

# THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA

## CAMP HARMONY – ELBERTON, GA SEPTEMBER, 2006

**Hosts: the Huffmans and Carpenters**

By WED., Sep. 20, arrivals were John & June **Huffman**, Jerry & Dot **Carpenter**, Vance & Phyllis **Boring**, Luke & Linda **Callas**, Ken & Dot **Earley**, Don & Lois **Hardison**. The gathering spot was usually at the Carpenters' and was started at 3:30 with a watermelon eating and seed spitting social; however, it seems we all ate so much we didn't get around to spitting the seeds. We did our own thing for dinner then had cake and ice cream before the games started. At one point, Luke had 4 red threes and 3 wild cards in his hand. Tonight was mostly "women's night".

Luke claims he never gets calls on his cell phone but he got two while we played cards. He says the first one was a man and the second one didn't talk to him at all. The funny thing about this is that it said the call was coming from "Luke's cell phone" and was his number except a different area code. Linda tried to call the number and it said it was "Luke's cell phone" but didn't go through. Now, can anyone figure this one out?

THURS. – Breakfast was at the Granite City Restaurant in Elberton. Virginia **Jackson** rolled in with her new Admiral just in time to have lunch with us at Berryman's in Bowman. Among the many menu choices, they had a great chicken salad croissant and strawberry cobbler that was enjoyed by several. We visited under the trees on a gorgeous afternoon - cool enough to bring out the sweaters and long pants - perfect camping weather. (It got down into the 50s overnight.) Herbie & Elinor **Wilson** with granddaughter, Andi Anderson, arrived in the afternoon. Later, we all had to tour Virginia's new coach; it's a beauty. Snacking was all that was required for dinner before we played cards again. The men got their revenge tonight.

FRI. – Breakfast again at Granite City. Marcel, the waitress, is beginning to call some of us by name already. It was another beautiful day to sit under the trees and was warmer. A few chose to go antiquing in Lavonia but, upon their return, we discovered they really went to eat BBQ at Gumlog. Chuck & Allene **Connor** arrived in the afternoon. Dinner was at the Swamp Guinea in Hartwell where it appeared John and Don had their own catfish-eating contest. There were too many bones to count so June took a photo. Games and Trail Mix ended the day on a happy note.

SAT. – Breakfast was biscuits, gravy, and sweet rolls at the rec room before the business meeting. We had been invited over to the pavilion next door to hear gospel singing and eat ham, etc. Some of us went over about 1 p.m. and listened to a man singing karaoke-style but the groups had not started singing. The food was still being prepared and it was getting way past our lunchtime so we left to do our own. At 3:30, we had an ice cream social. (That Cookies & Cream flavor was so-o-o good that Ted could probably just taste it all the way over in Utah.)

The Borings and Callas' had to leave in the afternoon due to prior commitments. They missed out on the Salad Dinner; it was great and we only had one "almost" duplicate. The cake and banana pudding really topped it off. Games weren't so funny when Virginia found 5 red three's in her foot. By the pale look on her face, it was obvious she had several so everyone was counting every time she played one. She got caught with 2 of them because those guys just didn't have any mercy at all. The women lost this one by several thousand but there's always next time!!!

Notes from the business meeting: The Bylaws changes that were discussed last month were approved and will be distributed by John. Jerry is working hard on the schedule for next year and hopes to distribute that in Oct. or Nov. Ken and Dea Earley don't think they're getting all the emails that others have received; they have a new email address that some of you may not have; it is [kdearley@windstream.net](mailto:kdearley@windstream.net).

#### Sunshine update :

Phyllis heard from Shirley Whitehead that "Ben is doing fair, doesn't have much energy, but most of the time he feels pretty good. Her son in law James had a brain tumor which was removed and he is on chemo and radiation. Their grandson Jon, is going to have brain/skull surgery."

Phyllis' sister, Sue Welchel, has breast cancer. "She has a loop recorder that will draw the radiation away from her, so they are trying to get with the company that made the recorder to see the best way to give her the radiation so she will benefit from it the most. We appreciate your prayers."

An email from Earle Seaverns says "We are doing OK, Jean still has adjustments to her knee brace. We hope to leave this Tues for New England and Nova Scotia in the CAR!! Will be gone about 3 weeks. I have a brother and sister in NH whom we have not seen for several years, so when all are in their late 70's and me at 80, it is time to go!!"

Here's a good one: Linda had to protect Luke from a woman trying to pick him up by using the excuse of wanting to talk about his tow bar (at least she told Linda that's ALL she wanted). Maybe that's why you see so many cars with tow bars on the front.

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