



We Wan To Go WANDERER



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We-Wan-To-Gos Dine In Style In Ames

The first official 2017 function was held January 21 at a noon luncheon at The Iowa Stater Restaurant in Ames. The Stater is in the Gateway Hotel south of Iowa State's Jack Trice stadium. Our host was Myrna Elliott.

The We-Wan-To-Gos had 11 units there out of 29 for 34%. Those attending were:

1. Dale and DeAnn Barnhill
2. Roger and Kathy Cox
3. Myrna Elliott
4. Dave and Cathy Good
5. Julie Hanel
6. Mike and Kathy Isebrand

7. Carrol Munoz
8. Dick and Linda Pawlowski
9. Karen Pearce
10. Butch and Val Peters
11. Bill and Jeanette Sheeder

Before we ordered our meals, President Bill Sheeder presented Terry and Sherry Smay with an Honorary Membership Certificate. The Smays first joined the We-Wan-To-Go's 16 years ago in August of 2000.

Also attending were prospective members Richard (*Dick*) and Linda Geil of Ames. This was the first WIT function they've attended.

Winter Texas We-Wan-To-Gos Met In January Too

Another happening occurred in south Texas on Wednesday, January 11 at 4:00 p.m. where 14 people enjoyed an early dinner at the Ranch House in Mission, TX. This included:

1. Lyle and Marrlee Airey
2. Bill and Pat Consolver
3. Chet and Pat Mower
4. Richard Nichols
5. Dick and Sonia Page

Also attending was honorary member Lucretia Smith and prospective members Mike and Kathy Clausen. Darrel and Judi Walker were there too.

According to Sonia, they enjoyed good food, friendship, and conversation.

February Birthday Wishes Go Out To:

Jeanette Sheeder	3 rd
Dixie Mumford.....	6 th
Sherry Smay.....	18 th
Pat Consolver	27 th

Happy Birthday!

February Anniversary Wishes Go Out To:

Dick & Lynda Pawlowski ...	14 th
Bob & Connie Rauenhorst ..	15 th
Steve & Char Farni.....	23 rd



The Smays conclude 16 years of active WIT Membership

February Luncheon At The Berwick Church

Bill and Karen Pearce will host a noon luncheon at their church, the Berwick Congregational Church, in Berwick, IA on February 18.

It will be a 'pie potluck' and you're asked to please bring either a fruit pie such as apple, cherry, etc. or a meat pie like a chicken, turkey, or beef pot pie.

We'll be celebrating National Pie Day a month early. Pi Day is actually celebrated on March 14th (3/14) around the world. Pi (Greek letter " π ") is the mathematical symbol used to represent the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter, which is approximately 3.141592653589793238462.

Pi has been calculated to over one trillion digits beyond its decimal point.

Bill says "The pies will be cut along their radii and served" and adds that "Pie-thagoras would be well pleased"

Please RSVP to Bill and Karen as soon as possible at either (515) 238-3978 (cell) or (515) 262-9047 (home) or at kpearceoptions@gmail.com.

Winter Texans Plan Two February Functions

For those in the Texas Rio Grande Valley in February, there are TWO functions to attend.

First, there is an Iowa Winnie Hawks 'gathering' on Thursday, February 2 at 11:00 a.m. at Mr.

Gatti's pizza, 4100 N 2nd Street in McAllen, TX. Please let Ron and Jo Hersom know if you plan to attend at (641) 750-2774 or cjhersom@pocketmail.com.

Second, the WWTGs in south Texas will gather Wednesday, February 8 at 2:00 p.m. at Darrell and Judy Walker, 938 S. Alamo Road, Alamo Rose RV Resort in McAllen. Please bring a snack to share.

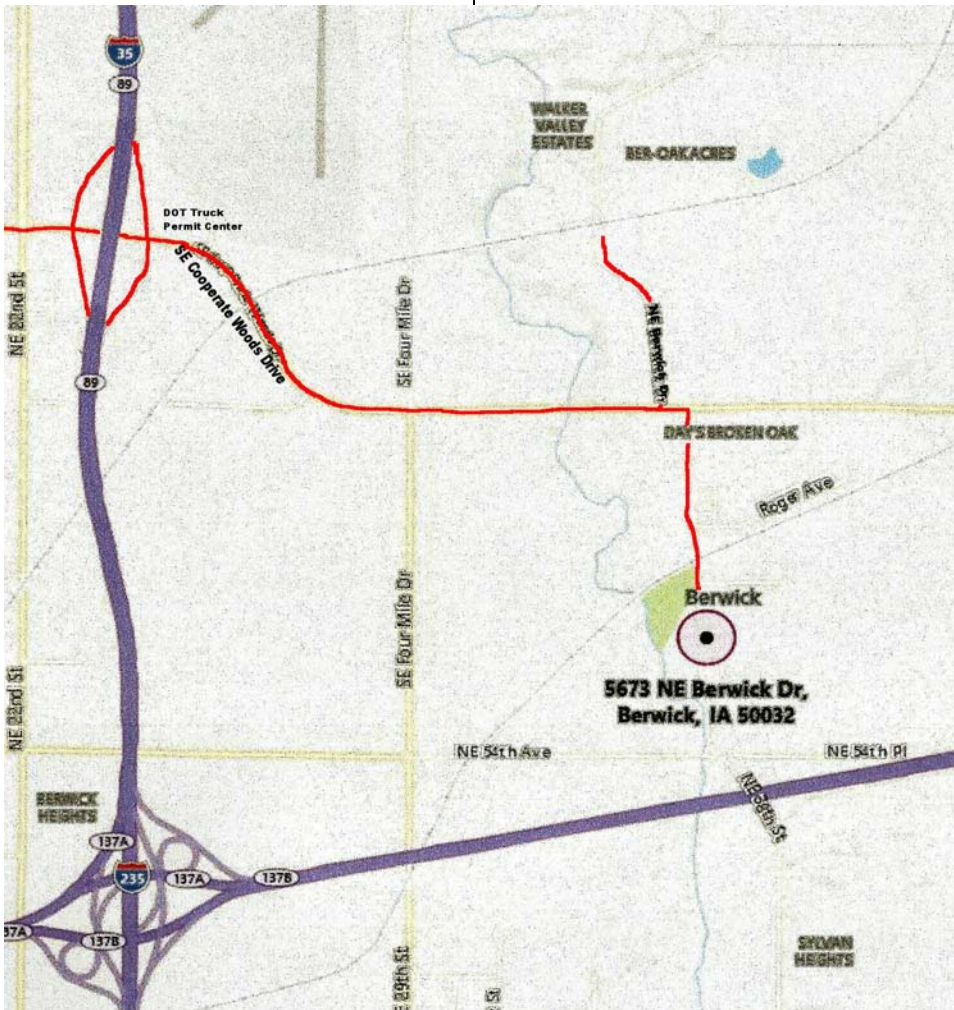
Please let Sonia know if you can attend this local Chapter function at: (515) 360-1031 or dspage41@gmail.com.

Meet One of Our Newest Members - Carol Munoz

Carrol Munoz of Des Moines is originally from Hopkins, MO. She is one of our newest members having joined the We-Wan-To-Gos in April last year. However, she's not a novice camper as she's been camping for many years mostly as part of family gatherings.

She started with a pop up camper when her children were very small then camped in a tent after her divorce. She states that now with her kids grown and gone, she doesn't need much space. But this past year she treated herself to a pre-owned RV. She just felt like she deserved a little convenience now, And she's loving it in her 1995 Brave!

Thus far most of her camping haunts have been in Iowa including Nine Eagles State Park near Lamoni, Mt. Pleasant during the Old Thresher's Reunion, and Saylorville Lake. But, Carrol is planning to expand her horizons now that she's getting more comfortable and confident with her coach.



The Berwick Church is NE of the east mix master



Carol Munoz joined the We-Wan-To-Gos in 2016

The reasons she joined both WIT and our local chapter was to “make new friends and expand her camping skills.” She adds it's so nice to camp with others instead of by herself. She feels she can be by herself at home.

She has two sons and two daughters. Three of them live here in Iowa and one is in California. She also have 13 grandchildren and two great grandsons.

Winnebago Ends Healthcare Benefits

Winnebago Industries (WGO) is ending its remaining post-retirement healthcare benefits for all participants, the company said

Friday in a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

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The recreation vehicle maker said at the start of the new year, any retiree from the company under the age of 65 will have their post-retirement healthcare benefits discontinued. The company said ending the benefits, which collect to around \$6 million along with a tax asset of \$2.3 million, will end all liabilities of the benefits.

Ending the benefits will result “in a significant acceleration of amortization of post-retirement prior service benefits,

net of actuarial losses reducing operating expenses in the first two quarters of Fiscal 2017,” the company said. The company said that income from health care benefits is expected to grow to \$24.4 million in Fiscal 2017 versus \$6.1 million in Fiscal 2016.

2016 RV Shipments End With 15 Percent Increase

Total RV shipments increased to 430,691 by the end of 2016, a 15.1% increase over 2015, according to the December 2016 RV Shipments Report by the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association.

All motorhomes also increased by 15.7% during 2016, with a total shipment number of 54,741. The largest increase came in the type C motorhomes, which increased 26.8%. Type B's increased 24.1% and type A's increased by 3.3%.

Towables also had a 15 % increase from 2015, shipping 375,950 towables during the year. The largest increase was in travel trailers, which increased by 18%. Folding camping trailers also increased by 10.9%, while fifth wheels increased by 7%. Truck campers were the only category to display a decrease, falling by 8.1% during the year.

Each month during 2016 recorded more shipments than in 2015, with the highest months being March and June. The lowest shipment month was July. October soared back near the March and June numbers, but shipments fell both for November and December at that point.



This year marked the best yearly total in more than 40 years, according to RVIA Senior Director of Communications Bill Baker. The year also marked the seventh consecutive annual increase in RV shipments since the end of the last recession.



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Upcoming We-Wan-To Go Events

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February 18..... Noon Luncheon (Pie Potluck)
Location:..... Berwick Congregational Church,
Berwick, IA
Hosts:..... Pearce

March 18..... Noon Luncheon
Location:..... The Fletcher, Ankeny, IA
Hosts:..... Cox

April 28-30..... Campout
Location:..... Outback Campground and Resort,
Tama, IA
Wagonmasters:..... Barnhill, Gammon, Munoz, Page, Winn

May 19-21 **Iowa Winnie Hawk Spring Meeting**
Location:..... Antique Acres, Cedar Falls, IA
Assignments:..... Parking, registration, and greeters
Theme:..... *"Remember When"*

June 16-18 Campout
Location:..... Little Wall Lake State Park,
Jewell, IA
Wagonmasters:..... Airey, Elliott, Farni, Harberts, Pearce

July 7-9..... **Iowa Winnie Hawk State Rally**
Location:..... Franklin County Fairgrounds, Hampton, IA
Assignments:..... Breakfast, meals, and beverages
Theme:..... *" Fabulous Winnebago "*

July 17-23..... **Grand National Rally (GNR)**
Location:..... WIT Rally Grounds, Forest City, IA
Assignments:..... Row party tables and table covers
Theme:..... *"Welcome to Fabulous Winnebago"*

August 25-27..... Campout
Location:..... Diamond Lake Park, Montezuma, IA
Wagonmasters:..... Cox, Good, Nichols, Rasmussen. Sheeder

September 21-24..... **Iowa Winnie Hawk Fall Meeting**
Location:..... Southern Iowa Fairgrounds, Oskaloosa, IA
Assignments: Setup, Cleanup, and decorations
Theme:..... *"Autumn Fun"*

October 13-15 Campout
Location:..... Green County Fairground/
Milwaukee Depot, Jefferson IA
Wagonmasters:..... Adams, Corning, Pawlowski, Peters, Wendt