



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA

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**August 16 – 19, 2007**  
**River Vista RV Park in Dillard, GA**  
**Hosts: Borings and Etheredges**

Camping Members: Charles & Rachel Bargainnier, Ted & Martha Barrett, Vance & Phyllis Boring, Jerry & Dot Carpenter, Chuck & Allene Connor, Ken & Dea Earley, Cecil & Anne Etheredge, Don & Lois Hardison, Virginia Jackson, Earle & Jean Seaverns, Willard & Sue Swanson, Martin & Juanita Wellborn. Also camping were Lowell & Joan Fritsche, who joined since our last rally. **WELCOME to the club, Lowell & Joan.**

Bob-tailing Members: Luke & Linda Callas (2 nights in hotel), Herbie & Elinor Wilson and their granddaughter, Andi Anderson (1 night in a cabin at the campground)

Guests: Jack & Gerry Conway of Cumming, GA, Allen Waters of Gainesville, GA, and Scott & Cheryl Ovenshire of Conyers, neighbors of the Etheridges. Also visiting with us were Don & Martha Price of Troy, AL, who were also camping at River Vista and are visiting with various clubs for possible membership. **WELCOME to all of you.**

Jack & Gerry Conway were visiting for the second time and have submitted their application to join the Mountaineers. **WELCOME to the club, Jack & Gerry.**

Those arriving before Thursday visited the Cupboard Café on Wednesday for a great meal.

On Thursday, the main event was a “white elephant exchange” where members bring some item they no longer use or want, wrap or bag it, and numbers are drawn to see who gets first pick, etc. Then if someone sees a “real prize” they covet, they can take that from the person that already got it, then that person has to select another. It becomes a lot of fun especially because of this. Among the 23 gifts this time, the most sought after items were a tape measure and steak knives. The oddest was a homemade “hillbilly night light” made of wood with a candle and match, and a combination fork/spoon item. The funniest was a sewer hose (I was afraid to ask if it had been used.) (Just kidding, it was new.)

Thursday dinner was covered dishes and we all probably ate too much.

Friday began with some second visits to the Cupboard Café in Dillard for breakfast. Then around noon, cars began pulling out for Highlands, Franklin, or Dillard for lunch and visiting all the shops. Mid-afternoon, we gathered to visit with the Wilsons and Callases, who had arrived. After a few naps, we met in the clubhouse to have the “Guess Whose Secret” game. Each had submitted a secret and we tried to guess who that was. It is a very interesting way to learn little “secrets” about our friends; most were complete surprises to members.

Saturday, after our business meeting (see below), we scattered to various places for lunch, naps, or to rehearse for the upcoming talent show. After a taco salad dinner, provided by our hosts, it was time to gather around the stage to watch our friends show off their talents. Performances by Earle at the keyboard leading sing-a-longs, Willard, Ken and Dea, Chuck and Allene, Vance and Cecil, Linda, Lowell and Joan, provided entertainment and lots of fun.

Games of Hand and Foot were played each night in the clubhouse.

Sunday morning began with coffee and muffins and was followed by devotional led by Cecil. Earle provided music on the keyboard and Ken led the singing.

**Future rallies: September 20 – 22 Harmony Campground Elberton, Ga.** No reservations required.

**October 18 – 20 Bear Creek Campground, Asheville, N.C.** Reservations required.

**November 15 – 17 River Country Campground Gadsden, Alabama.** Reservations required  
**1-256-543-7111**

**December Christmas Lunch** –Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup> 12:30-3:00 PM at the Old Mill House near the Mall of Georgia between I-985 and I-85 at Buford.

*NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT: Just a reminder, if you have not updated your FMCA Membership Profile in sometime, now would be a good time to do it. This includes address, email, coach, and phone number changes. Just go to <http://www.fmca.com/membership> and Login with your membership number and expiration date, or send an e-mail to [addresschange@fmca.com](mailto:addresschange@fmca.com), or call the Membership Services Department at (800) 543-3622.*

### **NOTES FROM BUSINESS MEETING:**

During our business meeting, Vance Boring gave the report for the Nominating Committee. If elected, each nominee has agreed to accept the position and serve. The election will be held at the October business meeting.

President	Ted Barrett
Vice-President/Wagon Master	Jack White
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While the following positions are not elected, each have agreed to continue to serve.

Scrap Book Editor	Rachel Bargainnier
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**Lois Hardison**  
**Corresponding Secretary – Newsletter**