



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA

JULY 19 – 21, 2007
Happy Holiday RV Park - Cherokee, NC
Hosts: Wilsons and Swansons

Although our rally officially started on Thu, the 19th, our President, Ted (and Martha) **Barrett** missed “us” so much that he couldn’t wait and showed up on Sat, the 14th. Way to go; we missed you all, too, and welcome back.

By Wed., many other members arrived: Vance & Phyllis **Boring**, Luke & Linda **Callas**, Jerry & Dot **Carpenter**, Chuck & Allene **Conner**, Ken & Dea **Earley**, Don & Lois **Hardison**, John & June **Huffman**, Mike & Judy **Hughes**, James & Sara **Ivy**, and Willard & Sue **Swanson (hosts)**. Herbie & Elinor **Wilson (hosts)** stayed at a hotel and visited with us several times; it was good to see you again and, Herbie, hopefully, your surgery will put you on the mend quickly so you can be with us lots more.

Wed.- We ate Mexican at Veracruz then played games. The hosts are running a tally on the Hand & Foot scores for the week to see if the men or the women have the best in combined totals.

Thu. - Fog on the mountains made a beautiful sight for those arising early enough to see it. Breakfast was leisurely at various places then many visited in the shade while a carload of women went to Waynesville to antique and other stores. Meanwhile, a carload of men went to Maggie Valley to visit “Wheels in Time” Museum. Arrivals today were members: Klaus & Marga **Beier**, Russ & Marie **Powell**, and three **guests: George & Dorothy Silver (1st visit) and John & Sandra Long and Lowell & Joan Fritsche for their 2nd visits.**

Dinner was at the Selu Garden Café in Harrah’s Hotel. Great food with large portions. Some members went to see the “Unto These Hills” drama and were very glad they did. Later, mid-way through the card games, the hosts made strawberry ice cream/Siera Mist slushes that were yummy. Great idea for our ice cream social and to cool us off.

Fri. - It appeared there were several late sleepers but many gathered under the trees to discuss the latest pros and cons of any subject that happened to come up. Some members ventured out to tour museums and stores. The Fritsches took a train ride between Bryson City and Dillsboro/Sylva and had a great time. **Another guest, Tom & Marge Stewart**, arrived today. Dinner was at the Mountaineer Restaurant on Soco Road overlooking Maggie Valley before going to the “Folkmoot” Opening Ceremonies at the Stompin’ Ground in the Valley. Also, a few more went to Unto These Hills. For those that did not go to either, a couple of good sessions of Hand & Foot took place. The Folkmoot opening ceremony was absolutely great. Eight countries participated in their colorful native costumes performing a dance

related to their cultural heritage. It was truly an entertaining performance and very much worth seeing again.

Sat. – Another beautiful sunny day and there was lots of talking and laughing under the trees. There were many compliments about Folkmoot and Unto These Hills. For lunch, we had a large turnout for the buffet at the Smokehouse & Creamery. The buffet included a serving of their homemade ice cream. After several more hours of visiting and various trips to the Indian Village or touring the Cherokee Indian Reservation area, a few couples ate at Backyard Burger then started the games again. **Ted announced that the Longs and Stewarts have become our newest members and we all welcomed them to the group.**

After our final games tonight, Sue announced that, after totaling each game's scores, the men won the prizes by having a whopping score of approximately 190,000, which was several thousand more than the women. Lots of hollering and waving hands from the men while the ladies admitted defeat. Good playing, Fellows.

Of course, Harrah's Casino was visited by several on various days during the trip. One couple won one night then gave it back to them the next.

August Rally, Dillard, GA - Hosts Etheridges and Borings

Phyllis Boring made this announcement:

*You should prepare for a covered dish dinner one night.

*Talent Show – Cecil and Ann Etheridge will be contacting you about sharing your talent for our show.

*White Elephant Exchange – Bring something from home for our exchange.

*Guess Who – Think of something you can share with us that not everyone knows about you.

Nothing serious – just funny and entertaining, something that has happened in your life that's true. Email me at Vpboring@charter.net so I will have time to print them, then we'll try to guess who the person is.

*More coming later on our agenda.

Sun. – Coffee and doughnuts were provided by the hosts. Another big thanks to the hosts and, after devotional by Ken Earley, everyone left for home or continued on their trips.

Also, don't forget to make your reservations for October at Bear Creek in Asheville, NC. The rally dates coincide with leaf peeping season in the Smoky Mountains and Mother Nature should be on display in her brightest colors.

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New Georgia Mountaineers Motto of Klaus & Marga:
If you snooze, you don't lose a thing.