



The Winnie Gate

A Newsletter for Members of the Florida State Winnie Gators
April 2011

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

“HILLBILLY JAMBOREE” was the theme for our March Rally and once again it was a HUGE success! Our team of club officers and chapter members did an OUTSTANDING job of handling the tasks assigned to them—and they did it with a smile! Our special guests Doug & Pat Formanek, WIT General Manager, Butch & Becky Moore, the WIT Eastern Area Reps participated in several events and we enjoyed having them with us! What fun we had with the theme—I never saw so many bib overalls and what can you say about our decorations? Suncoast Winnies did an OUTSTANDING job with decorations including the “Still” and “Outhouse”! South Florida Winnies Hillbilly Band who entertained at our Row Party was one of the highlights of the week! Over 600 people were entertained by Homer Noodleman on Friday. He had us laughing continuously! Dixie Highway Band had us dancing in the aisles on Saturday! THANK YOU to our officers and chapters for all the hard work! Our rally would not happen without your help and support!



President Jerry Miller

Now it's time to turn our attention to our May meeting and GNR! The May meeting theme is “Chapter Challenge” so get ready for some FUN and friendly competition! GNR plans are underway—Florida needs YOU—so make your plans to be in Forest City! You don't want to miss the activities we have planned for our row and all the GREAT events WIT has planned! We need YOUR help to build our parade float, decorate our row and join in Happy Hours!

 ★ *****CALLING ALL CHAPTERS***** ★
 ★ **MAY STATE MEETING – CHAPTER CHALLENGE!!** ★
 ★ Here's your chance to be #1!! (or #2 or #3)! Join in the FUN with some ★
 ★ friendly competition! You don't want to miss the OREO STACKING CONTEST ★
 ★ or the TOILET PAPER ROLLER DERBY!!! ★
 ★ **SIGN UP BY MAY 1, 2011!** ★
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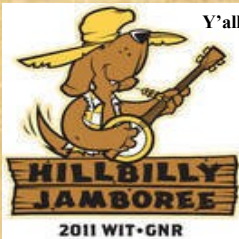
Charity Presentation

At the May meeting we'll be voting on a new charity. All members will have a chance to promote their favorite organization. Be prepared to give reasons for club consideration. THANKS!



We're lookin' for rally feedback! If you have suggestions to make our rally better—jot it down and We'll add it to our list for consideration. Feel free to email jmiller828@yahoo.com

SEE PAGE 3 & 4 FOR MAY MEETING AGENDA AND RESERVATION FORM! IT WILL BE A FUN TIME!



Y'all come!

Grand National Rally
July 17—22, 2011
Pre-Rally July 9—16, 2011
PLANTO JOIN US at GNR! The Florida Row is the place to be! Help us decorate our row—bring all those decorations and first class outfits from our rally! You don't want to miss the Hog Roast—the parade float—happy hours—prizes—raffles—row party— we do it up right! PLUS all the stuff WIT has for you to do! Sign up on that website www.witclub.com. Make your plans and we'll see you there! YEHAU!!

Chapter of Excellence Forms Are Due!

Bring them to the May meeting and don't forget to include a roster of membership!



**Mark Your Calendar!
 2011-2012 Campouts**

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| October 21—23, 2011
Grand Lake RV Resort
Orange Lake, Florida | March 15—18, 2012
State Rally
Orlando, Florida |
| January 20—22, 2012
Central Florida Fairgrounds
Orlando, Florida | May 11—13, 2012
Paradise Oaks
Bushnell, Florida |



A project is in the works for the goody bags for our Rally 2012! This T.S. project will be revealed at the May Meeting! You'll want to be there to get in on the news as we roll out the guidelines! You'll be the first to know..... How can you miss this????



Make sure you check the Winnie Gators website often! Check out the rally pictures that have been posted!
 Keep up with all the chapter news!

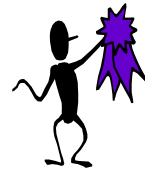
A TRIBUTE TO KATHRYN GRIFFIN

Kathryn has been our club Secretary for 2 years and recently had to retire from WIT and RVing. Kathryn served our club with dedication and hard work. We are very grateful for her OUTSTANDING performance and we all will miss her.
 THANKS, Kathryn, for all you have done for WIT!

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AGENDA

May 13 – 15, 2011



*****CHAPTER CHALLENGE WEEKEND*****

GPS Coordinates: LAT: 28.66534 North, LON: 82.13707 West

Directions: From the Jct. of I-75 & SR 48 (Exit 314) East 0.3 miles to CR 609, (Look for sign) South 0.2 miles to entrance on left.

Wednesday & Thursday, May 11 - 12, 2011 – EARLY DAY ARRIVALS

4:00pm Happy Hour, bring your own beverages & snacks
5:30pm Dinner on your own (List of restaurants will be provided)
7:30pm Games of your choice at the clubhouse

Friday, May 13, 2011

8:00am Breakfast on your own
9:30am Shuffleboard Challenge rules and instructions will be announced—meet in Rec Hall
10:00am Executive Board Meeting – Winnie Gators State Club Officers
11:00pm Shuffleboard Challenge Begins
12:00pm Lunch on your own
1:00pm Board of Directors Meeting – FSWG Officers, Chapter Presidents and Officers
2:00pm Craft Project—make a Dreamcatcher! (\$2.00 donation covers materials)
Shuffleboard Challenge
4:00pm Happy Hour – Bring your own beverages and A – M bring a snack of your choice
6:00pm Catered Dinner
7:00pm Skeeter Creek Band—for listening and dancing pleasure

Saturday, May 14, 2011

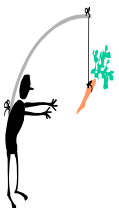
8:30am Catered Breakfast
10:00am General Business Meeting
12:00pm Lunch on your own
1:00—3:00pm Chapter Meetings or free time or Shuffleboard Challenge
4:00pm Happy Hour, bring your own drinks, N – Z bring snacks, Money Raffle
6:00pm Catered Dinner
7:00pm Chapter Challenge Contests - PRIZES!!!!
Oreo Stacking & Toilet Paper Roller Derby - PRIZES!!!!



Sunday, May 15, 2011

8:30am Continental Breakfast – donuts and bagels, **bring your coffee cups!**

NOTES: Shuffleboard Challenge—rules and instructions will be given Friday morning at 9:30am. Each person will have an opportunity to play the game at their leisure either Friday or Saturday.



PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP 3 CHAPTERS WITH THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP ATTENDING THIS WEEKEND!!
BE THERE – YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS WEEKEND!!

FLORIDA STATE WINNIE GATORS, INC. - STATE CAMPOUT
May 13 – 15, 2011

Registration Due by MAY 1, 2011

Name _____ Spouse/Companion _____ WIT # _____

Address _____ Email Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

Arrival Date _____

Are you a current State Club Officer? Yes _____ No _____

Local Club/Chapter involved in: _____

Handicap Parking? _____ Yes _____ No _____

**REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES: 2 NIGHTS FULL HOOKUP CAMPING FRIDAY & SATURDAY,
 2 CATERED DINNERS, 1 CATERED BREAKFAST SATURDAY, 1 CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SUNDAY.**

	Rate		
1 Coach 2 People	\$125		\$
1 Coach 1 Person	\$90		\$
Additional Guests	\$35	# Guests x \$35	\$
Additional Days Wed., Thurs.	\$25	# Nights x \$25	\$
		TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED	

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