

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA

NOVEMBER 14 - 18, 2007
RIVER COUNTRY CAMPGROUND – GADSDEN, AL
Hosts: CALLAS AND HUFFMAN

Members camping: Luke & Linda Callas, John & June Huffman, Ted & Martha Barrett, Jerry & Dot Carpenter, Don & Lois Hardison, Vance & Phyllis Boring, Lowell & Joan Fritsche, Jack & Chris White, Ken & Dea Earley, Chuck & Allene Conner, Cecil & Anne Etheredge, Russ & Maria Powell, George & Dorothy Silver, and Don & Judy Blanchfield.

Guests camping: (2nd visit) Jim & Karen Birt from Blairsville, and Don & Martha Price from Brundidge, AL. (1st visit) Al & Mary Holcomb from Cleveland, and Bert & Jane Schmitz from Sharpsburg.

Those members and guests that arrived early in the week got off to a good start by visiting and also eating at Logan's Roadhouse on Wed.

Thu. – It was decided that snacks in the afternoon were needed to hold everyone over until we had dinner at Top O' the River Fishhouse where they serve "the world's largest fish platter". Afterwards, the hosts gave everyone a quiz (game) and Karen Birt won the prize. Of course, there were Hand & Foot games until late at night. A cold and windy night with a predicted low of 28 made for good sleeping and prepared us for the next day.

Fri. – A conducted tour of the Museum of Art and History was interesting and fun. We saw some paintings, beautiful blown glass pieces, history of Gadsden, a scale model of the early city with trains running, etc., then walked through the festival of trees with decorations made by various schools, mostly handmade. One from Seattle depicted their space needle with the platform on top. Another had the very early schooners with white sails. Very unique. The hosts provided a ham dinner with trimmings and dessert. Some exciting card games followed with both men and women winning some games.

Sat. – The hosts provided a breakfast of biscuits and gravy, jellies, etc. and, of course, no one wanted to hurt their feelings so most of us had second helpings!! We visited until time for the meeting then scattered until dinner which was a great potluck so large it took two tables plus another for desserts. More games, where it was noted that most times the scores were either very close or thousands apart.

Sun. – Coffee, pastries, toasted biscuits and juice at the clubhouse were followed by devotional led by John Huffman.

Meeting notes: Ted again welcomed the guests and announced that, just recently, **Don and Judy Blanchfield from Aiken, SC** had become members. Also, Ted announced that **Jim & Karen Birt and Don & Martha Price** had just submitted their applications and are now members. **WELCOME to ALL.**

Other items discussed were: 1) **December Christmas Lunch** –Thursday December 13th from 12:30-3:00 PM at the [former] Old Mill House near the Mall of Georgia between I-985 and I-85 in Buford. The buffet is \$17 per person. NOTE: The restaurant has changed its name to **The Grill at Ivy Creek**. The new sign is on the building and they hope to have it on the Mall sign by the time we get there. The address and phone: 2720 Mall of Georgia Blvd and 770-271-9454.

2) Our **newly elected officers** (listed below) were installed (with exception of Judy and Mike, who will be installed in Dec.):

President	Ted Barrett
Vice-President/Wagon Master	Jack White
Recording Secretary	Dot Carpenter
Corresponding Sec/Newsletter Editor	Lois Hardison
Treasurer	Judy Hughes
National Director	Ken Earley
Alternate National Director	Mike Hughes

3) **SEA RALLY IN BROOKSVILLE:** Reminder - the Southeast Area rally is **Feb 6 - 10 in Brooksville FL** Hernando County Airport Pre-registration deadline is 1/13/2008. For those attending, please let Jack White and Ted Barrett know, so arrangements can be made to caravan in together.

4) **James Island rally Nov. 2008:** Many reservations have been made, however, some have been put on a waiting list. **IMPORTANT: if you have reservations and need to cancel, please notify Ted and Jack FIRST** as they may be able to get your name switched to someone that is still trying to reserve.

SUNSHINE REPORT (Martha Barrett):

George Moyer had surgery on Nov 7th for left shoulder replacement. He is home and recuperating.

Connie Gallagher had triple by-pass surgery on Nov 13th. I am glad to report that she is now home.

Joe Gallagher underwent heart cauterization on Nov 14th. Thankfully no blockage was found, but he does have some slight restriction which will be treated with medication.

Martin Wellborn had a stint put in to open up a previous graft that had partially closed.

Jack White is scheduled for shoulder surgery Nov 20th. He too fell from a ladder while waxing his motorhome.

GENTLEMEN STAY OFF LADDERS WHENEVER YOU CAN; IF YOU MUST, BE CAREFUL!!

Sara Ivy will have surgery to remove a screw implanted earlier when she had foot surgery.

Ben Whitehead is scheduled to have his gall bladder removed on Dec 4th. Phyllis and Vance Boring visited Ben and Shirley during their trip earlier this month and the Whiteheads send Hellos to all the Georgia Mountaineers.

Herbie Wilson is still in need of your thoughts and prayers

AUDIT REPORT (Ted Barrett):

The Audit Team of Chris White and Dea Earley reported everything was OK. The Beginning Balance as of 1 December 2006 was \$1,490.06. The Ending Financial Report Balance as of 08 November 2007 was \$1,758.03. The Bank Balance shows \$1,778.53, but there was one outstanding check in the amount of \$20.50 that had not cleared the bank. Total Income for the year was \$1,115.50 and Total Expenses was \$847.52.

President's Note: While there are still some renewal dues to be paid, and some Christmas Luncheon dues to be collected, a check for around \$1,000 will be needed to pay for the Christmas Luncheon.

Lois Hardison
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