

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA

APRIL 15 - 19, 2009
Harvest Moon RV Park, Adairsville, GA
Hosts: Longs and Martins

Members camping: John & Sandra Long, Larry & Audrey Martin, Jerry & Dot Carpenter, Jerry & Laura Eaves, Don & Lois Hardison, Luke & Linda Callas, Carl & Laverne Abbott, John & June Huffman, Jack & Chris White

Guests camping: 1st time: Phil & Marilyn Salling from Marble, NC (who dropped by Peace Valley in Murphy last August to meet our group) and Janice Schell from Gray, GA and her sister-in-law, Pat Bryant, also from Gray, GA

The Longs, Martins, and Abbotts arrived on Tuesday to check things out and get a head start on the fun. Everyone else arrived during the afternoon Wednesday in time to visit a short while then go to dinner at the Appalachian Grill in Cartersville, GA. Of course, this was followed by games of Hand and Foot in the clubhouse.

Thursday's agenda included a trip to Etowah Indian Mounds State Historic Site. The word was that Luke Callas climbed the tallest mound (133 steps) faster than anyone. Great climbing, Luke. Afterwards, a few went to Barnsley Gardens Historic District (resort) and ate lunch on the veranda overlooking the golf course, where the beverage was Peach Tea. Beautiful grounds and interesting gift shop. They were also having a plant sale and many beautiful plants were being purchased by their visitors. Before dinner that evening, John Long read an article he had found on the history of our Pledge of Allegiance, and the various changes that were made since its inception. Very moving and interesting. Our new American Flag was proudly on display on its tall pole. Dinner was a great potluck followed by more Hand and Foot games. (Luke and Linda returned and toured the gardens on Friday and said it was well worth the trip.)

On Friday, coffee and donuts were planned but we were surprised by Sandra Long also making sausage gravy and biscuits. It's a good thing she made lots because it went fast. Yummy; thanks, Sandra. Most of us went to Booth Western Art Museum. This museum is large and has several levels and various galleries, such as a Cowboy Gallery, American West Gallery, Reel West Gallery (western film art), and a very impressive Presidential Gallery. They had photos of all the Presidents, with a letter or document they had written, plus a little-known facts sheet about them. Otherwise, trips to antique or outlet malls and site seeing to a covered bridge and museum in Huharlie, filled our time until a great buffet dinner was enjoyed by all at Adairsville Inn Restaurant (the same place we had our Christmas luncheon). More Hand and Foot wrapped up the night.

Saturday: OOPS, we're missing three couples this morning. Because of prior commitments, the Callases, Huffmans, and Carpenters pulled out fairly early. Then the Abbotts had to leave in the afternoon, but we still have seven couples and can have a great time. A few hours were spent at Tellus Science Museum. Very good place to visit and I hear a few men took a short nap in the Planetarium while looking at the stars. After all, that's what happens when the lights are turned off. A grill-your-own meat plus potluck sides was a late lunch at the club, then the crowd gathered outdoors to chat. Everyone was having a good time so no games were played this night.

Sunday started with coffee and donuts before devotional led by John Long. After a rousing thank you to the hosts, we began our travels home.

LOST AND FOUND: One ladies Georgia Mountaineers blue jacket. Linda Callas has been looking for hers for quite some time and would love to find it.

UPCOMING RALLY IN MAY: Did you register for your spot in the River Vista Mountain Village in Dillard for May 13 – 16? This is a very popular spot and the sites go fast. It would help if you let the hosts and Wagon Master know if you are going. Hope to see you there.

FYI - ALSO INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER IS AN EMAIL FROM TED BARRETT ABOUT THE OASIS RV RESORT.

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Article for The Mountaineer
Submitted by Ted Barrett
April 2009

Fellow Georgia Mountaineers,

Last month on our current trip out West, John Long forwarded me an email from Thomas Barr of the Oasis RV Resort in Amarillo, Texas. The email stated the Oasis RV Resort would like to sponsor all of our rallies for the remainder of 2009 with door prizes, gift certificates and brochures for our greeting packets. Martha and I were in Abilene at the time with Amarillo being one of our next stops on the way to New Mexico. So, we decided to check it out.

The Oasis is on the west side of Amarillo. It is off the south side of I-40 at Exit 60. About the only other thing at this exit is a Love's Truck Plaza, where we refueled with diesel before entering the resort. The park is a few hundred yards removed from the Interstate, and we did not detect any noise from the traffic. There are two other RV Parks at Exit 62 and both of them are very close to the Interstate. Two more miles eastward and you are at Exit 64, which is the beginning of many places to eat and shop. Exit 64 is also the intersection of Loop 335 around Amarillo. If you are interested in going to Palo Duro Canyon, Loop 335 is a short cut over to I-27 down to Canyon. So, the Oasis RV Resort is very conveniently located to what Amarillo has to offer.

The Oasis is fairly new. All the streets are paved and the campsites all have very wide concrete parking pads with concrete patios. The resort was very, very clean with good power and Wi-Fi. I won't go into detail about their features and amenities. You can check those out at <http://www.myrvoasis.com>. While there I met with the owner Thomas Barr and his wife Jamie. Basically, what they are asking in return for sponsoring our rallies, is for our members stay at their resort when we are traveling out their way, even if it is just for overnight; and, to also pass the word to other RV'ers.

Martha and I spent three nights at the Oasis RV Resort and we highly recommend it. Yes, the wind blows there, but then it blows all over Texas. And oh, when you check in, tell them you are with the Georgia Mountaineers for our special discount. Plus, they are also a Passport America member.

From Silver City, New Mexico,

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