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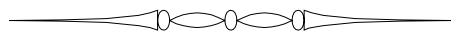
We are a network for younger, active RV owners who travel alone. Most of us are single. Some of us are married people whose spouses will not or cannot travel. We have gained and are willing to share a pool of knowledge and experience. We are ready to joyously celebrate life together.

We are each responsible. We are committed to providing gatherings where we can meet and share ideas and activities by hosting, finding locations, or by actively supporting those who do. We contribute both financially and with volunteer help to the communities we visit.

We are each respectful. We enrich and nurture each other in our extended family. We give each other the opportunity and permission to live singlely or to become couples. We respect each other's opinions and lifestyle.

We are respectable. We make WIN a respected name in the communities we visit. We leave the places we stay better than we found them. We conduct ourselves in ways that make us welcome guests.

Together, in this roving lifestyle, we are more than we can be alone.



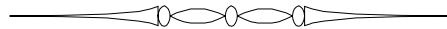
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### What We Do

WINers get together at events that are originated and sponsored by WIN members. Over the years, a number of different styles of events have developed to meet our needs (see “How to Be a Host” for more details):

- ★ **Gatherings:** Our historical events are gatherings. These are events with planned activities to which you are invited by one or more members called Hosts. They last several days and typically include a weekend to accommodate our working members. The gathering is the center of our lives together. Members support and encourage the Host (s) by participating in the activities planned.
- ★ **Serial Gatherings:** Occasionally a few WIN members will organize a series of gatherings where events are hosted by different WINers. The responsibility of the organizers ends when the preliminary work is complete and a host volunteers. This series may be to explore a specific area or to divide the work for a long stay at one location. Serial Gatherings usually have a “name”, such as WARM (Western Arizona Rivers and Marshes) or AB-BC (Alberta and British Columbia).
- ★ **Caravans:** Caravans are led, from start to finish, by one member. They are RV trips of any duration. Caravans may be to see a specific area or to get from one place to another. We recommend no more than 4 stops. (History has shown that WINers may suffer from burn-out after leading longer caravans.) A caravan usually occurs when a member would like company while going from point A to point B. For example, a caravan might be created to get from the West Coast to a popular gathering in Arizona. Possibilities are limitless. One form of Caravan is called a Sundowner Caravan: Sometimes a WINer wants to explore an area and doesn’t know much about it. There will be a starting point and a general idea of where to visit. There will also be a contact person, via phone or internet, so that newcomers can join along the way. Mostly however, it’s a do-it-yourself activity. On some Sundowners, a member of the group will head out a day or so early to find the next stop. Other days, a spot will be known in advance and everyone can move the same day. Volunteers host the stops and the group decides where to go next if it wasn’t decided in advance. This is the most free-wheeling type of activity. Anyone joining the group needs to be aware that this is not your usual circuit or caravan that is planned in advance with all your needs taken care of upfront. Sundowner leaders should make sure that everyone understands what a Sundowner is before the caravan begins. In other words, it should be clearly stated in *The WINdow* ahead of time.
- ★ **Circuits:** Circuits are like caravans on a grand scale. They are usually planned by a committee. Circuits were born from our desire to spend more

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time together, but with less formal planning, and without a member Host. Circuits consist of a series of stopovers. Members may arrive and depart at will. Typically, a leader is chosen at one stopover for the next, or at the first Circle of a stopover. The attending members at the stopover generate the activities.

★ **Get-togethers:** Get-togethers are impromptu, informal times and places of meeting. These include, but are not limited to, dinners at restaurants, luncheons of local members at one member's home, weekend campouts, trips to the theater, or movies. Individual members sometimes report on impromptu events in our newsletter in the "We Invite Networking" column.

The heart of WIN is the time we spend together. Events always include morning "Hugs and Mugs" and afternoon WINers' Circle.

"Hugs and Mugs" occurs when we gather for morning hugs and to greet the day. Since we rarely carry the facilities for making large quantities of hot beverages, you will usually be invited to bring your morning brew of choice. Healthy snacks including fruit or juice are occasionally provided. Details for the plans of the day are covered. One benefit of Hugs and Mugs is that it helps newcomers feel at home with us.

WINers' Circle is where everyone comes together for introductions, socializing, sharing knowledge, and making plans. The gathering host describes the activities scheduled for this evening and the next day. The circuit leader facilitates the planning of activities for the next 24 hours. WINers' Circle is a time for socializing and you may, discretely, bring a beverage of your choice. We often introduce ourselves or share things like a favorite place, a useful tool, or something about ourselves. In this way we become better acquainted with each other. Circle is often scheduled for 4:00 pm unless your host specifies differently.

### Who Attends WIN Events

One of the hardest things to do is to save WIN for WINers. WIN events are only attended by members, prospective members and, sometimes, by companions. Events that include a combination of camping groups are not WIN events and may not be listed in the "Where We Interact Next" column. Such combined events may be listed in the "We Invite Networking" column but must be resubmitted for each effected newsletter.

Members are those who have an up-to-date membership card (badge). Please check your badge and/or newsletter mailing label for your renewal date and keep your membership up to date. A renewal form is mailed approximately 2 months before your membership is due to expire. You are required to wear your badge to registration to show the registrar that your dues are paid. (If your badge

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is lost, please order a replacement for \$3 and use your newsletter mailing label as proof of membership until your new badge arrives.)

Potential members (PMs) are people who are eligible to join WIN. They are individuals who travel alone and are younger than 70. A PM need not already own a camping vehicle. Potential members may attend only two WIN events (or partial events) before joining.

Any former WINer (who left the Network in good standing) who would like to join us for gatherings but do not wish to rejoin WIN for one or two gatherings per year, may become an FM (Former Member) by purchasing an FM card for \$5. This card does not expire. The FM card will allow you to attend gatherings for a fee of \$10 per person, per gathering. The only gathering specifically excluded from the plan is the Annual WIN Dance Rally.

A former WINer, one whose dues are in arrears, is not a PM and may not attend gatherings without reinstating his/her membership in WIN or joining the WIN Former WINer program (see Other Useful Things to Know for more information), prior to attending any gatherings. Former WINers are welcome to visit with current members at any time but may not join in WINer's Circle, Hugs and Mugs, or any gathering activities.

A member may bring an ineligible personal companion two times (ever, not twice a year) prior to purchasing a Companion Card. The ineligible companion must arrive and leave with the member. The two times may be the same person twice or two different people, once each. After these two times, the member must have a Companion Card in order to bring any ineligible person to a WIN function. We have Companion Cards because sometimes members have WIN ineligible personal companions. One of the hardest things to do is to save WIN for WINers. We have attachments to friends, and sometimes our best friends are not WIN-eligible. A member traveling with a WIN ineligible person, whether in the same rig or in separate rigs, whose presence would prohibit the WINer from attending an event, may purchase a Companion Card to admit a companion. See Companion Cards under Other Useful Things to Know.

It has long been accepted WIN policy to allow close family members to attend events without requiring a Companion Card or using up guest privileges. A close family member is defined as: a parent, a sibling, a child, or a grandchild. WIN allows this to further the understanding of our lifestyle by those who worry about us. The family member must always attend with the WIN member and the number of such visits is limited by good sense and the tolerance of those around you.

WIN events are places where you can not only find a partner, but also travel and attend WIN functions together. There may or may not be members who are traveling as couples at any given event. Couples need to remember that this is a network of individuals, so gathering fees, meals, entertainment charges, etc.

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are charged per person, not per couple. You get to bring two dishes to potluck meals! And as much as you can, couples please make yourselves available to all the members as individuals. That includes conversation, hugs, dancing, and all the things we do together. Singles, please also include each member of a couple in all those activities.

### What WIN Is

Corporate Point of View: Wandering Individuals' Network, Inc. is a business. WIN is a publisher. WIN is a clearinghouse of information which provides the platform where a social forum can take place. WIN publishes a bimonthly newsletter called *The WINDOW*, an annual Directory of Members, this booklet (How to WIN), and packets of information and forms for hosts. WIN's President, counseled by an attorney and an Advisory Council of active WIN members, sets WIN policy. The corporation does not sponsor events, members do. WIN is not a club, has no chapters, and network members have no vote, but neither are they subjected to business meetings, electioneering, and divisive politicking.

The Advisory Council has the job of advising the President on matters that effect the entire organization. Also, if a member is consistently disrespectful and/or irresponsible but does not do anything that requires automatic forfeiture of his/her membership, the Advisory Council may ask the President to issue a warning to, or even evict, that member.

### What WIN Provides

1. *The WINDOW* is a bimonthly newsletter. *The WINDOW* is available via 1<sup>st</sup> class mail to everyone unless you choose to receive it via the WIN website. In addition to corporate news, it contains the following regular columns:
  - ★ **We Introduce Now:** Abbreviated, biographical introductions of new and re-instated members. See your Directory for an explanation of the format and abbreviations used in this listing.
  - ★ **We Invite Networking:** Communications from members about themselves and/or their activities. Send us news of yourself regularly. Your friends will appreciate knowing where you are and what you're doing. Shaded entries in this column indicate that the WINer is extending an invitation to an event that does not meet the requirements of a WIN function. These invitations must be resubmitted for each newsletter. You contact the inviting member for any further information.
  - ★ **The WINdmill:** A list of anticipated upcoming events, which were reported to us from Planning Sessions, but the hosts have not yet confirmed the details. When we hear from a host, we move the event to the **Where We Interact Next** column.

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- ★ **Where We Interact Next:** A chronological listing of upcoming firm gatherings, caravans and circuits.
  - ★ **Wandering Into Nostalgia:** Reports of recent events and lists of the attendees. We bold the names of hosts. Hosts are our VIP's and deserve all the recognition we can give them.
  - ★ **Overnight Parking Changes:** Changes in overnight parking accommodations offered by WINers to WINers for one overnight visit. Do not assume that the invitation is open for multiple nights unless you are specifically invited to stay longer.
  - ★ **What I Needed:** Provides a column for WINers to thank other WINers for providing something they needed, such as companionship, encouragement, assistance.
  - ★ **Spotlight on WINers:** Stories about WINers who make noteworthy contributions to communities and individuals.
  - ★ **We Remember:** A list of members we have lost through death.
  - ★ **We Input Notices:** Changes to the directory that include names, e-mail addresses, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers.
2. *The Directory of Members/How to WIN* is an annually published booklet containing 4 separate listings of members presented numerically, by first name/nickname, by last name and geographically. *How to WIN* provides members with the information necessary to be a participating WINer.
  3. WINlist is a bulk e-mail distribution network for late-breaking news. See Member Communications for more details.
  4. The WIN website, [rvsingles.org](http://rvsingles.org), contains information from a past issue of *The WINdow*, photographs submitted by WINers, links to WINers with blogs and other sites of interest to us, and organization information. The website is used for recruiting and allowing WINers to obtain *The WINdow* on line (Private Pages). Public libraries generally provide short-term, free internet access and assistance.
  5. Finders' Fees: You get a \$3 renewal credit for each new WIN member you recruit. Subtract \$3 from your dues for each credit shown on your mailing label at the time you renew. You can also donate your credits to WIN, just tell us to do this when you renew. If you ignore your credits, they continue to accumulate in your account.

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6. WIN provides Thank You cards to be given to local businesses or groups who have been particularly helpful to the host. Ask the WIN office for more cards when you need them.
7. WIN provides recruiting cards and application brochures. Ask the WIN office for more cards and brochures when you need them. Someone recruited everyone you know and care about in WIN. Please give your WIN friends the gift of new members.

### What Members Provide

WIN members host gatherings, lead caravans, lead circuit stopovers, and invite others to informal events. They wear their WIN badges to WIN functions to show their affiliation with the Network.

**Provide Events:** One of a member's most important contributions is to provide events that WIN members can attend. Without these events, there would be no WIN. It is the lifeblood of our being together and the most important thing you can do for your WIN family. WIN members find meeting places, arrange for facilities, plan activities, and let others know of events by announcing them in *The WINdow*. At events, they volunteer to help the host: organize and clean up after potluck dinners, lead 4-wheel outings, kayaking, hiking, bowling, etc., do the sign-in, and collect gathering fees—whatever needs doing to make sure we have lots of good times together and leave our area in excellent condition.

**Keep Us WINsome:** Each member is responsible for keeping himself and other members in harmony with the WIN Guiding Principles located on page 1 especially to adhere to the 3 Rs (Respectful, Responsible and Respectable). This applies whenever you are claiming WIN membership by wearing or displaying the WIN logo. Each member takes this responsibility seriously. Members will tactfully remind another WIN member who has perhaps neglected or forgotten what it means to be a WINer. Members will accept with good grace if, on occasion, someone reminds them of what we stand for. Every WINer is responsible for the enforcement of rules.

**Recruit New Members:** Recruiting is done with dignity and good manners. When you're at a function of another camping group, don't do anything that would upset you if someone from another group did it at any of our events. Please don't walk around with WIN brochures visible in your hand, publicly talk WIN up at their get together, badmouth any group, or say that WIN is better or more fun, or wear a lot of WIN decorated items of clothing. A recognition pin is enough (the one with only the WIN logo on it). That way, if someone has heard of WIN and wants to know more about it, he or she knows that you are one person who can be asked. Give out a card or recruiting brochure. (Remember to put your WIN number at the top of the application, so you get the credit for recruiting.) Let the

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person read a WIN newsletter. Recruit people whom you will be proud to have in your extended RV family. We have no interest in taking people away from other groups to join ours. WIN membership should add to an RVer's enjoyment, not force them to choose one group over another.

Donations: WIN gratefully accepts donations from members and friends. These are used principally to improve our service to you, for example, by purchasing new office equipment or software. Money left over from a gathering must be donated to WIN, donated to the Annual WIN Dance Rally, or returned to the attendees. Members who cannot host sometimes donate funds as their way of helping out. Gifts are given in memory of departed WIN friends. Donations are not tax-deductible.

Public Relations: We like to leave an area better and its residents happier for our having been there. Sometimes we organize cleanup days, collect trash and haul it off to a dump, or contribute our overnight parking donations to a charitable organization or other worthy cause. Overnight parking donations, when announced, are not optional. WIN provides Thank You Cards in the hosting packets for the host to give to helpful local businesses or agencies.

### How to Be a Host

Life is more fun when you get involved. If you enjoy leadership, you have our permission to host events. Decide whether it will be a caravan or a gathering, where you'll do it, and when (and why, if there's a special event involved). Then send us word. Well before your event you will be sent a packet packed with helpful information, forms you will need to run the event, and forms to send to the WIN office after the event.

It is the host's responsibility to collect FM fee(s) at his/her gathering and to submit the fee(s) to the WIN office with other paperwork from the gathering. We strongly suggest you do not send cash through the mail. (See *Other Useful Things to Know* for more information.)

No WIN event may be centered around the consumption of alcohol. Alcoholic beverages *may not be served* as an official part of any event. Gathering fees may not be used to purchase alcoholic beverages.

A WINer who has abused the role of host may not be permitted to host a future event.

The WIN Dance Rally has an additional requirement that the host is responsible for submitting a financial accounting to the WIN office at the conclusion of the event. This is a general accounting and need not be too detailed. This is designed to keep members informed as to where their Rally fees are spent during this

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high-dollar event. The accounting will not be published but will be available for review by Rally attendees by contacting WIN's president.

Requirements for a Gathering:

- \* It is an event exclusively for those entitled to attend WIN events.
- \* It is open to all members, even if a limit has been placed on the number.
- \* WIN is notified at least 3 months in advance so that the event can be announced in *The WINdow* (see the "I Want to Host" form in each newsletter).
- \* It must be an event that requires your RV to get there.
- \* It should include a weekend, unless it is centered on an event that does not occur during a weekend.
- \* WINers' Circles and morning "Hugs and Mugs" are held daily.
- \* A sign-in sheet is used and attendees provide proof of their eligibility to attend.
- \* A post-gathering report is sent to the WIN office with the sign-in sheet (via USPS or e-mail).

Here's what we need to know, in advance, about your gathering:

- \* The name or description of the gathering location and the name of the nearest town.
- \* The date you want people to arrive (we usually start with WINers' Circle that afternoon).
- \* The planned departure date (we usually depart after Hugs and Mugs that morning).
- \* The cost per night and if it's per unit (rig) or per person.
- \* What facilities to expect (dry camping, type of hook-ups, a pavilion to use, etc.).
- \* Specific directions, starting from a nearby town or highway intersection.
- \* Whether members may arrive early or stay late, and if the cost per night will be different.
- \* How to make individual reservations if attendees need to do so.
- \* What the attendees should bring (firewood, food for a potluck, golf clubs, etc.).
- \* Anything that might be a problem for unprepared people (high altitude, mosquitoes, low nighttime temperatures, border crossing taboos, etc.).
- \* A brief sales pitch about the activities you plan, or what we will see and do there.

Requirements for a Caravan:

Generally the same as a Gathering, but it need not include a weekend. Additionally we need to know this about your caravan:

- \* Where is it starting, where it is going, and why.
- \* What some of the attractions are on the way.

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- \* What time, date, and place we should meet with our rigs.
- \* What overnight stops there will be and the costs, if known.
- \* At what speeds you plan to travel, and roughly, how many miles per day you will cover.
- \* How WINers can find you along the way. (e.g., a cell phone number, an e-mail address, or a message service where you will leave daily messages giving your location).

WIN is open to variations on Gatherings and Caravans to meet specific needs. For example, a Sundowner Caravan (wherein overnight accommodations are found wherever we happen to be) was used to explore an area without needing a detailed advance schedule. Anyone who was interested in exploring the area was invited to join. Members were given a specific starting date and place. Latecomers were given a contact phone number to find out where to join. At each stop, plans were made for what to see and do and the location for the next stop was determined. Group participation in the ongoing planning process was essential, successful, and rewarding.

### At WIN Events

Every WINer is responsible for the enforcement of rules. In the rare instance that a person at a WIN function does not abstain from inappropriate behavior when asked to do so by any other person, it is the responsibility of the host to enforce the rules. It is the host's responsibility to determine if the offense is great enough to warrant expulsion from the event. The host may, of course, ask others for assistance in making this decision, but only the host has the power to expel a WINer from an event. If the offending person then refuses to leave, his/her membership in WIN is forfeited. That is automatic. All others present have the obligation to support the host's decision. In the hierarchy of WIN no one is more important than the host.

**WEAR YOUR BADGE:** It is required to show the registration volunteer that you are paid up and a member in good standing. There are only two ways to accomplish this: wear your current badge or show the registrar your current *WIN*dow with your expiration date on the label. Be sure to wear your membership card/badge where it can be seen. A wonderful side benefit is helping others learn your name. If it is getting close to your renewal time, you can give your check and any directory changes to the host and these will be mailed to the office with the other papers after the event.

**VOLUNTEER!** Offer your services to the host for whatever needs to be done. Be the registrar; you'll get to meet everybody. Pick up extra brochures about area attractions, if that hasn't been done yet. Organize a potluck or potato bake (after consulting the host, of course). Get to know a new member; be available to answer questions. Invite a group to play cards or dominoes with you some

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evening, and be sure to include someone you don't know. You get more out of WIN if you put something into it.

CB: The official CB channel for WINers is CH 3. If that channel is in use by others, or is not satisfactory for other reasons, we switch to CH 27. At Gatherings or Stopovers the CB is a fun party line. It's how you know what's going on, what activity there is, and where. Depending on how long you are parked in one place, you may want to run your engine or generator periodically to charge your battery and keep your CB going. It's a good idea to keep your CB on all night. Having it on puts you in immediate touch with your fellow travelers in case of medical or other emergency.

If you run into problems with unwanted parties joining in the conversation on your caravan, all you need to do is tell your fellow travelers "WINers switch". They will know to go from ch. 3 to 27 (or vice-versa) to lose the intruder without saying where you're going.

Pets are welcome wherever the campgrounds permit, but not at group activities (doggie walks, an exception). Please leave your pet in your RV when coming to Hugs and Mugs, WINers' Circle, any food event, and evening campfires; as others have both allergies and aversions. (We are respectful.) Allowance is made in the case of lead dogs for the blind and hearing dogs for the deaf.

Smoking is permitted where it is legal to smoke, but not at the activities mentioned above. Please be courteous with your personal habits.

PFDs: When event participants are kayaking and/or canoeing with the group, each must wear a personal floatation device in its prescribed manner. The purpose of this rule is not to "protect you from yourself"; it is to protect the other people with you who might be tempted to help you if you have a problem.

### Member Communications

USPS MAIL TO WIN: Include your WIN number on each piece of paper you send. Mail may be re-routed to the home or rig of the person who is handling a specific job at the moment, and since we don't want to lose your information in the process, please put different types of information on different pieces of paper. Some forms are provided only once. Please make copies of any forms you may need. If you really need confidentiality, mark the lower left corner of your envelope, "Personal & Confidential" and it will be routed to WIN's President, unopened. Please don't include routine information or forms in a confidential letter as it may slow down a time-critical process.

E-MAIL TO WIN: You may submit information to WIN concerning future events, directory changes, networking and articles for *The WINdow* via e-mail. Gathering

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reports and attendees lists may also be e-mailed. Be sure to include both name and WIN number for the attendees list. Please clearly state the gathering name, dates and host information. Send your submission to [winoffice@rvsingles.org](mailto:winoffice@rvsingles.org) and be sure to include your WIN number and your full name. You will receive a message confirming that the office received your e-mail. If you do not receive this confirmation within 48 hrs, assume that your e-mail was lost and please resend it.

**NEWSLETTER VIA INTERNET:** To obtain *The WINdow* on-line, a WINer must send an e-mail to the president of WIN at [win@rvsingles.org](mailto:win@rvsingles.org) that contains a request for this service along with your name, your WIN number and a password of your choice. You will then receive an e-mail stating that you have been added to the list and that we will no longer send you a printed newsletter. You may, of course, reverse this choice at any time by sending a new e-mail to the same address. Only 2 changes will be allowed per year. If your membership lapses, you will be removed from the approved list and if you then reinstate your membership, you must request the service again.

**WINLIST:** WIN provides an e-mail distribution list for the use of our members. The purpose of the list is to provide a way of distributing last-minute information about events to the WIN membership. You may send a message to the entire list by addressing your message to: [WINlist@rvsingles.org](mailto:WINlist@rvsingles.org). For example, you may wish to invite WIN members who are in your area to join you for a weekend outing, but you do not have sufficient advance notice to place the information in *The WINdow*. You can get the word out by sending a message to WINlist. Include information on when and where it will happen, how to get there, and some of the things to do, just as you would for adding an event to our **Where We Interact Next** column. WINlist is not a chat line.

Messages sent to the list will be reviewed prior to distribution to insure, as far as possible, that they are accurate, appropriate, and complete. This process will normally take at least two days for e-mail turnaround, so you must allow sufficient time for your notice to reach members. Generally, at least one month's advance notice is recommended, to allow time for WIN members to make plans to join you.

The WINlist email address and the e-mail addresses maintained in the WIN Database are independent of each other. You may publish your e-mail address in the directory and not be on WINlist, or vice versa. E-mail addresses sent to the WIN office are not added to WINlist, you must do that yourself. If your e-mail address changes, you must make the change to WINlist. Simply unsubscribe your old e-mail address and subscribe your new address.

If you wish to be a part of the WIN e-mail notification list (WINlist), please follow these instructions:

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To get on WINlist, send an e-mail to:  
WINrequest@rvsingles.org  
Put nothing in the Subject field  
In the body (memo field) put:  
Subscribe WIN *your e-mail address* \  
(your name, #WIN number)

Example: subscribe WIN jwalter408@hotmail.com \  
(Jeanne Walter, #408)

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To delete your name from WINlist, send an e-mail to:  
WINrequest@rvsingles.org  
Put nothing in the Subject field  
In the body (memo field) put:  
Unsubscribe WIN *your e-mail address*

Example: unsubscribe WIN jwalter@pocketmail.com

To change your e-mail address on WINlist:  
Follow instructions in #1 and #2. You may send one e-mail message or use separate messages.

You may send a message to the entire WINlist by addressing your e-mail to WINlist@rvsingles.org. This is not a “chat” list and messages not dealing with WIN events and/or urgent messages will not be forwarded. Submissions may be edited.

WINers receiving WINlist messages are encouraged to share those messages with others who do not have easy access to e-mail.

### What to Communicate To WIN

GATHERING AND CARAVAN INFORMATION: Send the information as soon as possible for inclusion in *The WINdow*. Members need advance planning time to include your event in their calendars. We need time to get it in the newsletter, and get the newsletter to members. See How to Be a Host for what information to include.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: The mailing label on your newsletter contains the expiration date of your membership in the upper right corner. Approximately 2 months before your expiration date, a renewal form will be sent to your mailing address. That’s a great time to let us know if there are any changes needed to your directory listing. Checks should be made out to “W.I.N.”. Don’t forget to put your WIN number on the check. All dues and fees are US funds. Out of country personal checks will no longer be accepted unless the words “U.S. Funds” or

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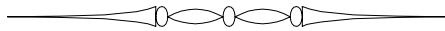
“U.S. Dollars” are printed on the check by your bank as our bank will no longer accept hand-written instructions. Also, an additional fee of \$3 US must be added to the out of country checks and money orders because the WIN bank charges us \$3 for processing “foreign monetary instruments”. A returned check fee of \$25 will be added for any check rejected by the bank for any reason. Please use care when writing your check.

If your membership expires at an inconvenient time and you would rather handle your renewals in a different month, this can be arranged. Our minimum renewal is one year, but (one time) you can add extra months to change your expiration date to a month better suited to your needs. Simply add \$5.00 for each extra month to your renewal check (\$5.30 if you're from outside the US) and be sure to include a note telling us why your check is for such an unusual amount.

Let's say, for example, that your current expiration date is the end of April but you're a traveler who doesn't get mail while away from home and you don't get home every year until late May or early June. Send us a check in the amount of \$75.00 (or \$79.40 from outside the US) and tell us you're adding three months to your expiration date. We'll change it to July 31.

**DIRECTORY CHANGES:** Please send us changes promptly. Changes to names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses will appear in *The WINdow*. Other changes are published yearly in the Directory. We can handle two addresses for you at a time. Only your current address will be printed in the Directory. Your optional second address allows you to have your copy of *The WINdow* and other WIN mail sent to another address for part of the year but will not be printed in the directory. We have room, generally, for only one phone number and one e-mail address. If you move, change mail forwarders, want to change the city, state or Full-Time wording on your badge, want to be listed in a different part of our directory, change your capacity to host visiting WINers, or change your phone or if you no longer have one, please advise us.

**WHEN YOU MARRY:** Don't forget to notify us when you marry so that we can celebrate with you. Be sure to tell us if your name has changed. If you marry a member, you will both continue to have your original memberships (we're Wandering Individuals). You've probably noticed that we list a married member's sex as “c” (for coupled), rather than “m” or “f”. We'll want to update your records. If you marry a non-member, see the paragraph about Companion Cards for further information. Your Companion Card will contain the word “Companion” and you may request your spouse's name on the Card when you order it. See Who Attends WIN Events for more information about couples at WIN events.



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### Other Useful Things to Know

COMPANION PLAN: One of the hardest things to do is to save WIN for WINers. We have attachments to friends, and sometimes our best friends are not WIN-eligible. A member traveling with a WIN ineligible person, whether in the same rig or in separate rigs, whose presence would prohibit the WINer from attending an event may purchase a Companion Card to admit the companion. A member may bring an ineligible personal companion two times (ever, not twice a year) prior to purchasing a Companion Card. The two times may be the same person twice or two different people, once each. After these two times, the member must have a Companion Card in order to bring any ineligible person to a WIN function. The ineligible companion must arrive and leave with the member. The Companion Card entitles the member to bring a personal companion any time he/she wishes while the card is in effect. It is to remain in the member's possession when not being worn as a badge by the companion during a WIN event and admits only one companion per event. It costs the same as a membership, but no literature accompanies it.

You can obtain a Companion Card from the WIN office. Send an amount equal to \$5.00/month for the number of months remaining on your current membership. If your membership has less than four months remaining, we would appreciate it if you would also renew at this time, and save creating extra badges later. Your Companion Card will expire the same date as your membership, which makes it easier for all of us at renewal time. Only one Companion Card is issued per member and the card is for the sole use of the purchaser and is non-transferable. Any Companion Card found in the possession of a WINer other than the purchaser will be immediately confiscated. Your Companion Card normally contains only the word "Companion", but you may request that your companion's name be printed on the card when you order it. However, the word "Companion" will remain on the Card. The Companion Plan replaces WIN's earlier Guest and Accommodation Plans.

FORMER MEMBER PLAN: There comes a time when some WINers become less mobile and leave our Network for a more stationary lifestyle. We miss our friends and would like to see them occasionally. To make this possible, without compromising our goal to save WIN for WINers, we have created this FM Plan. Any former WINer (FM) (who left the group in good standing) who would like to join us for gatherings but do not wish to rejoin WIN for one or two gatherings per year, may purchase an FM card for \$5. This is a one-time fee to cover the cost of creating the card. It does not expire. This card will allow you to attend gatherings for a fee of \$10 per person, per gathering. The only gathering specifically excluded from the plan is the Annual WIN Dance Rally. The fee is paid to the host (or registrar) of the gathering and is in addition to any other fees for that gathering. As with memberships, a companion card is available to allow you to bring your

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non-FM partner with you and you are subject to all of the conditions of the Companion Plan for this card. No literature accompanies either card.

Cards can be obtained through the WIN office. Send \$5 per card with your name and former WIN number, and your partner's name, if applicable. These cards are non-transferable. Your name and former WIN number will be on the card. Your card is proof of eligibility and is required for this plan. An expired WIN badge is not an acceptable alternative. The card must be procured prior to attending a gathering. There is no limit to the number of gatherings you can attend.

**MEMBERS' COMMITTEE:** After a discussion at Quartzsite in 2009 regarding the formulation of a disciplinary committee within the WIN organization, a Members' Committee was created, composed of interested WINers. The purpose of this committee will be to investigate allegations of misconduct by any WIN member, discuss the findings among the members of the committee, and recommend a way of handling the situation and any disciplinary action to the President. The final decision on whether to accept the committee's recommendation remains with the President. The President agrees to publish the committee recommendations in the WINdow without including names of the individuals involved if that recommendation is rejected. The committee consists of 7 members with 4 alternates. Members will serve a 2-year term with terms being staggered to allow new members each year. New members to fill expired terms will be welcomed to the committee each year at Quartzsite. Alternates will automatically move into member positions as they become available. Former committee members may serve on the committee again after a 1-year period following their previous term.

It was decided that the qualities needed for participants on this committee would be:

- \* A WIN member for at least 2 years
- \* An active WIN member, defined as a member who has attended an average of 4 WIN gatherings yearly, excluding Thanksgiving, Christmas/New Years, Quartzsite, and the Dance Rally.
- \* A compassionate person
- \* A reasonable person
- \* A person capable of keeping the committee deliberations confidential
- \* A person with electronic connections (email, phone)

Names of committee members will be published in each edition of *The WINdow*.

The committee will follow these procedures:

1. Incidents requiring investigation can be received by any committee member from the President or from any WIN member.
2. Incidents will be written down immediately by the member receiving the initial contact and disseminated to all committee members, alternate

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committee members, and the President. The committee member who receives the initial contact regarding an incident will act as liaison between the President and the committee on that particular incident.

3. At least two members of the committee will talk to the primary members involved in the incident and to others knowledgeable about the incident and will inform all other committee members and alternates of their findings.
4. A quorum of 5 members will agree on the recommendation, and the committee liaison will consult with the President regarding this recommendation.
5. Committee members can and should opt out of incident deliberations if they feel any conflict of interest. Alternates will be called upon to take the member's place on the particular incident considerations.

Any WIN member should feel free to contact the President or one of the Members' Committee members at any time to discuss any issues of misconduct within the WIN organization. All information will remain strictly confidential.

**PARKING COURTESY:** We often hold events at places where other individuals or groups have arrived ahead of us. Sometimes they are long-term residents, and they may take a proprietary attitude towards the area. We should be sensitive to the situation. When arriving, be courteous and ask their permission to park. Try never to encroach on another's space when coming to an area, even if the space is really public land and doesn't belong to them.

**REPLACEMENT LITERATURE:** If you lose yours, WIN Directories and newsletters may be replaced while supplies last at \$10 and \$4, respectively. If lost, your WIN badge can be replaced for \$3.

### **CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING:**

*The WINdow:* WIN accepts classified advertising that is RV related from members and businesses. Rates are \$20 for 40 words; each additional 10 words (or portion thereof) is \$3. A quarter page ad is \$100. Rates for other sizes and/or multiple issues are available on request. Gray scale only. Ads may be submitted to WIN in text only or .jpg format.

**The WIN Directory:** WIN accepts classified advertising that is RV related from members and approved businesses. Rates are \$250 for ¼ page (1.75" by 4.50"), \$400 for ½ page (3.50" by 4.50") and \$700 for a full page ad. Gray scale only. Ads may be submitted to WIN in text only or .jpg format.

**WIN DECALS:** Decals are available by mail from the WIN office or from various WINers who carry them for sale at events. Ask at Circle. The decals are \$2 for the large ones (for your RV) and \$1 for the small one (for your kayak, car or mug). WIN stickers are 10 for \$1 + postage. A small decal is awarded to you when you renew your membership. A free large decal is included in your Welcome package

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when you join WIN. Bumper stickers are available gratis from WIN's President and Vice-President.

### WIN Etiquette

There are a few very basic "rules" that make living and traveling together friendlier. These are not requirements, merely suggestions to grease the skids of interacting with others.

- ★ When riding in another's car, remember to contribute to the gas bill. Also keep in mind that the maintenance of a car involves more than gas. Don't be tight fisted.
- ★ When driving in a caravan to dinner or other attraction, don't depart early. Sometimes, if the host or caravan leader agrees, a driver may leave ahead of the group if the car is full and the driver knows the way.
- ★ When riding in a caravan to dinner or other attraction, arrive at the rallying point at least 10 minutes before you are due to leave. This allows for everyone to find a ride and assures that no one is left behind and departure is not delayed.
- ★ When bringing an adult beverage to WINers' Circle or campfire please be discreet.
- ★ When romance blossoms, as it often does in this organization, please don't flaunt it. There is truly no need to rub our noses in it...the glow on your faces is notice enough. Therefore, while with WINers, no dressing alike, no fondling of each other in public, no kissing during Circle, no whispered conversations with attendant giggles during Hugs and Mugs. We think you get the idea. Holding hands is not a sign of romance, merely friendship, and therefore is okay.
- ★ When at a dance with other WINers, dance with everyone. That includes those who are coupled as well as those who are not. If we require the gentleman-half of a couple to dance with other ladies, it is not fair that his lady frequently gets left sitting alone. Dance with her, too, guys.
- ★ Generators are a necessity for most of us. We have to run them to keep them in good working order. We may need to use them during inclement weather. When WINers must park close together, let's try to keep generator use to a minimum. Don't run your generator earlier than the majority of WINers get up. Don't run your generator later than absolutely necessary. The best time to run a generator is at meal times. If you have an especially noisy generator, please park away from the center of the group. Don't build your campfire next to someone that you know will use his/her generator. Remember, we own generators to use them, and we will use them.
- ★ Overnight Parking privileges are designated as one night only. DO NOT assume that you may stay longer unless you have been personally invited to stay by your host.

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- ★ Religion and Politics are 2 subjects that should not be discussed at any WIN event unless the following criteria are met. Any discussions on these subjects should be between consenting individuals in a semi-private setting. At gatherings, any of these discussions should be announced as such before-hand.

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RENEWAL FORM WIN MEMBERSHIP  
(Please PRINT)

TODAY'S DATE \_\_\_\_\_ WIN # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE TO RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP FOR:

- 1 yr=\$60 (\$63.50 outside USA)
- 2 yr= \$57/yr=\$114 (\$121 outside USA)
- 3 yr =\$57/yr=\$162 (\$172.50 outside USA)

Add a \$5 reinstatement fee if your renewal is more than 30 days overdue.  
Add a \$3 processing fee for out of country checks/moneyorders.

COMPANION CARD RENEWAL:  1 yr = \$60  2yr = \$114  3 yr = \$162

OPTIONAL NAME FOR COMPANION CARD

\_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**CHANGES FOR WIN BADGE/NEWSLETTER/DIRECTORY ONLY**

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE (PROV) \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_

- RV TYPE:
- CLASS A
  - CLASS B
  - CLASS C
  - SLIDE-IN CAMPER
  - 5TH WHEEL
  - BUS CONVERSION
  - TRAILER

OPTIONAL SEASONAL 2ND ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

EFFECTIVE DATES: \_\_\_\_\_

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IF YOUR CHUTE DOESN'T OPEN, WHO DO WE CALL TO COME AND GET YOUR RIG: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

NICKNAME FOR BADGE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ HAM CALL SIGN \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

I AM:

WORKING

FULL-TIME

LIST ME UNDER:

SEMI-RETIRED

PART-TIME

FULL-TIME

RETIRED

OCCASIONALLY

STATE/PROV

MY JOB IS/WAS \_\_\_\_\_

MY INTERESTS AND HOBBIES ARE \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE VISITS FROM OTHER WINS  YES  NO

IF YES:

BY CAR ONLY PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

I CAN PROVIDE OVER-NIGHT PARKING FOR \_\_\_\_\_ RIGS

OF MAX LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

I CAN PROVIDE

WATER

DUMP

LIMITED ELECTRICITY

**Mail to: WIN, PMB 8206, 914 SW Coast Hwy #104,  
Newport, OR 97365**