Sam members will get a 10% discount from those fees. Each RV must make their own reservations and ask for the VOL State Winnies Group. **The sites will be reserved until March 1, 2018 and then will be let go so make your reservations early.**

Facilities include an enclosed shelter with electric outlets, heater if needed, a fireplace, picnic tables and some fold up tables. The rally fee will be collected at the Business meeting based on costs.

Schedule

Wed. April 18 Pre – rally

Visit local area

5:00 pm - LEO (Lets Eat out) at a local restaurant

Thurs. April 19

12 noon to 4 pm Arrival and Set up

5-5:30 pm - Opening and Welcome

5:30 pm - Potluck Dinner at Shelter, followed by games and/or fellowship. Bring your own

plates, utensils and beverage.

Fri. April 20

7-8am - Coffee and Tea Available. Bring your own cup.

8-9 am - Toast, bagels, fruit available with condiments at shelter.

9 am - Visit Stands River National Battlefield & National Cemetery in Murfreesboro

12:30 pm - Lunch in Murfreesboro at Demo's Restaurant - 1115 NW Broad St. Murfreesboro

5 pm Dinner - Bring in Barbecue with applesauce & chips and dessert furnished at shelter. Bring your own beverage.

6-8 pm - Music at the Shelter furnished by the RV Park for all to enjoy.

Sat. April 21

7-8 am Coffee and tea available. Bring your own cup.

8-9 am - Toast, bagels, fruit available with condiments at shelter.

9-10am - VSW Business meeting (All members) shelter.

10 am - Chapter Business Meetings (Chapter members) shelter.

Afternoon—On your own. Ideas—Eat lunch at Bell Buckle Café—about 28 miles from campground, visit Franklin, TN a historical town about 21 miles, visit the Walking Horse Museum at Wartrace, or bone up on your holey board skills for GNR. We can form carpool groups where people would like to go.

5 pm—Dinner—Baked potato dinner with sides and toppings at shelter. Bring your own beverage. Games and fellowship

Sun. April 22

7-9 am—”On the Road Again” - Continental Breakfast at the shelter. Bring your own cup.

We are glad you came and hope you had a great time. See you at GNR and at the August combined campout.

Sunshine

We send special wishes to Ed Potts for a quick and complete recovery. It has been an especially hard time with his health issues along with Yvonne’s passing. Our hearts and prayers and with you, Ed!

We have received word from Keith that Jan Mobley will be having

Heart bypass surgery soon. They are in Tucson right now and are not sure if they will have it done there or try to get back to Knoxville.. Keep them in your prayers for a very successful result and fast recovery.



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MEETING, CAMPOUT & RALLY SCHEDULES

	2018	
Jan. 20	Corner Pub - Mt. Juliet, TN 11 am	MCW
Feb. 17	Los Compadres Mexican Restaurant 12894 Lebanon Rd. Mt. Juliet, TN 11 am	MCW
Mar 17	Cheddars—Hendersonville, TN 11 am	MCW
Apr 15-18	Lock A, COE CG, Part of Cheatham Lock & Dam, Ashland City, TN	WTT
Apr 19-22	Nashville I-24 Campground, Smyrna, TN	ALL
May 15-18	Monte Sano State Park, Huntsville, AL	RTT
May 18-20	Lock A Campground, Ashland City, TN	MCW
May 20-25	America's Best Campground, Branson, MO, Long Campout	WTT
Jun 7-10	Sevierville, TN Two Rivers Landing RV Park	RTT
Jun 15-17	Lillydale Campground Allons, TN Dale Hollow Lake	MCW
Jun 17-20	Natchez Trace SP—Pin Oak Loop , Clarksburg, TN	WTT
Jul. 13-15	Cedar Creek Campground— Mt. Juliet, TN	MCW
Jul. 23-28	GNR, Forest City, IA	ALL
Aug 17-19	Salt Lick Creek, Carthage, TN - Combined campout	ALL
Sep 16-19	North Abutment COE CG, Granada Lake, MS	WTT
Sep 21-23	Salt Lick Creek CG, Gainesboro, TN	MCW
Sep	TBD	RTT
Oct 21-24	Long Branch COE, Long Branch, TN	WTT
Oct 25-28	VSW—Ward AG Center, Lebanon, TN	ALL
Nov. 11-14	Columbus/Belmont SP—Columbus, KY (sites 23-28 full hookups)	WTT
Nov 17	Cheddars—Hendersonville, TN 11 am	MCW
Nov	TBD	RTT
Dec. 15	Chili's—Hendersonville, TN 11 am	MCW
Dec.	TBD—Dinner meal & meeting	WTT
Dec.	Member Appreciation Luncheon—TBD	RTT

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