

TEXAS CLUB

Winnebago Industries Travelers



Fall 2018

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Presidents Letter

Well, another year has passed and we are approaching our annual Rally.

We attended the National Rally in July. Texas was again a star-we won the Head of Row decoration competition for the 7th year in a row. We all had fun decorating the Head of Row Tent. Many new owners helped at our decoration party. Deb Ragu created a Winnebago Trivia Quiz that drew many of the passing crowd into the booth to answer her tough questions. All were asked to sign the birthday card. Seems like we had 100's of signatures on the card. We presented the card to the WIT Manager at the final entertainment event. The card was then displayed in the Visitor's Center.

The Texas Dinner was rained out again. Or should I say stormed out. Second year in a row the dinner was dumped on. The storm was so bad that WIT Management asked us to seek shelter. Fortunately we were able to squeeze in the Wine and Cheese reception hosted by Lichtsinn RV of Forest City before the deluge.

Next month is the TexasW Rally. We are planning an exciting Rally which will include some great food prepared by the Coshatte crew, some interesting tours, and some exciting games. We'll have a story teller on Friday evening and a band that specializes in "our" music on Saturday night. Submit your registration form in September and you can save \$26 over the October price! Don't forget to add your TexasW dues if you haven't already.

One last item – don't forget the October Rally is the forum for electing officers for next year. Interested in serving? Want to make TexasW better? Let Gary Rigsby know that you are interested.

Schedule for more Texas W Club Fun

FALL RALLY

October 18-21, 2018
Coushatta Recreation
Ranch,
Bellville, Texas

Winter Meeting

Jan 17-20, 2019
Oakwood Rv Resort
78 FM 2093
Fredericksburg, Texas

Spring Meeting

April 26-28, 2019
North Texas Jellystone Park
2301 S. Burlison Blvd
Burlison, Tx 76028

Remember April 4-5, 2024 there are plans to have our spring meeting that weekend so you can stay over to see the next **Total Solar Eclipse** in Fredricksburg, Texas, at the Yogi Bear RV Resort.

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**Will be having elections at the
October Rally.**

**Thanks to those who are
serving or who have served in
previous years.**

**If anyone has an interest in
being an officer, please contact a
member of the Nominating
Committee**

Gary Rigsby

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**Thank you for making
Texas W a great Club!**

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Martha Kay Garner Anderson
September 17, 1946 - June 15, 2018



Martha (Marty) has been an active member of Texas W Club for years. She has been an Alamo Winnie President as well as one of Texas W 's 1st Vice Presidents. After her service as officer, they both served as wagon master for Texas W meetings and rallies for several years. When Mike became president, Marty, with her gentle nature, was by his side giving support and a caring smile for all in Texas W Club. Mike always called her his "unofficial Executive Vice President". Mike is a very proud husband of 52 years and our prayers are with him and their 2 children and 5 grandchildren.

“Red White and Winnebago” is another success for Texas W Club at GNR 2018.

The end of row competition was the seventh win for Texas W. **CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO GAVE IT THEIR ALL FOR TEXAS W.**

Edited Minutes from April 2018 Meeting

There was a total of 35 rigs on the ground. Texas W membership total, at this time, is 100 rigs. The treasure report is a total of \$23,700 before meeting expenses. \$420 was donated to the Intrepid and a thank you read to the membership. GNR plans were discussed with a vote to send the youth group of GNR \$200. Due to the large amount in Texas W account anyone who registers before October 1st for the October Rally in Bellville, will receive a free night. Please look for this on the registration form.

Apps to help your trip planning and traveling. Wonderful adventures or relaxing time together use an APP for your travel ease.

- **Google Maps**
- **Oh Range! Park Finder**
- **Allstays**
- **Rv Parking.com**
- **RoadtrippersA**
- **Walmart Parking App** (Overnight Parking)
- **Sanidumps RV Dump**
- **Google Earth** You can use this satellite to view roads. (look for 18 wheelers to know what size vehicle on the road. I also use to view RV Parks locations for noise or train tracks.)
- **Pilot App** for use with our Pilot Flying J Credit Card
- **USA Rest Stops**
- **iExit** Searches for services, and views at exits

A New Idea Brought to us by Ann Caywood

Have you ever wanted to try one of the Paint and Wine classes somewhere????

Well now it will come to you!!!!!! Friday a 2 ½ hour “wine, cheese and instruction” introduction, and on Saturday a slightly more serious, 2 hour session of pure instruction for those who decide to take their painting to another level. Just come in your painting clothes, everything included.

Friday's Fee \$35 16x20" canvas
Saturday's Fee \$45 18x24" canvas



Coshatte Recreation Ranch Sights of Bellville, Texas

And Pre-Rally events

Bellville has many old charms to be investigated. Thursday's Pre-rally tour begins at the **Newman Bakery where we leave for the Newman Castle, this includes a box lunch. Later that day we will tour the Jail Museum with a docent.** You may sign up on your **registration form** to be part of the **"Touring Thursday"** group.

If you come early on Wednesday visit other spots such as the **Blue Bell** plant and look out over a large production line from the observation deck. An employee will be there to answer any questions. Then you can head downstairs and get a \$1 a scoop ice cream.

Huff Brewery, a local family brewery, has open hours on Friday from 5-9 in the tap room. There are different beers to try as well as some local cooked food or snacks, if you choose.

Meat Market downtown has outstanding grass-fed beef.

Black smith shop with the ole time flare.

On arrival to the Rally, you will receive an Agenda or you can print up your very own from the email sent by Ann Caywood, Texas W Club First Vice President.

Catered meals, storyteller, a band to tap your toe with, familiar games, and great conversations with new and longtime friends, will make a wonderful weekend.

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Make the rally in Bellville a stopping point of fun and continue to the Texas coast for some sunning and fishing in **Galveston** or **Port Aransas**.

Thursday night is a potluck dinner at the Bellville Rally. Bring your favorite **POTLUCK** dish plus any snacks. After the meal we will play card bingo, pls bring your nickle, dime, quarter, and dollar bill.

We are having a **SILENT AUCTION** to benefit those injured servicemen and women served by the Center for the Intrepid. Your donated baskets and loose items will bring in the money the club wants to donate to help these heroes. Please bring a couple of nice and/or useful items that will catch someone's eye and sell well. Please don't bring items belonging in a garage sale. And, if you don't have room to buy one more item for your rv then donate\$\$\$!! What counts is what we can give to benefit those men and women injured in our armed forces. **We have much- we can help them.**



3D schematics available on the Winnebago Web site.

Having trouble getting a part

Call Lisa Cronkwright

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This year GNR did not give an award for Best State Newsletter; however, the Texas W Club Newsletter will continue as usual. We all know communication is important.

A big thanks for the pictures sent by members from GNR 2018 for this newsletter.

Chapter of Excellence program was also suspended this year. Do not let that stop you from being all you can be as a wonderful chapter of Texas W Club a WIT member.

Travel and Fun

The name of the game

How to find a certified Inspector when purchasing a used RV, Travel Trailer or Fifth Wheel

Texan RV Park is not only an rv park, but it is a campus for National RV Training Academy. The Academy offers several classes and seminars throughout the year.

A **5- day level one Inspectors certificate** class is offered. Once the course has been completed, the individual may be registered at NRVIA, National RV Inspector Association.

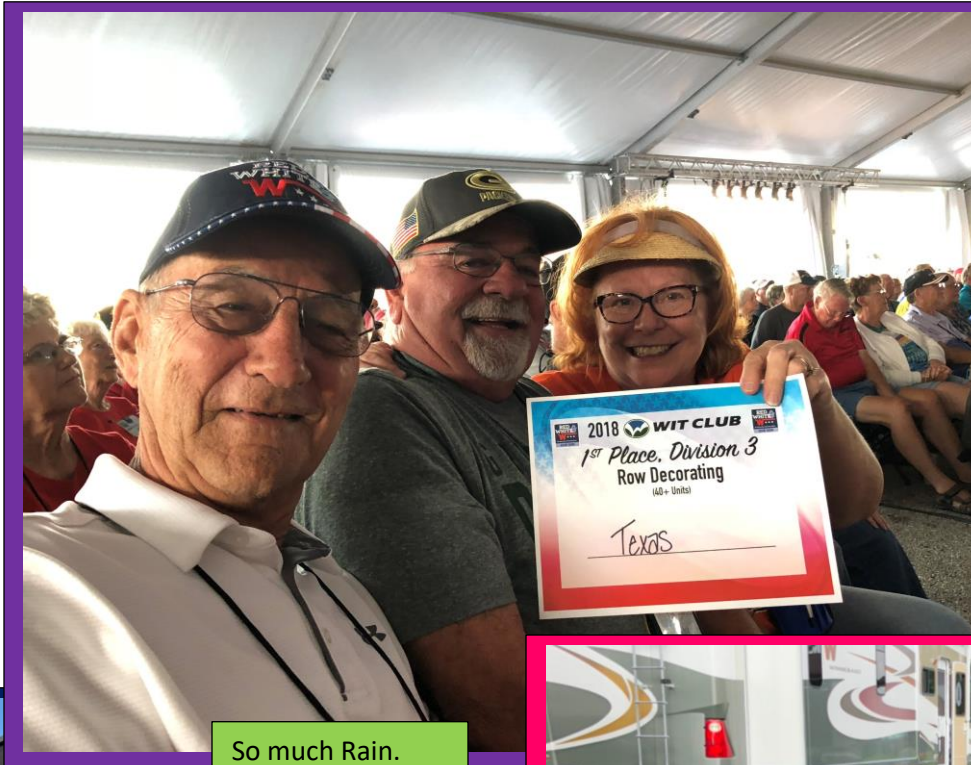
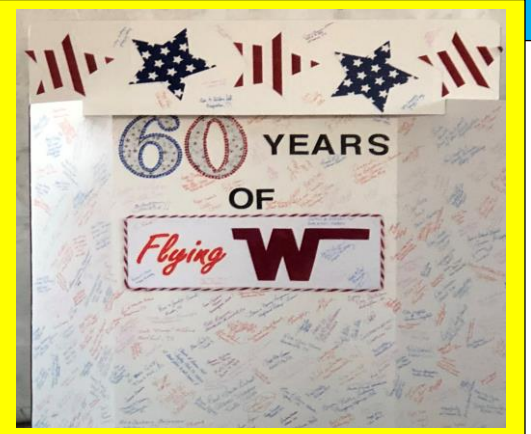
If you are looking to buying a used RV and you would like it inspected by a certified inspector, go to NRVIA.com web site and locate the nearest inspector and make your arrangements for the inspection.

National RV Training Academy offers a **3- day class for rv owners**. You bring your RV and stay on the campus grounds, Texan RV Park in Athens, Texas (254) 709-3251 for the Academy.



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Thanks Officers
for your time and
energy at GNR.
You give your
skills to Texas W
Club for year
round
organization and
fun.

So much Rain.
Enough to float
the ducks..



TX W State Rally
"Red, White and Winnebago"
Coushatta Recreation Ranch
2812 Nelius Rd
Bellville, Texas 77418
October 18-21, 2018

Names of all registrants _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____ Daytime Phone _____

WIT # _____ Member Visitor (please circle one)

Needing handicap parking Yes No (please circle one)

length _____. Slides _____. 30 amp. OR 50 amp (please circle one)

Planned arrival date _____ Departure date _____

Base Cost:

1 rig / 2 people (Friday and Saturday nights) \$154.00 \$ _____

1 rig / 1 person (Friday and Saturday nights) \$115.50 \$ _____

Extra nights (all nights other than Friday and Saturday)
\$26 x # of extra nights = \$ _____ \$ _____

Extra person(s) \$38.50 each (Friday and Saturday nights) \$ _____

Early registration discount – **before October 1st** – deduct \$26 \$ _____

2019 Texas W Dues (\$20 if not previously paid) \$ _____

Total amount enclosed for rally \$ _____

Number intending to tour Newman's Castle: _____

Please bring \$20 cash per person to expedite ticket purchases. This amount includes the complete tour and a box lunch to eat on the amazing grounds.

Number intending to tour the Austin County Jail Museum, (1hour with docents) _____

Number intending to attend painting class: serious painters (1 ½ to 2 ½ hours) _____

"games, wine and cheese" painters, up to 3 hours _____

instruction, easels, paint and canvas provided, \$35 for a 16x20 canvas, \$45 for a 18x24 canvas, to be paid directly to the painting instructor, Lynn Harris, www.itsfuntopaint.com

Please make checks payable to Texas W Club and mail it, along with this completed form,
to Tim Sak, TX W Treasurer, PO Box 16, Magnolia, TX 77353-0016