

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA

August Rally 2008 Peace Valley Campground Murphy, NC Hosts: Earleys and Conners

Attendees at Murphy: 27 Coaches

<u>Name</u>	<u>Arrival Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Arrival Date</u>
Ken and Dea Earley	8-19	Martin and Juanita Wellborn	8-19
Bob and Eva Bielemeier	8-20	Virginia Jackson	8-19
Carl and LaVerne Abbott	8-20	Chuck and Allene Conner	8-19
Jack and Chris White	8-19	John and Sandra Long	8-19
Van Armstrong	8-19	Cecil and Anne Etheredge	8-20
John and June Huffman	8-19	George and Dorothy Silver	8-21
Willard and Sue Swanson	8-18	Vance and Phyllis Boring	8-20
Ted and Martha Barrett	8-19	Don and Judy Blanchfield	8-19
Jerry and Dot Carpenter	8-19	Ron and Martha Price	8-19
John and Diane Franklin	8-18	Second time visitor from Lawrenceville, Ga.	Joined
Jim and Barbara Kobacker	8-20	Second time visitor from SkyValley, Ga.	Joined
Brent and Phyllis Danneman	8-22	Second time visitor from Gainesville, Ga.	
Lloyd and Holly Massman	8-20	First time visitor from Blairsville, Ga.	
Tony and Marilyn Hughes	8-20	First time visitor from Leeds, Al.	
Larry and Mary Ellen Hornsby	8-20	First time visitor from Iron City, Ga.	
Bert and Joan Belcher	8-20	First time visitor from Valdosta, Ga.	
Phil and Marilyn Salling	8-21	Bobtailed in from Marble, NC to visit	
Luke and Linda Callas	8-19	Stayed in the Log Cabin	
Herbie and Elinor Wilson	8-22	Stayed in Cabin RV2	
George and Rachel Moyer	8-21	Bobtailed in from Hiawassee just to say Hello.	
Jim and Karen Birt	8-22	Bobtailed in from Blairsville on their big bike.	

Tuesday (8-19) eleven of us joined two who had come in very early and started our usual routine in the shade of a large tree next to the Earley's coach. This tree became our sitting area and was heavily used during the campout. We scattered for dinner and returned for cards.

Wednesday Van took his new scooter for a tour of Murphy and its antique shops (he bought some, too) while the rest of us split up to shop, lunch, and tour the area; but we came together at 3:00 for chips and dips and a large array of brochures of things to do and see in Murphy. During the day, ten more coaches settled in for the rally and most joined in for cards

Thursday started with a 10:00 AM WELCOME to our visitors and two new members at the Pavilion and had a group picture made. Some went to lunch and to see the FIELD OF THE WOODS (a Bible Park started in 1943 by The Church of God of Prophecy where the Ten Commandments are displayed up a

hillside, Josephs Tomb and Golgotha are replicated and a stairway flanked by markers displaying important teachings of the Bible ascends Prayer Mountain). We returned to the tree in time to greet the Silvers and Wilsons who had arrived, to spend time with the Sallings, and to see George and Rachel Moyer who had come to visit and eat dinner with us at BROTHERS - 54 attended dinner. After dinner we again split to play cards and to sit under the tree and talk.

Friday the Campground provided coffee and donuts in exchange for us listening to a presentation of RV Lot ownership in a new park they are building. It was well presented, well received and generated many questions for which they had the answers. We split for lunch with several going to MONTE ALBAN for about the third time, others scattering about town, and all hurrying back to the tree to prepare for the POT LUCK dinner (served to 52) where all complained about overeating again. One of our visitors brought a ten-layer chocolate cake and was told that if she could not come again please send the cake. Jim and Karen came by in the afternoon on their bike, but did not stay for Pot Luck. All this led to another night of cards and chatting under the tree.

Saturday started with coffee and donuts followed by the required Business Meeting

The meeting was called to Order at 10:00 by Ted.

The Invocation was given by Chuck Conner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ted.

It was noted that a quorum was present.

Ted welcomed all new members and visitors present.

The Minutes of the June Meeting were read by Dot and approved.

Treasurers Report was given by Ted in Judy's absence. He reported a balance on hand as of 1 August of \$657.07 and as of now we have four checks for new membership to be deposited.

National Director Ken Earley gave the report of activities at the National Convention written by Alternate National Director Mike Hughes who attended for our Chapter:

-) FMCA is losing members,
-) Commercial Member income is reduced,
-) FMCA will be cutting staff,
-) It was voted to reduce compensation for National officers, National Directors and staff but to keep all member benefits the same and there was no dues increase,
-) A proposal was approved to refer to the convention committee consideration of going to only one national convention per year beginning in 2011, since we have committed through 2010.

In summary, a balanced budget was approved, there will be no dues increase, and key benefits to members were retained. The industry and FMCA are under severe pressure during this time of economic struggle. FMCA is trying to look forward and take appropriate action to remain financially stable. The organization is currently in a secure financial position.

Sunshine Report by Martha

On behalf of the Georgia Mountaineers, cards were sent to George Moyer, Ken Early, Larry Martin, and Vance Boring as they work through their health challenges. Also sent a sympathy card to Van Armstrong's friend Beverly.

Updates:

Charles Bargainnier is scheduled for surgery on Aug 27th in Birmingham, AL. Charles will not know how extensive the surgery will be until after the pre-op visit on Aug 26th.

Ken Early has more doctor visits and tests scheduled Aug 26th & 27th. Then goes back to oncologist on Sept 2nd.

Chuck Conner continues bi-monthly visits to regulate coumadin dosage.

Marie's (Linda's sister) surgery went so well she was able to come home the very same day.

We need to continue our prayers for our members.

John – I had an email from Larry Martin when I got home. Please add it as PS or whatever way you think best fits.

"Went to the Doctor this AM and he said that I was doing great. He said that my surgery was quite extensive and didn't feel that I should go through with a biopsy so soon. But he wanted me to see an Oncologist to see if they recommend any further treatment. He called the Oncologist, who told my surgeon, that they would not recommend anything, unless I have a biopsy done on my right lung. So now, Monday is pre-op; the biopsy will be done on Thursday (which will include at least a over night stay); and then back to an apt with my surgeon on Sep 03. Supposedly, I am doing great for what I've been through. However, I still can't do anything, and I still have a lot of pain which the Dr said could last up to at least six months. Thanks to everybody for their prayers and encouragement. Larry"

Ted gave a report for the Recruitment Committee.

Its efforts have resulted in 13 new members in 2007 and five in 2008 so far, and will continue.

John Huffman gave the Nominating Committee Report.

Proposed Officers for 2009

President	John Long	Sunshine Chair	Dorothy Silver
V. Pres/WM	Jack White	Scrapbook Ed.	Rachel Bargaineer
Rec Sec.	Sandra Long	Sheriff	Bob Bielemeier
Cor. Sec.	Lois Hardison	Devotion Co ord	Cecil Etheredge
Treasurer	Judy Hughes	Alt Dev. Co ord	George Silver
National Dir.	Mike Hughes	New Member Recruitment	Ted Barrett
Alt Nat. Dir.	Jerry Carpenter		

Nominations for any office can be made from the floor at the October Business Meeting.

There was no OLD Business to discuss.

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Announcements:

-) Wearing apparel you have ordered can be picked up and more apparel will be ordered when Judy gets home.
-) Directory updates were given to those who needed them.
-) Christmas Luncheon will be at Adairsville Inn Restaurant on December 10 at 12:00. We will have the room until 3:00 for our use. The cost will be \$13.00 per person which includes drink, tax and tip. This can be paid to Judy Hughes along with your renewal dues for 2009 before 1 December, 2008. Harvest Moon RV park is about 1.5 miles away if you would like to stay.
-) Check the date on your Rally schedule, it should be recent, throw away all old ones and make reservations for remaining rallies now.
-) Next Rally will be at MOUNTAIN LAKES, HORSESHOE TRAILS CAMPING RESORT Outside of Cleveland, GA. Off GA-75 ALT. Hosts are Carpenters and Barretts. Ted is planning to bring his grill and plans on doing some grilling at the pavilion. They are planning a pancake breakfast for Sunday. If you have a box fan you might want to bring it.
-) Bob Bielemeier suggested a decal for each coach and had a reduced picture like the one on our new shirts. They will cost about \$3.00 each. About 20 people showed interest in getting them.

Adjourned at 10:51

The business meeting was followed by lunch at RIB COUNTRY with 48 present. At 5:00 PM we met under the tree for Ice Cream and Cake and to try to finish up some of the leftovers from the POT LUCK supper.

Sunday we met for coffee and pastries which was followed by a great Devotional by Anne Etheredge on Christian Music and its influence on our lives. Ken Earley gave a moving testimonial and ended by playing a beautiful recording of "TILL THE STORM PASSES BY" by the group Greater Vision.

The Devotional, Testimonial, and music were better than many Sermons I have heard.

John Huffman filling in for Lois

Rally Reminders

September 17 - 20 Cleveland GA Mountain Lakes, Horseshoe Trails Camping Resort

Phone: 706-348-6434. Directions: From Cleveland take US-129 north through Cleveland to GA-75ALT toward Helen. The resort is 2.5 miles on the left. Recreation Room. This is a Coast-to-Coast private resort. Their fee is \$20 per night, and non-member adults have to pay a \$4 per day per adult amenity fee. The fee is not optional. So for nonmembers, the fee is \$28 per couple and no tax. No reservation deposit fee, but they want your credit card number and \$50 cancellation fee for less than 48 hours notice. See <http://www.mountainlakesresort.us>. **Hosts: Carpenters & Barretts**

October 15 - 18 Elberton GA Camp Harmony No Reservations required. From Elberton take Hwy 77 north to Hwy 368. Turn right on Hwy 368 and go 1.6 miles and turn left on Harmony Road. Campground entrance is immediately on the left right past the church. **Hosts: Silvers and Bielemeiers**

November 12 - 15 Charleston SC The Campground at James Island County Park. For reservations phone 843-795-7275. See <http://www.ccprc.com/campground.htm>. Only 10 minutes from downtown Charleston with its fine dining, history, and the Holiday Festival of Lights that is turned on the 14th of Nov. The lights are on the island where the CG is located. 24-hour cancellation policy for full refund. **Hosts: Whites and Borings**

Christmas Lunch – Wed 12:00 Noon December 10th Adairsville Inn Restaurant, 100 South Main Street. It will be buffet, \$13 each person which includes your drink, tax, and gratuity. We will have the room from lunchtime until 3:00 PM. For any of you who would like to make a mini rally out of it, the Harvest Moon RV Park is about 1.5 miles from the restaurant. See <http://www.harvestmoonrvpark.com>. **Hosts: Bargainniers, Gillelands, and Salmons**