



The Mountaineer

Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA



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Twin Oaks RV Park

Perry, GA

Hello Mountaineers,

The earliest arrivals, Joe & Connie Gallagher arrived Monday and by Friday night eight rigs were on site for the August rally at Twin Oaks RV Park, Perry, GA. In addition to the Gallaghers, there were Chuck & Allene Conner; Clay & Margaret Doty; Woody & Sarah Hill; Ray, Vicki & Mitch Hubbard; John & June Huffman; Clarence & Doris Sallee and Herbie & Elinor Wilson.

Early arrivals sampled area restaurants and shopping facilities. Since there were no official hosts for the rally activities were decided upon as we went. Eating, shopping and games were the main events. Wednesday evening the group ate at the Steak House in Hawkinsville and returned again Friday evening. We ate lunch Thursday at the Oil Lamp in Perry. Priesters also got return visits. Friday night was probably the most exciting when a cold front came through dumping a bit of rain on us and the lights went out in the middle of our card games and dominoes as the lightning crackled around us. Undaunted several broke out flashlights and battery operated lamps and the card games continued with only a slight pause.

Saturday morning started off with the business meeting at 10 a.m. The bylaws changes were presented and passed with 21 coaches voting, 13 by letter or e-mail and 8 in person. The nominating committee presented the slate of officers for 2005 as Willard Swanson, president; John Huffman, wagon master; Sue Swanson, treasurer; Elinor Wilson, recording secretary; Chuck Conner, corresponding secretary; Vance Boring, national delegate; and Walt Gilson, alternate. Officers for 2005 will be voted on at the September meeting at River Forks. If you aren't attending the rally ballots (included) must be returned to John Huffman; 72 Red Bud Lane; Dawsonville, GA 30534 by Sept. 11.

John Huffman announced that the first two rallies for 2005 would be the Southeast Area Rally at Brooksville, Feb. 2-6 and the FMCA International Rally at Perry Mar. 21-24.

Attending members voted to hold the 2005 dues to \$3 per coach and they are due in December and sent to Sue Swanson.

Sunshine Report: Lois Hardison, cancelled Perry rally due to tests which later indicated a kidney stone; Pat Bryan, Maria Powell and John Huffman's sister recovering after surgery. Also remember Earle Seaverns' son and the Swansons' mother.

Connie Gallagher reminded members that Vance and Phyllis Boring's son Randy is collecting soft drink can tabs for a friend who is on kidney dialysis. One gallon of tabs earns him one session on the dialysis machine. You can bring tabs to any Mountaineers meeting.

John Huffman celebrates 75



Luke Callas on his 80th cutting RV cake



RALLY SCHEDULE

SEPT RALLY--15-18 River Forks RV Park, Gainesville 770-531-3952. About 15 coaches have already signed up so if you haven't made reservations please do so right away and ask for a space in Possum Trace. Directions from Hwy 985, Exit 14 (Oakwood); turn North (toward Gainesville) on Hwy 53 which turns into McEver Rd at the dead end, Turn right and continue to Hwy 369 (Browns Bridge Rd); Turn Left onto 369 and continue westward one mile to Keith Rd; Turn right onto Keith Rd and continue to River Forks. If you want a map and detailed directions go to www.mapquest.com and under "business name" search for River Forks Park or the 3500 Keith Bridge Rd. address.

OCT RALLY--20-23 Creekside RV Park, Pigeon Forge, TN 800-498-4801. Some sites set aside but reservations should be made now.

NOV RALLY--17-20 River Country, Gadsden, AL 256-543-7111.

DEC--10 Christmas Lunch at Kurt's Restaurant in Duluth, GA 11:30 a.m.-2p.m. \$20/person.

FEB 2-6, 2005 SEA/Georgia Mountaineers Rally, Brooksville, FL

MAR 21-24, 2005 FMCA International/Georgia Mountaineers Rally, Perry, FL.