VSW NEWSLETTER Jan/Feb 2020

WISHING ALL A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR

Here we are at the beginning of a brand new year and anxiously awaiting the coming of warmer weather and lots of opportunities for great camping and fellowship in the coming year.

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Hope all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year celebrations and are planning for an active 2020 that will include sharing interests with your Winnebago Club and Chapters. Members have a wealth of information for sharing in many areas and are always looking for new ideas and places to visit.

The first VOL State Winnies (VSW) campout for 2020 will take place April 22-26 at The Wilson County Fairgrounds in Lebanon, TN. Mike Logan has put an active schedule together to include a tour of the Nissan Auto Plant that many of you missed at last October Rally. It is always interesting to revisit after several years. Check the current April program content in this newsletter and get it on your schedule. There are also a lot of things to do in the Lebanon area during any free time.

At the April meeting we will be discussing plans for the GNR on July 13-17 to include the pre-GNR activities (last year Winnebago had a lot of factory tours during the pre-GNR week). Some of our members usually attend the Iowa State Rally which precedes the pre-GNR week. The Iowa Rally is scheduled for July 2-5 at Britt, IA, close to Forest City.

Also, we will discuss plans for our State outing to be held October 15-18 at Lebanon. For those who may desire to go as a group to the Louisiana State Rally (October 22-25) from Lebanon, TN to Rayne, LA we will discuss a possible Rolling Rally with possible 2 night stop in Vicksburg, MS.

Both IA and LA have great rallies. More details on their rallies can be found on the WIT Web site [www.witclub.com](http://www.witclub.com).

Enjoy your winter, whether in a warmer climate, visiting family or your stick home. Hope to see you somewhere on the road and at our summer outings. Always look forward to new adventures.
Agenda for the

VOL STATE WINNIES CAMPOUT

APRIL 23-26, 2020 EDUCATION BUILDING

WILSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, LEBANON, TN

Wednesday - April 22
Arrive early and campout for Nissan Auto Tour on Thursday. 5:00 pm, Dinner at???

Thursday April 23
Arrive and set up 9:00 am Line up for Nissan Auto Tour in Smyrna, TN

Need to carpool to Nissan plant (free parking). Departure time of tour is 10 am SHARP.

Lunch on your own.

FREE TIME
Visit local attractions – Tour Fiddlers Grove – Visit with fellow attendees.

4 pm Happy Hour, for meet & greet. 4:30 pm Opening & welcoming, then car pool to dinner.

6:30 pm Games, cards, & fellowship.

Friday April 24
8-9 am Breakfast by West TN Travelers

9:30 to 11 am Craft Project by Aggie King: Making little pouches to carry things in.

Items needed: You will need 4 or more pieces (5, 6, or 8-inch squares) of fabric (Aggie will bring extra fabric). 7” nylon zipper for small pouch, 9” nylon zipper for larger pouch (your choice). A lobster clasp or D-ring are optional. If these are used, they are the small ones. Scissors or cutter will be needed. If you have an iron or ironing board, please bring to share with others. Aggie and Virginia will bring sewing machines for use.

Lunch on your own

1-2 pm RV Tech talk and Q&A.

5:00 pm Potluck Dinner – about half of members will be requested to bring a dish to share.

6:30 pm Games, cards, & fellowship.

Saturday April 25
8-9 am Breakfast by Rocky Top Travelers

9:15-10:30 am VSW Business Meeting Discuss: Grand National Rally (GNR) plans, Caravan to the October Louisiana rally with 1 or 2 overnight stops.

10:45-11:30 am Chapter Business Meetings

Lunch on your own
1 pm  Team Trivia Contest: Members will split up into teams at separate tables and questions would be asked on different subjects (like Winnebago history, RV functions, sports, history, geography, etc.). The team who answers the most trivia questions correctly wins.

5 pm  Bring your own meat to grill (grills furnished). Those not providing at the Friday potluck, bring either side or salad to share.

7 pm  Games, cards, & fellowship.

Sunday April 26  7:30-9am  Continental Breakfast by Music City Winnies – with help from others.

9 am  Time to hit the road for the summer. We are glad you came and hope you enjoyed the campout. See you at GNR in July and the October state meeting.

NOTES: Please bring your tableware & drinks to all meals.

There will be a $10 fee per person to cover food & fair building, plus the $20/day camping fee.

OFFICER NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Mike Logan, m.logan33@yahoo.com, phone:615-305-1420 and Ed Potts, aypotts@aol.com, phone 617-899-5900 compose the nominating committee for developing a slate of officers for the 2021 period. The slate of officers should be ready by the end of August 2020 for dissemination to the members in September for the election and installation in October. Term of office is currently from the close of the October 2020 campout to the close of the October 2021 Rally.

The responsibilities of a President are greatly reduced since Aggie King has volunteered to be the October 2021 Rally Master. Since WIT has eliminated the club/chapter of Excellence Awards, the pressure of excelling in all things has been removed.

To assist the officers there is an executive committee consisting of the VSW Club officers, the Chapter Presidents and past VSW State President.

As the CEO of Winnebago stated at the last GNR, “Don’t be afraid of pushing your comfort level, you will be surprised the good feeling you will receive.” We have a lot of talented members and lots of members willing to assist. If you have questions, don’t be afraid to ask.

VSW Event Calendar for 2020

April 23-26 State Meeting, Ward Ag Center, Lebanon, TN

GNR July 13-17 Forest City, IA

Oct 15-18 State Meeting Ward Ag Center, Lebanon, TN
Upcoming Chapter Events

Rocky Top Travelers

April 23-26 VSW State Meeting, Ward Ag Center, Lebanon, TN

May 12-17 Holiday Travel Park, Rossville, Ga

Music City Winnies

Jan 18 Corner Pub, Mt Juliet, TN 11:00 am

Feb 22 Cinco De Mayo Mexican Restaurant. Mt Juliet, TN, 11:00 am

March 21 Cheddars, Hendersonville, TN 11:00 am

West Tennessee Travelers

April 20-22 Long Branch COE, Lancaster, TN

April 23-25 VSW State Meeting Ward Ag Center, Lebanon, TN

May 18-20 Village Creek State Park, Forest City, AR

Attached is an informative note from Connie & Steve Pacheco regarding the new Winnebago-Fantasy RV Tours Partnership

Good Camping and Travels

Ken Dixon, Sec
Presidents Message from Ralph