October 12 - 15, 2005 Bear Creek RV Park and Campground Asheville, NC

Hosts: Phyllis and Vance Boring, Earle and Jean Seaverns

Hello Mountaineers.

The Borings and Herbie and Elinor Wilson arrived on Monday, the 10th, to begin relaxing and checking out the Park and other interesting sights. The Seaverns arrived on Tuesday but had to return home due to Jean's becoming ill.

Arriving Wednesday were James and Sara Ivy, Lois and Don Hardison, Linda and Luke Callas, Virginia and Forrest Jackson, Maria and Russ Powell, and Nancy and John Cross. Allene and Chuck Connor dropped by as they brought someone to a doctor in Asheville, however, most everyone was out sight-seeing at the time. Sorry we missed you, Allene and Chuck. That night, we ate at Fat Buddies and were stuffed with ribs afterwards but still able to play cards until 9 p.m. (and did so every night).

Thursday began with breakfast at the Moose Cafe at the Farmer's Market., then all but John and Nancy took a trolley tour of Asheville. Great trip as we saw historical places we would not have discovered nor known what they were if on our own. The Wilsons then followed another trolley back to some of the locations they wanted to explore more thoroughly. Good idea. They ate lunch at the old Woolworth's which still has a "soda fountain". Nancy and John did a walking tour and visited galleries and museums.

Friday, we all went to the Grove Park Inn for a great lunch and YUMMY desserts. Ate on the Sunset Terrace and had a fabulous view of the mountains.

Saturday, some drove on the Parkway but didn't find much Fall color. In fact, some got into a great deal of fog. Others visited the Farmer's Market (again). Everyone was back in time for the Chili. It was very good. Congratulations and thanks to Phyllis and the rest for making this a good dinner.

Herbie made arrangements for us to return to Bear Creek next October.

Sunday, coffee and sweet rolls were followed by a devotional led by Vance. Another thanks for the hosts and we were on our way to various places...mostly back home.

Note about the card playing: it seems the men were having most of the luck. One man felt so sorry for the women that he shuffled the cards without counting them; then another man tried to re-coup their loss by hiding a "foot" full of Aces and Jokers - but he got caught. All in fun, of course (you think?).

IMPORTANT NOTICES: Anyone that hasn't paid next year's dues needs to send \$3.00 per rig to Sue Swanson. Also, if you plan to attend the Christmas party at the Blue Willow, send \$20 per person to Sue Swanson right away.

NEXT CAMPOUT is in Gadsden, AL. Per Elinor Wilson, the following is scheduled:

Wed. night - Grill together (bring your own food to grill then eat together)

Thur. - Dinner at the Top of the River

Fri. - Lunch out (place TBD)

Sat. - Dinner: Ham furnished by hosts. Bring veggies, salad, or dessert.

Sun. - Coffee and sweet rolls before devotional