

President's Message

Welcome to 2021! We are looking forward to better conditions as the new year progresses. It's been close to a year of being under the COVID-19 siege and are ready to expand our RV travels and get together.

We have gained several new members over the last couple of years and haven't had the opportunity to have camp outs where we can get acquainted and reminisce of past, current and planned events and activities. The WIT Tennessee Vol State Winnies (VSW) is your club, and it is critical that we all have a chance to meet and influence the future activities of the club.

Let us be optimistic that we will be able to gather together at our spring campout(outing) on April 15-18, 2021 at the Ag Center in Lebanon, then Winnebago's July Grand National Rally (GNR) in Forest City, Iowa, then again at our scheduled VSW's TN State Rally October 26-31, 2021 at Lebanon, TN. **Please mark your calendars with these dates.** Some CDC recommendations on safety protectives may be required depending upon conditions at that time.

Since we've recently had limited contact, it is important that we have maximum attendance to become acquainted and or re-acquainted and discuss the membership desires for the GNR, the fall Rally and the future. In order to get the most out of the club, we all have to be participants to some degree. After becoming acquainted, some members have travelled together and/or met at various locations during their travels, i.e., sort of become families. It's a great opportunity to expand your enjoyment of the RVing lifestyle.

NEW MEMBERS

Since the November Newsletter we welcome Lawrence & Linda Creamer of Cookeville, TN and Mark Fly & Clarita Buffaloe of Knoxville, TN to our membership. We are looking forward to meeting each of them in person.

WINNEBAGO AND WIT

WIT club has been reviewing the WIT Club logo and overall operations. They report that they will be sharing their review and changes with us in the near future.

Winnebago is an excellent place to obtain service and has camping facilities at the service center if needed while waiting for repair. Also, Winnebago has introduced some new units. RV sales have been up in 2020 since RV's offer the ability to travel while adjusting to CDC protective requirements.

APRIL 2021 CAMPOUT (OUTING)

COVID-19 conditions should be improving by our April 15-18, 2021 spring campout at the Ag Center in Lebanon. We may still have to be practicing social distancing and wearing masks when appropriate. Our members who attended the October 2020 campout adjusted and had an enjoyable time. Fortunately, we were able to gather outdoors for happy hour discussions and windows open when indoors. We plan to repeat the popular tech sessions for both spouses and West TN (WTT) and Music City (MCW) chapter representatives' discussions. More details on a schedule will be made and provided when closer to the outing.

Attendees will be providing input for activities at GNR and the October 2021 TN Vol State Winnies State Rally.

GNR

Grand National Rally (GNR) will be held the week of July 26, 2021. More information is scheduled in the near future. The theme "The Road to Hawaii" is a repeat of the cancelled 2020 GNR. For newer members information, the week preceding the GNR, Forest City holds their annual Puckerbrush Day Festivities. Saturday (July 24th) is the most active day with the ever-popular parade. For pre-GNR activities, the GNR campsites are available for that pre week activities.

VSW 2021 STATE RALLY

The TN State Rally is scheduled for October 26-30, 2021 at the Ward Ag Center in Lebanon. Scope and details of this rally will be discussed at the April outing. Review of the virus situation and other factors will help determine the recommendations.

CHAPTERS

We currently have two chapters, Music City Winnies (MCW) and West Tennessee Travelers (WTT). VSW members may join one or both of these chapters.

If interested, you can go to our web site www.tnvolstatewinnies.org or contact Officers of the chapter directly. At the recent October outing, representatives of each chapter were available on Saturday evening to discuss their chapters with those new members present. We will repeat this at our April 2021 outing. This appeared to work well at the outing. Another option is to check chapter outing dates and arrange to attend one of their outings.

Several of our members have already departed for warmer climates while others are sticking closer to home. Either way we hope all are staying safe and have marked your calendars for VSW 2021 campouts (outings). Your attendance will influence the future direction of the club.

We are looking forward to seeing you in April, if not before.

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