

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA

November 12 - 15, 2008
James Island County Park (Charleston), SC
Hosts: Whites and Borings

Members camping: Whites, Borings, Barretts, Ivys, Hughes, W&S Swanson, Horchers, Wellborns, Jackson, Fritches, Martins, Silvers, Gallaghers, Cooks, Birts, Hardisons, Huffmans, Carpenters, Armstrong, Bargainniers, Seaverns, T&E Swanson, Moyers, Broadys, Longs, Eaves, and Callases.

Wilson's stayed in a condo.

Guests camping: Al & Mary Holcomb, Bill & Pat Denny, and Jack & Millie O'Donovan (all second-time visitors).

I do believe this is the largest attendance at any of our rallies and it was great.

This great campground lured the arrival of many prior to the official start of the rally. Various tours were taken and special locations and events were planned for visits later in the week. Some of the "sights" visited were: H.L. Hunley Museum, Fort Moultrie, Fort Sumter, Patriots Point, Folly Beach, Isle of Palms, and Sullivan's Island

Wednesday – We're officially "rallying" today, so went to the Hominy Grill for lunch. This restaurant was featured in the Charleston video we saw at our last rally. Most dishes' descriptions sounded very normal but were made in their own unique recipes. After lunch, we scattered to do various things during the afternoon. Dinner was "potluck" sandwiches and salads. There were so many food selections, and with approximately 60 people in the room, it looked like a buffet at Golden Corral. After stuffing ourselves, we had some very interesting games of Hand and Foot.

We were sad to learn that the Moyers had to leave because Rachel's mother was in the hospital and in a coma.

Thursday – A bus tour of Charleston began the day for most. Afterward, more sightseeing passed the afternoon. At "dark-thirty", there was a Festival of Lights walking tour (3 miles) around James Island County Park to see the many Christmas lights. There were many enthusiastic walkers hitting the trail and, although a few got very tired, they all thought it was a beautiful way to get their daily exercise and was worth the effort. It started raining as some of them returned to camp but no one got really wet.

Friday – The ground was still damp from the good rain last night but several found a place to circle up and have a gabfest. Midday, people started heading toward town to hit The Market and buy some treasures before meeting at Hyman’s Seafood Restaurant for dinner. It was very good by every comment overheard. On the way back, we joined the many cars circling this county park to see the Festival of Lights by car. Very creative and beautiful, each light or section of lights, was sponsored by a local business.

Saturday – Our business meeting was held at Ryan’s Steakhouse, where we could have breakfast before the meeting or have lunch afterwards. We had the installation of officers for the coming year, and Ted announced that all our visitors have become members. **Welcome to Bill & Pat Denny, Al & Mary Holcomb, and Jack & Millie O’Donovan.**

The afternoon was spent shopping, sightseeing, napping, or gathering for conversations. It has rained several times at night but, today, there were scattered showers until a steady rain set in as it neared time for the tram ride to look at the lights. The rain slowed just in time for the 12 people that braved the weather to take one more ride through these beautiful lights. It was well worth the few raindrops felt and we had a great time. After the ride, a few of us went to the fire pit and roasted marshmallows.

Sunday – Early departures for those with long drives and a few stayed another day.

A special thanks goes to Jack White for finding this campground and I heard many members state they want to return.

DECEMBER 10 – CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:

Wed 12:00 Noon - Adairsville Inn Restaurant, 100 South Main Street. It will be buffet, \$13 each person which includes your drink, tax, and gratuity. Send check to Judy Hughes before December 1. We will have the room from NOON 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, Salmons

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SUNSHINE REPORT – MARTHA BARRETT

Sherold Salmon, a member that joined earlier this year, was experiencing health problems earlier this week and was admitted for test. The doctors ran two heart tests and found no blockage. Also did tests on his gall bladder and it came out OK. He is expecting to come home on Saturday.

Maria Powell Update: Russ writes,

"Thanks for the phone call. Maria had the third c-scat today and the doctor is pleased and believes the bleeding has stopped and been absorbed. We are working with the GI doctor to correct the intestinal trauma problem. She is on antibiotics and other meds for that condition. The bruises are better and we still need to determine when it will be ok to go back on the Coumadin. We miss you all and hope maybe we will see you at the Christmas luncheon...we are counting on it!! Again, thanks for calling. Please continue to pray.

Love to all,

Russ and Maria"

Ken Early Update: Dea and Ken write:

"We are fine. Ken got over the dizzys. His white blood count was a little low. We did some wood spitting this week. He's been to church and prayer meeting and we've been to a birthday party. This coming week he should feel good too. On the 18th, we're back to chemo. They will do an MRI too to see how the tumors are doing. Pray for a good report. Hope you all have a great time at James Island."

Karen Birt's brother is in critical condition and has requested our prayers at this time.

Rachel Moyer's mother was admitted to the hospital in a coma. We are so sad to learn that she passed away on Saturday. Our hearts and prayers go out to Rachel, George, and their family.

Please continue to keep Sherold, Maria, Ken, Karen, Rachel, and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

With the installation of new officers tomorrow Dorothy Silver, will now serve as Sunshine Reporter. In the future, please send all Sunshine information to her at grammysilver@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,
Martha Barrett, Sunshine Reporter