

# THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA

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**June 18 - 22, 2008**

**Leisure Acres – Cleveland, GA**

**Hosts: Barretts and Carpenters**

**Members camping:** Barretts, Carpenters, Hardisons, W & S Swanson, Martins, Seaverns, Silvers, Prices, Armstrong, Whites, Simpsons, Jackson, Gallaghers, and Hughes.

**Guests visiting for 1<sup>st</sup> time:** Su Ann & Harley Jones of Grayson, GA  
Laura & Jerry Eaves and his father, Clifford, of Buchanan, GA

Callases - Bob Tailed in on Wednesday afternoon and Low Country Boil on Thursday

Conners - Bob Tailed in for Low Country Boil

Earleys - Bob Tailed in Saturday for Business Meeting, lunch, and Elvis

Regretfully, we had some last minute cancellations this time. The Conners, Huffmans, and Powells cancelled because of health problems. The Callases were due to death of a friend. And, John and Carol Dubac had a mechanical breakdown a few miles from Cleveland and had to be towed back to Dawsonville. Some of them were able to Bob Tail in for a visit and it was good to see them. For the others, we wish them a speedy recovery. For the Dubacs, we hope your motorhome is back in good running condition and that we see you in Cherokee.

**Wednesday** - Attendees began arriving on Monday and, by Wednesday many were already there. Catching up on all the news was a priority, as was finding a spot in the shade. The “salad pot luck” was varied and delicious. Card games wrapped up a great day, as usual.

**Thursday** – Glenda’s Restaurant had lots of extra customers today as we sampled their biscuits, gravy and eggs. The donut shop next door was just too close to resist. Then, trips for sightseeing, as far away as Hiawassee, a visit to Elsie’s Victorian Cowgirl (an R-rated converted chicken coop), (sorry, that’s just what I thought the ladies were taking me to). Actually, this was a fun place to look at and buy many things such as jewelry, clothing, and gifts. Then everyone gathered for more visiting while the hosts cooked and treated us to a delicious Low Country Boil. Chris treated us to some chocolate cupcakes for dessert. Can you believe that someone would steal the ID badge of the “Acting” Sheriff and try to impersonate her? And the imposter was even the opposite sex! Duh! Thankfully, Ted got caught before too much harm was done. We learned that this was the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Don & Martha Price; congratulations Don & Martha. Martha had a special surprise today. Months ago, she had lost a diamond out of her ring. While sightseeing in the mountains today, she found the diamond stuck in the door handle of their vehicle. Now that’s a real coincidence to find it on their anniversary.

**Friday** – More side trips today before meeting in the clubhouse for Root Beer Floats. Joining us were Jo & Ron Roskosh, the local Ambassadors for Camping World, who explained their positions and territory. Just before we were leaving for West Family Restaurant for their Seaford Buffet, Don Price was taken to the ER to spend the next several hours (see Sunshine Report). Thanks to Jerry Carpenter for assisting Don and Martha.

**Saturday** began with the chapter Business Meeting. Business items included the election of the Nominating Committee (John Huffman, Mike Hughes, and Jerry Carpenter) and adoption of the proposed changes to the Standing Rules. It should be noted the proposed Standing Rules changes were adopted without modification by Unanimous Consent. Reports were given by the Treasurer, Alternate National Director, Sunshine Reporter, and Chairman of the Recruitment Committee. Updates and discussions included our wearing apparel purchase, directory updates, the Christmas Luncheon, and the remaining Rally Schedule. A summary of the Treasurer's Report follows. It should be noted that most of the expenses was for the wearing apparel purchase and we still have some of it to be delivered and therefore have not collected from all the members yet.

**Treasury Report Summary as of 6/21/08 given by Judy Hughes:**

Dec. 2007 beginning balance:	\$ 2,284.90
Dec. 2007 – June 21, 2008 Income:	<u>1,899.00</u>
	4,183.90
Dec. 2007 – Jun 21, 2008 Expenses	<u>2,353.83</u>
Ending Balance as of June 21, 2008	\$ 630.07

Lunch was at Rib Country in Cleveland where Don Hardison was surprised by the employees singing and presenting to him a huge piece of chocolate cake with ice cream to celebrate his 74<sup>th</sup> birthday. Most everyone at his table got to taste it. He was further surprised at the Elvis Show when "Elvis" wished him (and others) a happy birthday. The show was very good but Don did comment on how nervous Elvis was (he shook and trembled through most of the songs!). Another bit of excitement was when Connie tried to undress Elvis by taking from him the long scarf that he had tucked into the vee of his jump suit. Way to go, Connie, but will Joe let you keep that scarf? Incidentally, the ladies seemed to enjoy all that shaking and trembling Elvis was doing!

**Sunday** was another beautiful day when we gathered for coffee, Danish, and a great devotional led by George Silver. Most of us then headed home to prepare for future trips (keep reading for more detailed info on the July rally).

**Next Rally** is at Happy Holiday in Cherokee, NC: The hosts had to cancel because of health issues so, currently, there is no host listed, however, some plans are being made. On Thursday, weather permitting, tentative plans are for the Hardisons to take you to the Cataloochee district in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. **SPECIAL NOTE: Cataloochee Valley is approximately 30 miles from Cherokee and about 5 miles of that is on a single-lane gravel curvy mountain road. You will need to take your own picnic lunch (meal and drink plus water) and a chair. There is only one restroom and it is in the primitive campground in the valley. This trip will take most of the day.** Also, on Friday night, Folkmoot will be in Maggie Valley for anyone that wants to attend. Sue Swanson is gathering information on that.

We enjoyed meeting our visitors, the Jones, Eaves, and Roskoshes and hope they enjoyed visiting with us. Hopefully, we will see them again at a future rally and maybe they will become Georgia Mountaineers.

**Lois Hardison**  
**Corresponding Secretary – Newsletter Editor**

## SUNSHINE REPORT (Martha Barrett)

Don Price was taken to the emergency room at Dahlenega Friday afternoon suffering from pain. They returned to the campground around 10 pm with the diagnosis it was a kidney stone. Saturday morning, with Larry Martin's help, they hooked up the coach and headed home.

*Update: Don passed the kidney stone Sunday morning around 5 am and he said he is doing fine now.*

Chuck Conner continues to have trouble with his heart and the much needed gall bladder surgery is still on hold. Doctor's say he is a candidate for a pacemaker. Wearing a heart monitor last week revealed his pulse rate varied from 32 to over a hundred. He is scheduled for a treadmill test this week.

June Huffman has a staff infection and is in a lot of pain and to make matters worse she is suffering from side affects from the pain meds.

Larry Martin is scheduled for a biopsy this Friday on a node in his left lung. Doctors have been monitoring some nodes in his lung and one has grown since the last CAT scan was made.

Good news for Audrey Martin. A closer look at the mammogram taken earlier showed the suspicious area to be scar tissue from previous surgery.

Jerry Carpenter had cataract surgery in one eye earlier this month and surgery on the other eye will be done within the next 4 to 6 weeks.

Please keep these individuals in your thoughts and prayers.

## Rally Reminder

**July 16 - 19 Cherokee NC Happy Holiday RV Park & Campground.** Phone: 800-633-2977  
Directions: From W jct of US441 & US74, N 3.8 mi on US441 N to bus 441N, NE 0.3 mi to US19N, E 3.3 mi (L): or from JCT of Blue Ridge Pkwy (mp 455.5) & US19 SW 7.6 mi on US19S.  
See <http://www.happyholidaycherokee.com> Hosts: \_\_\_\_\_

**August 20 - 23 Murphy NC Peace Valley Campground** Phone: 828-837-6223. Directions: From Murphy go north on US-19 about 4 ½ to 5 miles, just past MM-24 going north. Turn right onto Happy Valley Road. See <http://www.peacevalleycampground.com> Hosts: Earleys and Hughes

**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. C2C members might be totally free. 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> and <http://www.helengeorgia.com>.  
Hosts: Ivys & Carpenters