



VOL STATE WINNIES

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VSW NEWSLETTER MAR/APR 2020

I am sure most have heard of the devastation in middle Tennessee caused by the tornado. There has been some damage to the fairgrounds at Lebanon but it seems to be limited to the Fiddlers Grove area. The campgrounds and buildings were not impacted so we are still good to go for our campout .

Let us all pray for those living in the affected areas who have lost homes, neighbors and loved ones.

President's Message

Snowbird season is winding down and time to finalize the summer plans. Hope your winter season has been enjoyable wherever you may have been. Seems like there have been wide temperature swings regardless of location. Always enjoy the returning sunshine and looking forward to what is coming up. Will highlight some of the Vol State Winnies events and hope to see as many of you as possible. You can also check the VSW website www.tnvolstatewinnies.org for updates and information, registration forms, etc.

NEW VSW MEMBERS

Want to welcome Gary and Melanie Ensminger from Fairview, TN and Dwight and Pam Clayton from Knoxville, TN as the newest members of VSW. They have other commitments during the April outing, but Gary & Melania would like to travel with someone to the GNR. It may be a little early yet, but if going to the GNR and this may work for you please contact Gary & Melanie at garyensminger@comcast.net.

April 22-26, 2020 VSW Outing

Some of the highlights for the April outing include: Tram tour of Nissan Auto Plant, Rving info and tech Q & A Session, Crafts, Team Trivia, discussion/planning for GNR Row activities, general fellowship, etc. To assist in planning, request you email your reservation to our Treasurer, Joe Moore by April 1st. See attached information on this.

July 13-17, 2020 GNR

As Winnebago says, "Be ready for the road trip of a Lifetime to the Hawaii Paradise of Forest City, IA". Kind of a short cut to Hawaii but should lead to a colorful and enjoyable time at this year's GNR.

We need to put our creative thinking cap on to discuss a TN State Row display for "Road Trip to Hawaii Grand National Rally 2020". Prefer something that is catchy, but not too labor intensive in preparation. If you can't make the April outing and have suggestions, please contact me.

GNR registration opens in March 16th. Per message from WIT, you will receive a \$25 registration discount if you register online before April 1st at www.winnebago.com/owners/grand-

national-rally . You only pay for the camping nights of the Rally, July 13-17, with registration. Extra nights for the pre-rally are paid when you arrive, thus gives one flexibility on the arrival date. State Rows will take RV's up to 40'. You are encouraged to sign up for the TN State Row for parking.

OCTOBER 15-18, 2020 VSW Outing

Mike has checked with Lane Motor Museum. In addition to the main museum, they will provide us with a guided tour of the basement area on Saturday. The basement has several unusual items that are not on the normal ground floor of the museum. Also, will receive a lot of extra information that they only give on their basement tours on Saturday and Sunday.

October 18-21, 2020 Rolling Rally to Louisiana State Rally

This is a draft of the optional Rolling Rally for discussion at our April Outing.

Oct. 18 – From Lebanon drive to Good Sam Cullman Campground in Cullman, AL.

Oct. 19 – Drive to Good Sam Rivertown Campground in Vicksburg, MS.

Oct. 20 – Sightsee in Vicksburg

- . Vicksburg National Military Park
- . Lower MS River Museum
- . Wiederhorn Coca Cola Museum
- . Vicksburg waterfront murals

Oct. 21 – Drive to Rayne Civic Center, Rayne, LA for LA State Rally Oct. 22-25.

If you are like Virginia and I, our summer is filling up – almost feels like we are full timing, but that is what retirement and having a Winnebago is all about. Have safe and enjoyable travels and hope you can join us on all of these adventures.

Don't forget several of the April 1st suspense dates!

Registration for APRIL Campout

To register for the April Campout, Please send email to Joe Moore at volstatemoney@gmail.com. Include the names of persons attending, the length of your coach, your anticipated date of arrival and the number of people who plan to attend the Nissan Tour. All moneys due can be paid upon arrival at Lebanon. Other information is available at the VSW website tnvolstatewinnies.org.

GNR & pre-rally information

Preparations for GNR will be discussed at our April campout business meeting. For those who plan to attend GNR, please be advised that registration will be open on March 16, 2020. Pre-rally starts and you can park on the rally grounds beginning July 7th. Pre-rally parking will be open from 12:00 until 4:00 pm.

Central Area reps Butch and Val Peters will oversee parking this year and need 2 couples for the pre-rally parking. If anyone is coming to GNR early and would like information about helping with the parking, please contact them at wit.central@wgo.net

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 **8:45am Line up to carpool for Nissan Auto Tour in Smyrna, TN**

“Departure time of tour at Nissan is 10am SHARP,” if late, you miss the TOUR.

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 11am **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

1-2pm **RV camping question that you may have and also Tech talk 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: Pease 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.

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Rocky Top Travelers (RTT)

April 23-26 VSW State Campout, Ward Ag Center, Lebanon

May 12-17 Chattanooga Holiday Park (See registration form on VSW website)

Music City Winnies (MCW)

March 21st Cheddars, Hendersonville, Tn 11:00 am

April 23-26 VSW State Campout, Ward Ag Center, Lebanon

May 15-17 Harpeth River Bridge, Ashland City, Tn

West Tennessee Travelers (WTT)

April 20-22 Long Branch COE, Lancaster, Tn

April 23-26 VSW State Campout, Ward Ag Center, Lebanon

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

Good Camping & Travels

Ken Dixon, Sec

The president's message from Ralph