



VOL STATE WINNIES

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VSW NEWSLETTER SEPT/OCT 2020

We are planning for the October meeting and unless things change, we will proceed as planned. Ralph sent an agenda which I will include as a separate attachment.
Ken.

President's Message

Summer is winding down with autumn creeping up on us. I assume many of our friends in the west are waiting for the cooler temperatures and the NW with the snow arrival are thinking skiing. We in VSW are looking forward to our first outing for 2020. Most of us have been sticking close to home and/or reduced activities to avoid the unpredictable virus. Life has changed and will return to new normal. In the meantime, we need to gradually increase our activities with appropriate cautions.

WINNEBAGO & WIT

New and used RV sales are greatly improved since RVing is one of the safer ways of enjoying travel. WIT like other RV related organizations has had to cancel and/or curtail their various member activities and are anxiously waiting to open again. WIT State Clubs have had to cancel their large state rallies due to group activity restrictions. For Winnebago RV Tours with Fantasy go to: <https://www.fantasytours.com/Winnebago>. They have several slated for 2020-2021. VSW members Steve and Connie Pacheco plan to be available at the October outing for questions, etc.

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OCTOBER OUTING

Your board and executive committee decided that we could hold our October 15-18, 2020 outing (1st joint activity for the year) at the Ward Ag Center in Lebanon by following the Health Departments guidelines on larger gatherings. Ideally, they prefer all outdoor activities, but if inside try to obtain good ventilation and practice social distancing, masks as appropriate, hand washing, and other sanitary precautions.

Thirteen RV members indicated that they would attend this outing if held in the building. The main reason to have a building in October is the likelihood of cool temperatures and possible rain. But this does not stop us from doing things outside when weather permits.

The proposed agenda for this rally is being sent along with/or separate from this newsletter by email. Our planned Rolling Rally to the Louisiana State Rally in Rayne, LA is cancelled due to the cancellation of the LA State Rally.

APRIL 2021 OUTING

Mark your calendars for our VSW spring outing on April 15-18, 2021 at the Ward Ag Center in Lebanon, TN. Since there will still likely be some continuing concern of the Coronavirus next April, it is determined that the AG Center is the best place for our outing at this time due to the ease of isolation of camping and activities.

NEW VSW MEMBERS

We want to welcome and are looking forward to meeting Gary and Sarah Beatty from Franklin, TN and Mike and Malinda Lewis from Blountville, TN who have joined since the Jul/Aug Newsletter.

ROCKY TOP TRAVELERS (RTT)

It is with sadness though to report the dissolution of the RTT Chapter due to repeated difficulties in obtaining the fulfillment of officer positions and outing hosts. There has never been a problem obtaining volunteers to assist in activities, but a reluctance of taking the leadership positions. As a result, a vote has been taken in accordance with WIT criteria and passed to dissolve the RTT Bylaws, which in effect dissolves the Chapter. The RTT board is now

in the process of closing out the financial aspects of the chapter, to include the decision to donate any remaining funds to an appropriate charity.

RTT members can remain members of VSW or join VSW if not currently a member and/or join one of the two remaining chapters.

Music City Winnies (MCW) Contact Brent Nickles, brent.nickles@charter.net, 615-505-6433.

West Tennessee Travelers (WTT) Contact Jeanette Dixon, jedixon901@gmail.com, 901-872-6662 or 901-482-3388,

Opportunity will be available to meet with them at the upcoming October outing in Lebanon.

ACTIVE/RELIABLE VSW REPLACEMENTS WANTED

Glenn and Irene Craig – Glenn and Irene were long time members of VSW. They have sold their Winnebago MH. Both were continually active in the TN State Club and in the RTT Chapter. Irene was VSW Secretary for 2 years and Glenn was Vice President of VSW for 1 year. Glenn was our “sound man” with his karaoke equipment. We could always rely on Glenn and Irene to volunteer and take charge of various activities and outings especially in the TN State Rallies. Both had been active for several years as parkers for Winnebago at the GNR and actively supported the VSW TN State Row at GNR. They will be immensely missed, and we wish them the best in their new endeavors.

Ted and Mary McDermott – Ted and Mary have sold their Winnebago MH due to Ted’s health reasons. They have only been members of VSW and RTT for a few years but have attended many of the VSW and RTT outings and assisted in the functions of the TN State Row at GNR. We are disappointed that they do not have more time enjoying their RV and being part of our membership. We pray for Ted’s health improvement.

Roy Brummett – Roy passed away on June 23, 2020 of lung cancer. Roy and Rose are long term VSW and MCW members. Both have served as President of VSW, Roy in 1987 and Rose in 1992. We appreciate all they have done for the State Club and MCW chapter.

VSW OFFICER ELECTION

Election of officers for 2021 will be held at the October outing in Lebanon. Due to the lack of meetings this year, all four of the VSW officers have agreed to serve another one-year term. Others will be given the opportunity to nominate themselves or others at the October 2020 Business Meeting in Lebanon.

We hope to see many of you at the October outing. We will attempt to follow the Health Department guide for conducting the gathering as best we can to avoid any potential spread of Covid 19. We all hope next year will bring more openness.

Keep updated at www.tnvolstatewinnies.org

Ralph Wiggers, President VSW

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Rocky Top Travelers

None planned due to likely club dissolution

Music City Winnies (MCW)

Sept 18-20 Lillydale Campground, Allons,Tn, Dale Hollow Lake.

Oct 2-4 Rend Lake Sesser, IL

Oct 15-18 Vol State James E. Ward Ag Center, Lebanon, TN

West Tennessee Travelers (WTT)

Sept 14-16 Natchez Trace State Park, Lexington, TN.

Oct 12-14 Seven Points COE, Percy Priest Dam, Nashville, TN

Oct 15-17 Vol State Meeting, Lebanon, TN

Good Camping & Travels.

A bit of trivia. According to the Federal Highway Administration, "In June 2020, Americans traveled nearly 37 billion – yes billion- fewer miles than in June 2019".

Ken Dixon, Sec
The president's message from Ralph