



# The Winnie Gate

A Newsletter for Members of the Florida State Winnie Gators

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## From the President's Corner

### The President's Corner FSWG September Newsletter



Warm (and I mean really **WARM!**) greetings to all Winnie Gators members. Glo and I are back home from the Grand National Rally in Forest City, Iowa. It was quite a gathering. The rain was torrential at times, the heat HOT, tons of informative seminars, entertainment, vendors, and show coaches (how about the 2017 Forza/Solie with 2, that's 2 full bathrooms) with fun and friendship galore. Florida tied with Minnesota for most coaches from a state (99 each) and beat Iowa's 84. In keeping with FSWG tradition, we held Happy Hours every day under the tents. A shout-out goes to Courtney Wooge from Winnebago RV Insurance for sponsoring a lovely wine and cheese party on Tuesday. On Wednesday we welcomed many new-comers at our First Timers Party, and encouraged them to keep having fun with FSWG and our state chapters. The Florida Row Party was a huge success thanks to all our state volunteers, the decorating committee, and the generous contributions from Randy and Rene Arrowsmith and our past presidents, Linda & Dan Tuzzolo. Our Florida row became a big beach scene with games, prizes and OJ (straight or with Vodka) but the biggest hit of all was the water mister....near the road, and on the hottest day of the year. We encourage all members who have yet to attend a GNR to put it on your bucket list and see what all the hype is about.



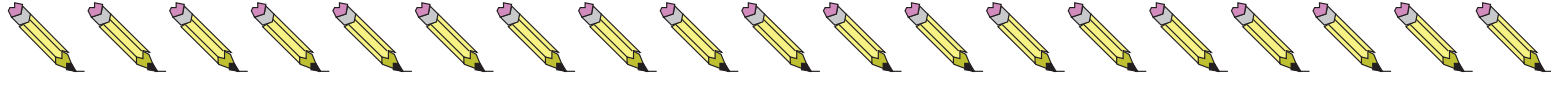
Our October outing is just around the corner. Do plan to join us at Travelers Rest Resort in Dade City, October 21-23 with early days, 19 & 20. We are offering a catered breakfast and dinner on Saturday and a potluck dinner on Friday night. Optional on site golf outings are available and also an opportunity to practice your CPR skills (hopefully not on the golf course!!) Visit historic Dade City, its antique shops and attractions. I hear there is a nudist RV park somewhere in town but we are not camping there.

There will also be a special meeting of the Executive Committee (all chapter Presidents or their representatives and FSWG officers) on Friday at 10:00 in Busch Hall. We will be discussing the state officers slate for 2017 and needed changes to the state bylaws. I will be sending out to all chapter Presidents a meeting agenda and draft of recommended changes/updates to the bylaws. These changes will be based in part on those recommended at the President's meeting held by WIT at GNR. See attached WIT Bylaw changes which took effect August 1, 2016.

Now let's talk about the 2017 officer slate. Glo and I promised to serve as your President for two years and that period is drawing to a close. The successful continuation of the Florida State Winnie Gators club depends on its members to step up and volunteer to lead this wonderful organization. The support we have received from all the state chapters has made our jobs so much easier and that support must continue. But now is the time to raise your hands. We already have volunteers for 2 of the positions. Rich & Dorinda Gest have agreed to serve again as Second Vice President, and Chuck Smalley has volunteered to serve as Treasurer. The seats for President, First Vice President, and Secretary remain open. I discussed the possibility of not having volunteers for these positions resulting in closing the club with Denise Yeager, the WIT Coordinator and Stewart and Tammy Smith, our east coast WIT reps. Imagine no Florida State Rally, no one to coordinate the other meetings, no budget and no one to plan Florida Row at GNR. Clearly, this is a path I don't wish to take. Our state club is a volunteer organization and we all pull together to make it a success. Please call Ted and Janis Fumia to place your names on the slate.

As we wrap up our summer travels, we hope you arrive home safe with wonderful memories of your road adventures. We look forward to seeing you all in October at Dade City,

Best Wishes,  
Jack & Glo  
FSWG President



# WIT Bylaw Changes

## Article VI Application for Membership

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Any member canceling their membership may receive a refund of any full year of unused dues upon request as long as that member returns his ID plate and membership card to the WIT Club office. If the ID plate is not available, \$10.00 will be subtracted from the refund amount. A partial year's dues will not be refunded. Multi-year memberships will receive a prorated refund for any full year left EXCEPT complimentary memberships. A complimentary membership will not be refunded.

## Article VII State and Provincial Clubs, Local Chapters, International Clubs and Special Interest Clubs

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Each club or chapter must elect at least the following officers: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer from the membership of the club or chapter. Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting. It is recommended to elect officers in one-year terms. Only the offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined into one person.

The offices of **President** of a **state, provincial club** or **local chapter** shall not hold office more than five consecutive one year terms. A partial term shall not count as a term served. Upon fulfilling term as President, the member will receive a complimentary one-year extension of his/her national membership if the club or chapter has received the Club or Chapter of Excellence status for that current year. If the Club or Chapter did not receive Excellence status, the member will receive a six month membership extension as a thank you from WIT Club for the time of service. Complimentary memberships will not be refunded.

The office of **Vice President** may be exempted from the above term limit requirement. Upon fulfilling a one year term, if the club or chapter receives Excellence status, the member will receive a complimentary six-month extension of his/her national membership if the club or chapter has received the Club or Chapter of Excellence status for that current year. If Excellence status is not received by the club or chapter, there is no extension.

The offices of **secretary** and **treasurer** may be exempted from the above term limit requirements. Upon fulfilling a one year term, if the club or chapter receives Excellence status, the member will receive a complimentary six-month extension of his/her national membership if the club or chapter has received the Club or Chapter of Excellence status for that current year. If Excellence status is not received by the club or chapter, there is no extension.

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State and Provincial clubs, and local chapters may hold a **Friendship Outing** no more than once every 12 months to invite non-Winnebago Industries RV's to further the spirit of fellowship and to owners of a Winnebago Industries' RV to join the WIT Club. The outing must be authorized by the Consumer Engagement Manager and preannounced in the WIT Club News. **Requests for approval must arrive at least four months prior to event.**

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### 5. Club & Chapter Administration:

The club or chapter authority derives from bylaws and operating policies duly adopted by vote of the club or chapter membership. Such voting may take place in duly called meeting or **by mail/e-mail** ballot. Proxy voting may not be used. (The definition of proxy voting according to Webster's New World Dictionary is: a document empowering a person to act for another as in voting or a person empowered to act for another.)

## ***VENDOR COORDINATOR NEEDED!!***

A volunteer is urgently needed to manage the vendor activities, planning and correspondence for the Florida State Winnie Gators annual rally in February. Computer skills are necessary as is a knowledge of the needs and desires of RVers. Rally vendors display their wares in the Potter Building and fairgrounds staff do all table setups. The position also requires managing vendor seminars. Your coach will be parked adjacent to the Potter building for convenience and all fees for rally registrations, camping site and meals are paid for by the FSWG club. Please call Jack & Gloria Caffrey @904-215-3462 or 904-314-9993 if you are interested in this posi-

## ***2017 RALLY LOGO CONTEST: "PAJAMA PARTY"***

Get your artistic talents flowing and bring your entry to our Logo contest in October at the meeting in Dade City. The logo is typically used on the rally pins, rally t-shirts and rally program. The following criteria should be included in the design:

The theme for the rally: "Pajama Party"

The year of the rally

The word "Sarasota"

Either W.I.T. or WIT

The words "Florida State Rally"

The words "Winnie Gators"

Background must be white. Up to 4 other colors may be used.

Submissions must be in hard copy AND on a computer disc or thumb drive. Do NOT sign your entry when submitting it for vote. Submissions are due by 9:00AM, Saturday, Oct 22. Voting will be during the general membership meeting. The winning artist will receive one year free membership in Winnie Gators and WIT!! Artists...do your magic!!

## ATTENTION QUILTERS!

THE DEADLINE FOR THE “2016-2017  
FLORIDA STATE WINNIE GATOR  
QUILT CHALLENGE” IS THE OCTOBER  
2016 STATE MEETING IN DADE CITY.

THE  
DETAILS ARE POSTED ON THE FSWG  
WEBSITE. THE THEME IS  
‘RECREATION’ SO GET THOSE CREA-  
TIVE THINKING CAPS IN PLACE AND  
ST START SEWING. BE CREATIVE AND  
USE YOUR IMAGINATION!

5-8 January 2017  
Lazy Days RV Resort  
Seffner, FL

**BIG REMINDER:** You must make your own reservations with Lazy Days,  
no later than Dec. 6, 2016, for the January meeting. Be sure to specify that  
you are with the Florida State Winnie Gators.

23-26 February 2017  
Florida State Rally  
Sarasota Fairgrounds  
Sarasota, FL

18-21 May 2017  
Wilderness RV Resort  
Silver Springs, FL





Come ready to be “Bewitched” at the October Campout! Join the “spirit” of fun by decorating your coach in keeping with the Halloween/Bewitched theme.

**FLORIDA STATE WINNIE GATORS “BEWITCHED” SCHEDULE:**

**TRAVELERS REST RESORT, DADE CITY, FLORIDA  
OCTOBER 19-23, 2016**

***THANKS TO THE SUNCOAST WINNIES FOR CO-HOSTING THIS MEETING!!***

**Note: All events take place in Busch Hall unless otherwise stated.**

**Wednesday, October 19, and Thursday, October 20, 2016:** Early arrival days

- Things to see and do in the Dade City area: Antique Shopping, Pioneer Museum, Wild Things Zoo, Florida Estate Winery.
- Play golf at the resort: \$12.00 for 9 holes. Pay fees at the office.
- Swim in the pool, Horseshoes, Bocci Ball, Tennis, Shuffleboard...all FREE!!
- 4:00PM: Social Hour. Bring our own beverages/snacks.
- 5:30PM: Dinner on your Own
- 7:00PM: Games of Choice.

**Friday, October 21, 2016:**

- 10:00AM: Club Officers and Chapter Presidents Meeting.
- 4:00PM: Meeting officially begins with Happy Hour. Bring your own beverages.  
**A-L bring snacks. MONEY RAFFLE!! YOU COULD WIN!!**
- 6:00PM: Potluck Dinner. **Ham and rolls provided.** Side dishes: **A-F: Dessert.**  
**G-L: Veggies. M-R: Starch. S-Z: Salad.**
- 7:30PM: Candy Card Bingo. Bring a deck of cards. All can play!!

**Saturday, October 22, 2016:**

- 8:30AM: Catered breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, fruit cup, coffee.
- 10:00AM: General Business Meeting. All members invited to attend.
- 1:00PM: CPR Training



- 4:00PM: **Happy Hour and Halloween celebration. Pumpkin contest:** Each **CHAPTER** is asked to bring **ONE DECORATED OR CARVED PUMPKIN**. Get creative and your chapter may win the pumpkin contest prize!! Also, come in your favorite Halloween costume. Prizes for the “spookiest”, “funniest”, and “best home-made” costumes. Oh yes, bring your own beverages. **M-Z bring snacks.**
- 6:00PM: Catered Dinner: Chicken Marsala, ziti, salad, vegetable, bread & butter, apple crisp.
- 7:30PM: Marshmallows and ghost stories at the Fire Pit. Bring your own stick or fork and your spookiest Ghost Story!!

**Sunday, October 23, 2016:**

- 0830AM: Continental breakfast and good-byes.

**FLORIDA STATE WINNIE GATORS “BEWITCHED” CAMPOUT:  
CO-HOSTED BY SUNCOAST WINNIES**

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR OCTOBER 21-23, 2016  
TRAVELERS REST RESORT  
29129 JOHNSTON RD, DADE CITY, FL 33523  
1-352-588-2013**

**REGISTRATION DUE BY OCTOBER 1, 2016**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ WIT # \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a First Timer? \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot Cell# \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot Email \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Pilot Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot Email \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_ Pets? \_\_\_\_\_

RV Length \_\_\_\_\_ # of Slides \_\_\_\_\_ Need Handicap Parking? \_\_\_\_\_

Local Club/Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES: 2 NIGHTS FULL HOOK-UP CAMPING ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY; FRIDAY DINNER, SATURDAY CATERED BREAKFAST AND DINNER, SUNDAY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, SOCIAL HOURS, GAMES, PRIZES AND FUN.**

1 Coach 2 People	\$ 125.00		\$
1 Coach 1 Person	\$ 100.00		\$
Additional Guest	\$ 25.00	_____ Guests X \$25.00	\$
Additional Nights: 2 before, 1 after	\$ 28.00 each (Rally Rate)	_____ Nights X \$28.00	\$
		Total amount enclosed in US Funds	\$

Mail this form and your check made payable to Florida State Winnie Gators, Inc. to:  
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