

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA

OCTOBER 15 - 18, 2008
CAMP HARMONY – ELBERTON, GA
Hosts: BIELEMEIERS AND SILVERS

Members camping: Bob & Eva Bielemeier, George & Dorothy Silver, Ted & Martha Barrett, Don & Lois Hardison, Luke & Linda Callas, Chuck & Allene Conner, Dennis & Joyce Horcher, John & June Huffman, Lowell & Joan Fritsche, Jerry & Laura and Clifford Eaves

Guests camping: Bill & Pat Denny, friends of the Fritsches from North Augusta, SC (first time visitors)

Other Guests: Jimmy & Sue Shore, guests of the Callases (for ice cream on Friday)

Members began arriving on Monday. Ted got a head start on checking out the electrical and water hook-ups. After all that work, the rest of us that had arrived joined him for dinner at Bojangle's on Monday. Then we had a wonderful dinner Tuesday at Fletcher's in Hartwell.

Wednesday (the official beginning of the rally): Lunch was sandwiches with potluck salads and desserts. We gathered under the trees to "cuss and discuss" the woes of the world. Several of our handymen made repairs to electrical boxes and a leaking toilet at the campground. After eating dinner at Swamp Guinea, we played some quick card games before gathering around the side of the Barrett's coach to watch the Presidential Debate. Thanks Ted and Martha, you saved the day for any of us that didn't have TV reception....and certainly for that wide-screen TV.

Thursday: We took a tour that included the Guide Stones then the Elberton Granite Museum. Both were very interesting. More arrivals today in time to go to dinner at Sibling's Restaurant in Hartwell. Vance and Phyllis Boring joined us for dinner; it was great seeing them, if only for a short while.

Friday: The day began with a much-needed light rainfall that stayed steady most of the day. The hosts must have had ESP because they had outdoor activities other days but today we had an ice cream social, watched a video on Charleston, and played bingo. Great planning, Hosts! (Note: After winning bingo twice, Bob took himself out of the running.) Dinner was a fun event. We had a chili cook-off and taste judging proceeded. Of course, we had to taste each one more than once before we could vote. The winners were: 3rd place – Joan Fritsche; 2nd – Eva Bielemeier; and 1st – Ted Barrett. Finally, we got down to the real eating. Along with chili, we had cornbread, chips, slaw, cheeses, sour cream, and several desserts.

Saturday: The rain stopped during the night but some clouds were hanging around and it was a little cooler. Breakfast was coffee with donuts and biscuits and gravy. The rally meeting was informational and the slate of officer nominees for next year was presented, voted on, and accepted. There were also discussions on: the remaining schedule for November and December 2008, and the schedule for next year; the recent order for more club wearing apparel; send Rachel photos for scrapbook; dues and due date (\$6 per PERSON and due December 1). In the afternoon, there was a tour of Harmony Farm (organic farming). Ted also turned on his TV again for a football game and several members sat by a “fire in a can” that was provided by Lowell. Very neat and fun; thanks, Lowell. Dinner consisted of “grill your own meat” and potluck veggies and desserts.

Sunday: A beautiful day to travel started with coffee and donuts followed by devotional led by George Silver. Eight members lingered afterward long enough to go to the Red Minnow Lighthouse Seafood Buffet near the campground.

Election of Officers for 2009 (Ted Barrett)

The election for next year’s officers took place without a hitch at Saturday’s Business Meeting at Camp Harmony. The below members were elected unanimously to serve in the listed positions for 2009. They will be sworn in at the next Business Meeting at our November Rally in Charleston, and will assume the duties of their office at the end of the meeting

President	John Long
Vice-President/Wagon Master	Jack White
Recording Secretary	Sandra Long
Corresponding Sec/Newsletter Editor	Lois Hardison
Treasurer	Judy Hughes
National Director	Mike Hughes
Alternate National Director	Jerry Carpenter

In addition to the above officers, the following Volunteer/Appointed Officers will also assume their duties at the end of the next Business Meeting in Charleston.

Sunshine Reporter	Dorothy Silver
Scrap Book Editor	Rachel Bargainnier
Sheriff	Bob Bielemeier
Devotional Leader	Cecil Etheredge
Alternate Devotional Leader	George Silver
New Member Recruitment	Ted Barrett

October Sunshine Report (Martha Barrett)

Jean Seaverns suffered a stroke and three seizures at her home and was airlifted to the hospital for treatment. Jean is home now in the care of Earle and their daughter. Earle said she still has a problem with her balance. He is hoping Jean will soon be well enough to begin physical therapy treatment. A card was passed around at the Elberton Rally for everyone to sign.

Elinor Wilson. I spoke with Elinor the first part of the week. She said the doctor had given her the ok to walk if she felt up to it. She is being treated with pain pills and antibiotics to help fight the infection. If the medication works and she does not develop a fever, then the appendix can be removed with surgery that is not so invasive. A get well card was sent to Elinor.

Mike Hughes is home recovering from a double hernia surgery. Mike said he is taking it easy and feels pretty good. No more heavy lifting for Mike. A get well card was sent to Mike.

Charles Bargainnier is still recovering from shoulder surgery. He goes back to Birmingham next week for x-rays. He is hoping the doctors will then allow him to begin rehab. Sent Charles another card to let him know we're thinking of him.

I forgot to mention at the meeting the death of Chuck Conner's brother. Chuck's brother lived in southern Illinois. Chuck and Allene made that sad trip to Illinois just prior to our rally. A sympathy card was sent to Chuck.

Please continue to keep our members in your thoughts and prayers.

Lois Hardison
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