

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA

RIVER VISTA, DILLARD, GA

MAY 17 – 21, 2006

Arriving on Tues. were Charles & Rachel Bargainnier.

Arriving on Weds. were Herbie & Elinor Wilson, Ken & Dea Earley, Ted & Martha Barrett, Luke & Linda Callas, Mike & Judy Hughes, and Don & Lois Hardison.

Arriving on Thurs. were Klaus & Marga Beier.

Arriving for Sat. meeting and visiting were: Vance & Phyllis Boring, Verlon & Sue Southerland, John Huffman, Ray & Vicki Hubbard with Mitch and Vicki's mother, Sue.

Jim Wilson dropped by for a visit one day; unfortunately, many of us were out running around and missed him.

Andi Anderson (almost 3) spent Sat. night with her grandparents, Herbie & Elinor.

Visiting from another club in the campground were Joel & Sue Darby, who may be prospective members. They went to eat with us and watched a game of Hand & Foot.

By 4 p.m. on Weds., everyone was ready for the "banana pudding" social (provided by Linda). Of course, this turned into quite a spread of snacks. No dinner was needed after all that food, so we played games.

Thurs. was a great day for antiquing, sightseeing and side trips to Cherokee, Highlands, and Black Rock State Park for various members. We ate at Cupboard Café. Of course, more games at night.

Fri. was spent shopping in the antique and flea market shops, and soaking up the sun in the campground. Some of the guys rode up to Highlands and ate at a restaurant owned by an FMCA member, who spent a lot of time talking with them, then gave them a good discount on their lunch. We ate dinner at the Old Clayton Inn. It was their Prime Rib Buffet night and all the food was great.

Sat., John conducted the meeting. (He and June have both been sick.) Various restaurants were visited again for lunch. Dinner was a "grill out" between storms. Plenty of rain, thunder, and lightning but it didn't deter any activities. Linda Callas had a happy surprise when Andi led the Happy Birthday, Linda, song. Linda's birthday was the next day.

FUTURE RALLIES (reminders from the meeting):

JUNE: Herbie mentioned that there won't be any planned/organized activities for the Grandkids meeting in Chattanooga next month.

JULY and SEP.: Since some members have never been to this campground, here is the info from the schedule. July 19-22 Harmony Campground in Elberton, GA. No reservations required. Take I-85 to Commerce. Go East on 441 past the pottery to Hwy 98 on left. Take Hwy 98 through Danielsville to Comer to Hwy 72 to Hwy 77 at stoplight in Elberton. Follow Hwy 77 to Hwy 368 on right. Follow 368 for 1.6 miles. Turn left on Harmony Rd. Camp Harmony entrance is on the left past the church.

Aug. - Bald Mountain Campground in Hiawassee, GA. Make reservations now 706- 896-8896.

OCT. - Bear Creek Campground in Asheville, NC. Reservations are required so please make now; they can be cancelled later (14-day cancel policy with a one-night forfeit). Call 828-253-0798.

SUNSHINE REPORT (from Martha Barrett)

- We are glad to see Margo here today and doing so good following her fall. Margo sent the Georgia Mountaineers a lovely card thanking us for our kind wishes.
- Juanita Welborn had surgery on her left wrist and elbow for carpal tunnel. Sent her a card following the surgery.
- Verlon Southerland experienced severe stomach pain a few weeks ago and underwent a lot of tests. He is much better but the doctors have not found the cause of his pain. Sent him a card when I learned he was undergoing tests.
- Vance Boring underwent cataract surgery May 16th. Sent him a card in advance of the surgery to let him know we were thinking of him.
- The Bargainner's had to postpone their trip when Charles had knee trouble and he broke a tooth. Charles is much better and their trip is now on again next week.
- Allene Connor is still under the weather. Keep Allene and Chuck in your thoughts.
- The Huffmans have both been under the weather since they returned from their trip to welcome the new granddaughter to the family.

Martha

New or different email address: I just learned that I had an incorrect address for Earle and Jean Seaverns. The correct address is earlejeanseav@verizon.net. Sorry about that, Earle and Jean.

A personal note about the games. You know that when we play “Hand & Foot”, we always look forward to those jokers, especially for the “150” round. Well, imagine this as your “hand”: 4 jokers, 2 deuces, 2 fives, 2 sixes, 1 seven. First draw: 2 more jokers, discard the seven; second draw 1 joker and 1 deuce. Don’t remember how I discarded, etc., after that. At one point, I had 7 jokers and 3 deuces. There was no way I could do anything but wait for someone else to get on the board so I could make black books. Very frustrating but we had plenty of black books and won the game.

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