



WINNIE-GATE

A Newsletter for Members of
FLORIDA WINNIE-GATORS

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Notes from the President

I can't believe the time is finally here for me to take over as President of the greatest state club in the nation. I'm looking forward to the many challenges ahead and I'm counting on the support of all the Florida Chapters to make this a very successful year. Bud has done a great job of preparing me for this position and I hope that I can meet everyone's expectations.

The March Rally was a huge success and next year will be even better. We are already in the process of making plans for that Rally which will be March 6 - 9, 2008. At the May meeting we will need to vote on a Charity for the next two years. Please bring your suggestions. I also want to thank the Caloosa Winnies for planning the activity for Friday night. It should be a fun weekend and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the campout.

Linda & Dan

Wow!!!! *Fun in the Sun*, the theme for the Florida State Rally couldn't have been better named. The weather for this year's rally was

sunsational. Over 300 motorhomes enjoyed temperatures averaging



between 75 and 80 for the entire rally!

Rally attendees had the opportunity to participate in many events, from the fellowship of meals together with current and new friends, evening entertainment, dealer displays, seminars and vendors selling items that we simply couldn't do without. We enjoyed a pet parade, an ice cream social, a wine and cheese party, a friendship/basket walk, book fair, arts and crafts display, bingo and a wide variety of games to test your skills.

In addition to Dennis and Bev Burkholder, WIT General Manager and Mikki and Dick Dodge, Eastern Area Representatives, we had guests attending from all over the country. We thank all of them for making our rally part of their travel plans.

A special thank you goes to **Kathy Griffin** (Caloosa Winnies) for raising over \$750 for the American Cancer Society's Fight Against Breast Cancer. Kathy sold raffle tickets for the Basket of Cheer, throughout the entire rally. Way to go Kathy!

We also want to thank the Winnebago Technicians who left their snowy igloos in Iowa to work hard on our rigs at the Rally. Great job.

And of course, who can forget meeting Linda's Mom and Linda's Dad?

Our May Campout is scheduled for **May 18-20, 2007** at Tropical Palms Fun Resort, 2650 Holiday

Trail, Kissimmee, Florida. Following is the Agenda for the weekend:

Friday:

- 3:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting with all Chapter Presidents or their representatives
- 4:00 pm Happy Hour, A-M Bring Snack

Friday (Continued):

- 5:15 pm Tropical Palms RV Resort Update
- 5:30 pm Catered Dinner
- 7:00 pm Horse Races – Sponsored by Caloosa Winnies

Saturday:

- 8:30 am Catered Breakfast
- 10:00 am General Membership Meeting
- 1:00 pm Ice Cream Social – Sponsored by Tropical Palms RV Resport
- 4:00 pm Happy Hour, N-Z Bring Snack
- 5:30 pm Catered Dinner

After dinner feel free to enjoy Old Town to see the cars and shop. The parade of cars starts at 8:30 pm. Hope to see you there.

The clubhouse will be open for cards and games.

Sunday:

8:00 to 9:00 am Continental Breakfast

Future Campouts:

October 17-21, 200 – Sun N Fun RV Resort, Sarasota, Florida

The cost for this campout is \$125 per coach for 2 people. For one person the rate is \$99.00. For each additional person the cost is \$26. The extra nights of camping is \$30 for each night. Please complete the attached registration form and mail to Gene Vanaman. Your check should be made **payable to FLORIDA WINNIE-GATORS**. Registration must be received by Friday, May 4, 2007.

DIRECTIONS TO TROPICAL PALMS RV RESORT

FROM NORTH FLORIDA:

From North Florida take I-75 to the Florida Turnpike South to I-4 West to Exit 65. Yield to the left and take Osceola Parkway to the 2nd traffic light and make a right onto International Drive. Follow to the next traffic light and make a left onto US HWY 192. Go to the next traffic light and make a right onto Holiday Trail. Resort is at the end of Holiday Trail.

FROM SOUTH FLORIDA:

From South Florida take the Florida Turnpike North to I-4 West to Exit 65. Continue from Exit 65 as written above.

FROM ORLANDO INTL AIRPORT:

From Orlando Intl. Airport take Hwy 417 South to Celebration Exit, Exit 2. Make a right at the end of the off ramp. Go to first traffic light and make a right onto Hwy 192. Go 2 traffic lights and make a right onto Holiday Trail.