

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA

SEPTEMBER 2007
CAMP HARMONY IN ELBERTON, GA
HOSTS: CONNORS AND BARRETT

Several coaches arrived on Monday and Tuesday and got a head start on the fun. Along with checking out a couple of restaurants, they had some great card games.

Members camping were: Ted & Martha Barrett, Vance & Phyllis Boring, Luke & Linda Callas, Jerry & Dot Carpenter, Chuck & Allene Connor, Joe & Connie Gallagher, Don & Lois Hardison, Lowell & Joan Fritsche, Virginia Jackson, Martin & Juanita Wellborn.

Guests were: Bewick & Betty Murray (SEA North Regional Vice President), second-time visitors George & Dorothy Silver and Don & Judy Blanchfield; plus first time visitors Bob & Eva Bielemeier and Don & Pat Thuma.

NEW MEMBERS: George & Dorothy Silver joined during their visit this week. WELCOME, George & Dorothy. See you again soon.

Bewick & Betty: It was a pleasure to have you visit our Chapter. Hope you had a good time and you are welcome to visit in the future.

Those that had already arrived by Wed. had a super salad dinner in the rec hall.

Thu. – The first official day began with a trip to Bojangle’s for ham biscuits and other good stuff. It was so good we almost had to drag one person out of there! A “circle of friends” gathered in the sun and shade and got the party rolling before we even went to Berryman’s in Bowman for lunch. Afterwards, those that weren’t so full they had to nap, circled up again until a heavy mist drove us inside the rec hall. The rain immediately stopped, of course, but we stayed in the cool until time for the ice cream and cake followed by games. The men won every game this night. Luke got caught with red 3’s during three hands (2, 2, then 1) and they still won.

Fri. – Another visit to Bojangle’s or the Granite Café began a wonderful day of visiting. The arrival today of the Blanchfields made a total of 29 people. Our circle was like musical chairs as we moved around or switched chairs to converse with different people. Some lunches were at BBQ or Mexican restaurants. Early afternoon found the hosts cranking up the grill to start the ribs while the other ladies made side dishes. A wide variety of salads, veggies and desserts were presented and consumed before the games began. The women took their revenge tonight by winning all games. Lowell got rid of a 3 by dropping it on the floor when no one was looking. Oh well, it was only a black one. Phyllis saved her team some major points by leaving her foot in her pocket rather than counting it.

Sat. – The hosts served biscuits and sausage gravy, fruit, and other items for a good start to the morning. Bewick updated us on some National items before we hit the circle again. A few ladies went to Elberton and/or Hartwell looking for antiques and gifts. There was a craft show in Hartwell about a block long and had “better than usual” crafts. The hosts again provided a good supper of burgers and hot dogs with the trimmings, including desserts and more ice cream. Games again provided lots of laughter and fun. Lois started out tonight with 2 red 3’s, first draw of 2 more, then at least one red 3 in each draw 3 more times. (Think these decks had too many red 3’s?)

It was discovered late Sat. afternoon that Virginia had a flat tire on her coach. Her road service couldn’t send anyone out until Sun. so some of the men decided they could get that big old wheel off that coach and fix it. Guess what – they did it!! and in the dark. Great going, Guys; we all thank you for helping Virginia.

Sun. – Left-over biscuits were sliced and toasted then served with jellies and coffee during our final gathering before devotional was led by Chuck. A great big thank you to the hosts for a great rally. Those that were still there at lunchtime visited the Red Minnow Lighthouse restaurant for their Sunday buffet. The buffet was huge and very good. The sanitation score was a whopping 100.

SUNSHINE REPORT (email from Elinor Wilson)

At this time Herbie seems to be stable but we have several new doctor appts. coming up. He does not have full use of his right arm and to possibly get that back, he would have to have complete shoulder replacement. We are meeting with several different doctors over the next few weeks to determine what is ahead. Meanwhile, we have sold our motor home. We have certainly enjoyed these years with The Mountaineers and hope to be able to meet with you occasionally as a friend of FMCA. Thanks for your cards, calls and prayers over the past months and please keep remembering us. Elinor

Herbie and Elinor, this is both bad and sad news. We will miss you both and don’t forget to visit with us when you can.

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