

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA

June 14 – 17, 2007
Leisure Acres – Cleveland, GA
Hosts: Jerry and Dot Carpenter

Attendees: Jerry & Dot Carpenter, Luke & Linda Callas, John & June Huffman, Don & Lois Hardison, Dea & Ken Earley, Klaus & Marga Beier, Chuck & Allene Conner, James & Sara Ivy, Earle & Jean Seaverns, Jack & Chris White, Mike & Judy Hughes, and Truett & Elaine Swanson. Some of these anxious campers had been there for several days already.

Guests: Don & Judy Blanchfield of Aiken, SC, Peter & Phyllis Bowman of Blairsville, Lowell & Joan Fritschie of Augusta, Royce & Joanne Kimmons of Buford, Tom & Marge Stewart of Gainesville, and Terry & Marie Trussel of Jacksonville, FL. Thank you for visiting with us; we enjoyed meeting you all.

On Wednesday, those that had already arrived had a salad night for dinner. Those salads are always good.

Thursday, we ate lunch at El Campensino in Cornelia, which was very good. Then after “napping” off our big lunch, we had a “welcome our guests” gathering where our guest, Judy Blanchfield surprised Don with a 38th wedding anniversary cake and ice cream. We sang a happy anniversary song to them and they probably wish we hadn’t. Anyway, congratulations to you both. Games followed and were lots of fun while we “taught” some of the guests to play our favorite games. Many prayers were answered when a rainstorm passed through; everything certainly looked greener the next day.

Friday began with breakfast at Glenda’s in Cleveland. Glenda’s is a small restaurant with good food and quick service and lots of customers; good choice. We were all surprised at the number of people they served so quickly. Dot Ament and her daughter joined us here and stayed the rest of the day. Great to see you again. Visiting and shopping in gift and antique stores and [some of the men went to] Camping World was a good way to pass the time till our next meal. We went to West Family Restaurant in Cleveland where Paul & Betty Ivy also joined us for dinner. Great to see you again, too. Afterwards, various games led to lots of hootin’ and hollerin’ before the night ended.

Saturday began with our meeting where Herbie and Eleanor Wilson joined us. It was so good that Herbie felt better and they could be there.

Unfortunately, our President, Ted Barrett didn't feel well enough to try it. We missed having Ted and Martha with us. On June 3rd, he fell off a ladder while waxing the coach. Did very serious damage to his left leg and ankle. Saw the doctor again on June 18th and got a very good report. It will still be a long road to full recovery but at least he is headed in the right direction.

Lunch was in a bar at Wylie's in Dahlonga and some of us had to sneak in the back entrance. Kidding, of course, although it is true we had the whole bar and restroom to ourselves and could talk and laugh as loudly as we wanted to. Another good restaurant. Instead of dinner, we had an ice cream social with M&Ms, syrups and Dot Carpenter's homemade "turtle-like" cookies. Yummy. During this social, we were surprised with drop-in guests that had heard about the rally and wanted to meet us. George & Dorothy Silver are from Hiawassee and were not able to camp with us because of prior commitments but are interested in possibly joining a club.

While at lunch Saturday, we learned that Sara Ivy had been taken to the hospital during the very early morning. It turned out to be acid reflux that was irritating her esophagus rather than the heart that was causing pain. Sara will be taking more tests Wednesday as a precaution.

Sunday began with pastries and coffee and was followed by a devotional by Jack White.

A huge thanks to Jerry and Dot for putting on such a great rally. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Future rallies: Don't forget to make those reservations.

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