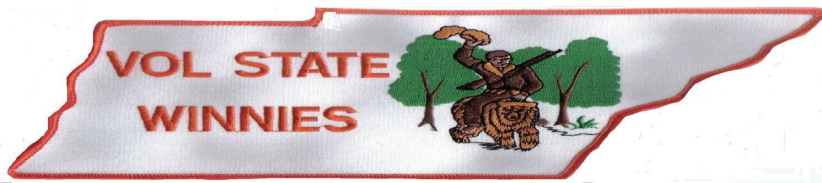


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The Tennessee State Club of Winnebago International Travelers

VOL State Winnies News

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to Summer 2018. Temperature wise it seems to have started a little early, but our members appear to be adapting quite well since many are enjoying the comradeship of the various outings, with rallies and other travels. WIT TN State VSW and local chapters have more plans to keep you active for the rest of the year.

First the Winnebago GNR,. This year all owners of Winnebago, Itasca, Sunny Brook and Country Coach RV's are welcome to attend the GNR even if not a WIT member. For those attending the GNR, if you see a TN plate, please invite them to visit the TN Row tent and scheduled or impromptu activities. We want to make them welcome, and those not members a desire to join with us. Included in this newsletter is a composite of some pre-GNR activities being held on the Rally grounds and/or in Forest City. Also a listing of some TN State and chapter pre-GNR activities. Non TN state-members are more than welcome to come and enjoy.

There will be no parade at the Opening Ceremonies this year, but each state will have a standing recognition. Row parties and decoration contests will be held on Thursday July 26th. Join the fellowship of setting up the decorations that Dave Franke has assembled on the 25th or 26th, weather dependent. This is a good way of becoming acquainted with one another. Likewise volunteers will be assembled with time slots to assist in greeting and doling out drinks and snacks for the Row Party. It is a fun time!

Don't forget to drop by the TN tent during the GNR to socialize and check on what may be coming up. It is planned to have a listing of TN RVers with site number posted, and there will be sign up sheets for activities, etc.

August brings the 44th Anniversary of the Music City Winnies (MCW) Chapter outing at Salt Lick Creek Campground. See details included in the newsletter under the Music City heading. The state and all chapters are participating in this outing.

The Vol State Winnies (VSW) October outing will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Rocky Top Travelers (RTT) and West Tennessee Travelers (WTT). Set aside Oct. 25-28, 2018 at the Ward Ag Center in Lebanon, TN for this outing. More details will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

Each chapter has a few members who are not members of VSW and they unfortunately do not always get updated on state activities. Thus this Newsletter will be sent to all state and chapter members. It is important that all state and chapter members are welcome and encouraged to attend the VSW October outing to help celebrate their



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STATE RALLIES

IOWA STATE RALLY

July 12-15 Amana Colonies,
IA

INDIANA STATE RALLY

August 16-19 Bremen, IN

OHIO STATE RALLY

Sept. 20-23 Mansfield, OH

For more information on
each of these rallies and the
form to sign up look in the
last WIT CLUB NEWS.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER, CONT.

and others chapter anniversary.

It 's not too early for preliminary planning for the Oct. 2019 VSW Rally. Nov. 1st, 2018 is latest date to have information in the Jan-Feb, 2019 WIT Magazine. A suggested theme is "TENNESSEE MUSIC". Recommendation states that theme could include East TN as Birthplace of Bluegrass, Middle TN as Home of Country Music and West TN as Birth place of Rock and Roll (Elvis) & the Blues (Beale St.).

During GNR, we plan to hold a VSW Executive Committee Meeting (VSW officers plus Past President, chapter Presidents, or their representative if they are not present at GNR. The meeting is to discuss the Oct. 2018 outing and the VSW 2019 Rally and other topics. Request any member of the state and/or chapter relay any comments/ suggestions or ideas to the VSW Officers and /or Chapter Presidents or their representatives. This will assist in discussion at the Executive Meeting.

ACTIVITIES THAT WILL TAKE PLACE AT PRE-GNR HOSTED BY VSW FOR ALL TN RVERS ATTENDING.

All times for activities will start about 6 pm to accommodate those who are parking.

July 17 Tuesday—6 pm Gather at VSW President's RV

July 18 Wednesday—6 pm Meet & Greet with Heavy Snacks at the Row Tent

July 19 Thursday—6 pm Out to Dinner with friends—place to be determined.

July 20 Friday—6 pm Row Social—Pizza at the Tent

During pre-GNR and also during GNR we will have small bottles of cold water at the tent for those needing a cooling drink. The tent will be open to all who want to take a break and sit down and just rest or visit.

We will have a white board up at the tent with activities listed for your convenience. Stop by and look once in awhile for any changes, or updates. We will also have sign up sheets for the get togethers so we have a head count for each activity.

PRE-GNR AND GNR ACTIVITIES ON GROUNDS OR FOREST CITY

If you need work done on your RV be sure to sign up at Customer Service as soon as you arrive.

A complete list of activities during GNR will be in your welcome packet you receive at registration.

This list is primarily pre-GNR things that may be of interest.

July 17 Tuesday—12-5 pm Initial Entry and parking. Parking continues 12-5 each day till the 23rd. Enter through the South Gate.

July 17 Tuesday—7 pm Bingo in Friendship Hall

July 18 Wednesday—7 pm Bingo in Friendship Hall

July 19-22 Puckerbrush Days in Forest City - many activities going on during these days.

July 19 Thursday—6 pm Club/Chapter President's Dinner—Friendship Hall—Reservations needed

July 21 Saturday— 10 am Puckerbrush Parade—Downtown Forest City

July 22 Sunday—1 to 4 pm Ladies Day In at Special Events Tent

July 22 Sunday—6:15 pm Presidents Club Annual Dinner at Waldorf University—By reservation

July 22 Sunday—Free admission to Forest Theater with GNR name badge

July 23 Monday—10 am Central Area Officers Seminar at Special Events Tent—all are welcome

July 23 Monday— 9 am to 3 pm Winnebago Outdoor Adventure Tent Open

July 23 Monday— 4 pm 1st Timer Seminar at Special Events Tent

July 23 Monday—6 pm Opening Ceremony with Club/Chapter Recognition at Amphitheater (no parade, but will recognize each State, via standing recognition).

July 23 Monday—7 to 8:30 pm Winnebago Kick-off Party at Product Display Area (east end of B) with craft beer, wine and snacks.

July 24 Tuesday -Vendor Booths Open

July 24 Tuesday—5:30 to 7:30 pm Red, White & Welcome BBQ at Lichtsinn RV Dealership

July 26 Thursday—GNR Row Parties and decorating contest

Other dates and times are contained in the GNR Special Edition of WIT Club News and activity booklet received at Registration.

WINNEBAGO NEWS

Winnebago began in 1958 by John K Hanson. He enjoyed camping in his Aljo travel trailer. That fostered the idea to both help others enjoy their vacations and bring jobs to Forest City.

The factory was backed by local investors and employed 17 workers. The first Aljo travel trailer was 15 foot and priced at \$895.

Improvements were made as John bought out his investors and added 17 foot and 19 foot trailers to the already 15 foot.

Sales soared in the 1960's going from \$1 million in 1961 to \$1 million a day in 1968.

In 1966 Winnebago rolled out it's first motorhomes. It was built on a Ford chassis, and was self contained .

The first GNR was in 1966 with 155 RV's present. Compare that with today as Winnebago is one of the most popular RV manufacturers and one of the top sellers.

**CONGRATULATIONS
WINNEBAGO ON 60
YEARS OF LEADING
THE INDUSTRY!**

MUSIC CITY WINNIES

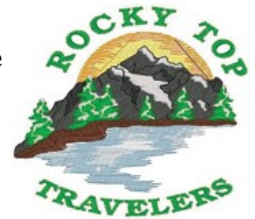
The outing in August at Salt Lick Creek CG is a Friendship Outing. If you haven't already made reservations do it asap to join in the celebration of MCW's 44th Anniversary. Note: To assist in planning, please email Brent at brentnickles@charter.net if you are attending and the dates if you haven't already done so yet. Thanks!

Brent sent a rally activity list so you can be prepared. Those early arrivals on Thursday are on your own, but suggest that Gainesboro is a good place to visit and maybe indulge in some ice cream at Dairy Queen.

Friday—Morning games or visit and lunch on your own. Games or visitation after lunch and then meet at the shelter at 4 pm to go to Giovanni's Pizza 7 Italian Restaurant in Gainesboro.

Note "go hungry or be prepared to bring back a doggie bag". More games after dinner if your not too full.

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ROCKY TOP TRAVELERS

Make your plans now to attend the Rock Top Travelers Friendship campout at Renfro Valley Sep 20,21 and 22, 2018. Bellamy Brothers Headliner on Sat. Potluck on Thursday night at 6 pm. Catered BBQ on Friday evening at 4:30 pm. Destination is Creekside RV park. Hosts are Frankes and Craigs. Call Dave Franke 937-681-4367 to sign up and pay by August 15.

Fees are 3 nights camping \$131.00, optional Bellamy Brothers \$47.50 incl. tax per person, Catered BBQ \$15.00/person. Checks should be made out to RTT and sent to Dave Franke @ 76 Gardens View Dr., Crossville, TN 38555. Renfro Valley has a no refund policy!

WEST TENNESSEE TRAVELERS

West TN Travelers had their election of new officers in May. New officers are: Jeanette Dixon, Pres.; Bob Walter, V Pres.; Ken Dixon, Sec.; and Judy Doyle, Treas.

The May campout was held at America's Best Campground in Branson, MO. The group ate at McFarlain's and attended "The Duttons" together. After that each couple decided what shows to see and where to go sightseeing . This fun rally was hosted by Cliff & Kay Kline.

The June campout was held at Pin Oak Campground in Natchez Trace SP. Two evenings grills were set up for grilling out, the first was a modified potluck with each couple bringing a part of the meal. Tuesday evening the group adjourned to Pin Oak Lodge to take part in their buffet. The heat kept the group moving from one shady spot to another but couldn't stop the conversations and stories. Hosted by John and Sally Shannon.



MORE MUSIC CITY WINNIES NEWS

Saturday—Breakfast on your own. 9 am State meeting followed by chapter meetings. 10:30 bean bag baseball/corn hole/card games. Noon lunch on your own. Some may want to go to Boat Dock in Defeated Creek or back to Gainesboro. 5 pm Potluck in shelter. Bring your own drink and utensils. We will have cake and homemade ice cream to celebrate our 44th Birthday as a Chapter. Games after dessert.

Sunday Breakfast on your own. Games till you have to break camp and leave.

Directions to Salt Lick Creek - 520 Salt Lick Park lane (Note Brent's humor)

From I-40 at Exit 258 take Hwy 53 North. When you cross the Cumberland River at the next light this is your last chance for Walmart. Continue onward if you don't stop at Walmart and Rt. 53 turns into 25N. Go through Carthage and Turn Right onto Hwy 80N there will be signs for Defeated Creek and Salt Lick Creek Campgrounds. Turn Right onto Hwy 85, again there will be signs for the campground.

After you go past Defeated Creek Campground entrance about 1 1/2 to 2 miles there will be a sharp right hand curve "note to self, go slow so you don't throw the spouse out of her seat or you'll never hear the end of it". You will go through Kempville and up a steep hill and down the other side. Both hands on the wheel as there are no shoulders going over this hill and the ditches are very deep. About 3 miles you will turn right onto Smith Bend Ln again there is a sign. 1 mile Turn Right onto Salt Lick Park Ln. 6 tenths of a mile turn left into Salt Lick Creek Campground.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Aggie King, our Sunshine person has sent the following cards since the last newsletter.

SYMPATHY

The Gibbons Family

GET WELL

Bonnie Borla

Kay Kline

Please if you know of anyone who is in need of a card for any reason let Aggie know at 423-366-0623



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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	VSW
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 Campground	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	VSW
Aug 17-19	Salt Lick Creek, Carthage, TN - Combined campout	VSW
Sep 16-19	North Abutment COE CG, Granada Lake, MS	WTT
Sep 21-23	Salt Lick Creek CG, Gainesboro, TN	MCW
Sep 20-23	Renfro Valley Entertainment Center, Creekside CG, Renfro Valley , KY	RTT
Oct 21-24	Long Branch COE, Long Branch, TN	WTT
Oct 25-28	VSW—Ward AG Center, Lebanon, TN	VSW
Nov. 11-14	Columbus/Belmont SP—Columbus, KY (sites 23-28 full hookups)	WTT
Nov 17	Cheddars—Hendersonville, TN 11 am	MCW
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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