

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA

MARCH 12 – 16, 2008
PIRATELAND FAMILY CAMPING RESORT
Hosts: EVERYONE

Members camping: Van Armstrong (and friend, Beverly Baumbach of Elgin, SC), Barretts, Borings, Bielemeiers, Carpenters, Etheredges, Fritsches, Hardisons, Hughes, Prices, Stewarts, Whites.

Guests camping: (all 1st visits) Bill & Teri Simpson from Cumming, GA and Vern & Betty Morris of Stockbridge, GA.

Anxious members began arriving on Monday and were eating seafood and Mexican in the first couple of days. We're all glad they started checking out restaurants right away.

Tue. – Several arrivals by late afternoon so we ate at Drunken Jack's Seafood and decided not to play games but to rest from our travels instead.

Wed. – Various trips were taken for sightseeing, walks on the beach, shopping, and eating. The campground was located just a dune away from the beach and was very convenient. The lagoon was on the other side of us.

Thu. – Lunch was at Sticky Fingers BBQ. It was so good, some people enjoyed going there again another day. More side trips and games.

Fri. – Visits to Broadway at the Beach, flea markets, tool stores, and walks on the beach filled the day until an early dinner at Sara J's in Garden City. The Etheredges and Prices went to Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede and thoroughly enjoyed the dinner and show.

Sat. – Another "leisurely" day filled with catching those things and places we had missed. No organized plans today so we scattered or just visited. When we heard about the tornado that struck Atlanta Friday night and another was forecast, we began keeping track on the weather. It was very windy in Myrtle Beach but we went to the rec room for devotional, given by Martha Price. Afterwards, we played cards while it rained and discovered there was a glorious display of lightening in all directions; it looked like the eve of 2000 with all those fireworks.

Sun. - We broke camp with the exception of a few who decided to stay until Monday and do some more exploring.

Although there were no hosts for this rally, everyone had a great time and found plenty to do. A variety of places to visit were discovered: Broadway at the Beach (a mall or village built around a lake); antique car show during the weekend; musical shows; sitting on the pier to soak up some Vitamin D; some drove south to Georgetown or Muriel's Inlet, others as far north as Calabash, NC.

There was no business meeting, but we did have a discussion regarding Georgia Mountaineer wearing apparel. The decision was made to do further research into T-Shirts, golf style shirts, and wind breakers. When more definite information is obtained, it will be provided to the members for feedback before making any purchases.

SUNSHINE REPORT (Martha Barrett):

During the Rally, cards for Chuck Conner, Klaus Beier, Luke & Linda Callas, and Herbie & Elinor Wilson were passed around and signed.

Currently Chuck is undergoing weekly blood checks. They can't seem to get the coumadin dosage level to a point where the heart doctor can do the tests needed prior to gall bladder surgery.

Klaus is recovering from heart problems that hospitalized him twice.

Cards were sent to the Callas's and Wilson's making them aware how much we miss them.

We also missed the Powell's and a card was sent to Maria just prior to the rally.

Sam and Margaret Broady are asking for your prayers for Sam's brother Jim. Jim is scheduled for surgery tomorrow in Orlando for acute pancreatitis. He is very sick. Sam and Margaret are new members that joined last year and they live in Ellijay. They had reservations for the Myrtle Beach rally, but had to cancel when their son was scheduled for surgery.

Please include Jim and the Broady family in your thoughts and prayers.

Latest news from Linda Callas on her sister Marie's progress.

"Finally, over this past weekend, she says she feels like she really rested, and we feel encouraged again. Thank you all so much for your wonderful support, prayers and love.
Linda"

RALLY REMINDER:

April 23 - 26 Chattanooga TN Holiday Trav-L-Park. Phone: 800-693-2877. Directions: If Northbound on I-75, Exit 1B. If Southbound on I-75 take Exit 1. In either case, turn right at top of ramp, go approx ¼ mile & turn left at light on Mack Smith Rd. & go about ½ mile. Park is on the right. See <http://www.chattacamp.com> **Hosts:** _____

May 21 - 24 Berea KY OH! Kentucky Campground Phone: 859-986-1150. Directions: From I-75 take Exit 76, go west about ½ mile, CG is on the right. Renfro Valley is only 15 miles south. Renfro Valley doesn't publish their schedule until the first of the year for their top named performers, but starting the first of May, they have their own shows Monday thru Saturday, with Friday and Saturday their big show nights. Horse farms in Paris, KY give free tours. See <http://www.ohkentuckycampground.com> and <http://www.renfrovalley.com> Rec room not available Sunday due to church services at 9AM.
Hosts: Fritsches and Barretts

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