



The Winnie Gate

A Newsletter for Members of the Florida State Winnie Gators
Fall, 2008

President's Message

Hope everyone had a great summer. GNR was a blast and everyone had so much fun. If you weren't there, you missed a great time. Our website will be having pictures posted soon.

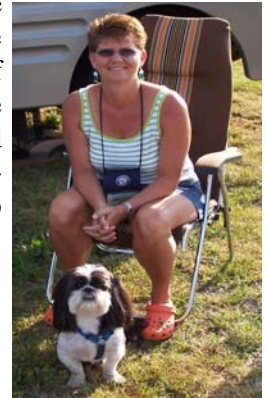
Looking forward to seeing everyone at the October Campout. We have a fun weekend planned and Sun n Fun is such a great place. RV World of Nokomis will be setting up a display of motor homes. Please take the time to visit them.

Check out the agenda for the weekend, because lots of things are planned.

Don't forget that we will be voting on the Pin Design for our state rally. So bring your artwork. The theme is "Salute to the Military". Also on Saturday we will be having a raffle like we had in May with lots of prizes. If anyone has any new

items that they would like to donate towards the raffle, see Dan or myself at the campout. Hope you all can make it and can't wait to see everyone. Have a safe trip back to Florida.

Linda and Dan



GRAND NATIONAL RALLY (GNR) LOTS OF FUN!

Florida brought in 115 coaches to GNR. We came in third with Minnesota and Iowa in the lead. What a great time we all had. During Pre-GNR we served coffee and orange juice every morning. On Monday 47 of us went to the Branding Iron for their prime rib, which was excellent as usual. Eastern Reps, Dick and Mikki Dodge and WIT General Manager, Doug and Pat Formanek, also joined us for dinner. The rest of the week was happy hour after happy hour. We had so much fun getting ready for the big Rockin Reunion.

Bruce Cheatum, Joan Krajack and others were jumping rope, Renee Arrowsmith demonstrated the hula hoop, Louise Maenner and others did tricks playing with yo-yo's. WOW!! I didn't know we had so much talent in our group.

On Saturday a special private party was ar-

ranged at Dick's Country Inn in Hayfield. It is the only restaurant on a working farm in Iowa. We had 100 people in attendance with special guests including WIT General Manager, Doug and Pat Formanek; the Mayor of Hayfield, Dick Formanek and his wife Marsha; and President and CEO of Winnebago, Bob Olson and his wife Kathy. What a great time everyone had with lots of food, music and dancing. The party was the hit of pre-GNR week.

On Monday of GNR we had a First Timers Social to welcome all the new Florida attendees to GNR and introduce them to our state club and chapters. With beer, wine, soda and snacks provided, everyone had so much fun. We gained several new state members.



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION—OCTOBER CAMPOUT
SUN N FUN RV RESORT—SARASOTA, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 17-19, 2008**

<i>1 Coach 2 People</i>	\$125
<i>1 Coach 1 Person</i>	\$95
<i>Additional Guests</i>	\$30
<i>Early Days Parking</i>	\$30/Night

DIRECTIONS TO SUN N FUN

I-75 to SR780 Fruitville Rd. (Exit 210), go east on Fruitville Road,
Entrance on Left

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 10/1/08

Send your reservation to:
Charlene Busch
1094 Motorcoach Drive
Polk City, FL 33868

Future Campouts	
Jan. 16-18	Lee County Civic Center, Ft. Myers
Mar. 5-8	Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando
May 15-17	Rally Park (Lazy Days), Seffner

Campout Agenda

Thursday:

Dinner on your own

7:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting

Friday:

8:30 am—Executive Comm. With State Officers

9:30 am—Board of Directors Mtg. With Club Presidents or Representatives

1:00 pm—Skymed Presentation followed by Ice Cream Social

4:00 pm - Happy Hour, A- M bring Snacks 50/50 Raffle

6:00 pm – Catered Dinner

7:30 pm – Bingo

Saturday:

8:30 am – Catered Breakfast

10:00 am – General Membership Mtg.

3:00 pm— Happy Hour, Wine & Beer provided, N-Z bring Snacks. We will also have a Raffle with lots of prizes

6:00 pm – Catered Dinner

7:30 pm – Games and cards in the clubhouse on your own.

Sunday:

8:00 – 9:30 am – Continental Breakfast

GNR (continued)

Tuesday was the State Row Parties with Florida, as usual, out doing themselves again. We served over 300 people with fried chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, beer, wine and soft drinks. Once the word got out about our food and beverages, several more folks from other states came to party with us. We also had Melvina of the Malek's Jolly Fisherman Band, stop by to dance with our members. Jim Copenhaver, dressed as a nerd, was the hit of the party. I think everyone at GNR had their picture taken with him. And of course we had the Eastern Reps, WIT General Manager and President of Winnebago, stop by again.

As the week came to an end we celebrated another successful GNR. We all said our good-byes and wished everyone safe travels until we meet again.



Linda Tuzzolo and Bob Olson, President and CEO of Winnebago Industries, celebrating at Dick's Country Inn.

Nominating Committee News

Please note that the Nominating Committee will be presenting a slate of officers for 2009. If you are interested in becoming an officer for the Florida State Winnie Gators, contact Bud Geng at (941) 698-4194 or (239) 822-4093 or Joe Sholtes at (863) 984-4242 or (727) 422-8827. We will be nominating the slate of officers to be voted on in January, 2009.

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