

# THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA

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**August 19 – 22, 2009**  
**Peace Valley Campground**  
**Hosts: Conners and Ivys**

**Members camping:** Chuck & Allene Conner, James & Sara Ivy, John & June Huffman, Bob & Eva Bielemeier, Jim & Karen Birt, Larry & Audrey Martin, John & Diane Franklin, Don & Lois Hardison, Phil & Marilyn Salling, Jerry & Laura Eaves, Al & Mary Holcomb, John & Sandra Long, Earle & Jean Seaverns, Charles & Rachel Bargainnier, Carl & Laverne Abbott, Dean & Joyce Gilleland, Ted & Martha Barrett, Jerry & Dot Carpenter, Van Armstrong

**Guests camping:** 2<sup>nd</sup> time: Joe & Nancy Onda from Martin, GA; Ed & Runette Bledsoe from Moreland, GA; Miriam Smith from Eatonton, GA

1<sup>st</sup> time: Bill & Linda Smith from Carrollton, GA; George & Linda Winialski from Beech Mountain, NC; Liz Yarborough from Blairsville, GA

Wednesday – Almost everyone arrived in time to enjoy the salad, sandwich, and dessert dinner in the clubhouse. Chuck welcomed our visitors and we began to enjoy the feast that was spread on two tables. Afterwards, several tables were filled with Dominoes or card players. The rain started just about the time the last game was played.

Thursday – After a much-needed rain overnight, the skies were beautiful, although partly cloudy. A walk around the campground was a good way to say “good morning” to several people already enjoying the day or discussing their coaches. Lunch was at Brothers Restaurant, where many of us ate their Country Hot Bar Buffet. They had great fried chicken. We took advantage of a cooler afternoon and visited under the trees before snacking and playing games. It rained again that night.

Friday – After another good soaking rain, it was a great day to sleep in. Later, several trips were made into Murphy for shopping, lunch, or just looking around. The place most often mentioned was Moose Hollow, a store filled with about anything imaginable for a cabin or country living. Anyone that goes to Murphy should not miss a visit to this store. Mid-afternoon, we had a huge gathering in the pavilion to feast on watermelon; it was delicious. While there, we saw another downpour of rain that had us moving away from the sides of the pavilion to avoid the rain but we had a good time anyway. For dinner, many restaurants were “sampled” with good results. A downpour slightly delayed game playing but there were still several tables filled. About midnight, another hard rain came with thunder and the lightening lit up the sky and the campground.

Saturday – Coffee and donuts started the morning. **George & Dorothy Silver, Mike & Judy Hughes, and Dea Earley** drove over for the meeting. We were sorry to learn that Ken Earley didn't feel well enough to come with Dea and hope he is feeling better now. The afternoon was "lazy" with a circle of friends that kept widening as they joined in the fun. The evening was spent with games or watching the race on TV.

MEETING NOTES: John Huffman read the list of nominees for Officers in 2010. See the attached list. Voting will take place at the October meeting in Elberton, GA.

John Long announced that all three of our 2<sup>nd</sup> time visitors will be joining our chapter. **Welcome Joe & Nancy Onda, Ed & Runette Bledsoe, and Miriam Smith.**

Special note: It has come to our attention that, although I indicated last month that Carl and Wynette Stone would be joining our chapter, they have not submitted an application.

Sunday – We met again in the pavilion for devotional led by George Silver then departed for home.

RALLY REMINDERS: (While Jack White is traveling, Jerry Carpenter has agreed to assist as wagon master, so please let the hosts and/or Jerry know if you plan to attend these rallies.)

September 23 – 26 at Bald Mountain Campground in Hiawassee, GA. The address is 751 Gander Gap Road; see the camping schedule for directions. Reservations are required. Our deadline has expired, however, you may still be able to reserve a site.

October 14 – 17 at Camp Harmony in Elberton, GA. No reservations are needed here. **HOWEVER**, please let the hosts, Barretts and Carpenters, know by email or phone that you will be there so they can get an accurate head count for buying food.

November 18 – 21 at River Country Campground in Gadsden, AL. Reservations are required.

December – the Christmas luncheon had been planned for December 10 at the Blue Willow Inn, however, due to seating capacity limitations, it will probably be moved to another location. Under current consideration is the Houndstooth Grill in Braselton. The hosts will provide further information on this.

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

## **Officers for 2010**

**The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of Officers for your Consideration as our leaders for 2010:**

### **Elected**

President --- John Huffman  
Vice-President/Wagon Master --- Jack White  
Corresponding Secretary --- Lois Hardison  
Recording Secretary --- Martha Barrett  
Treasurer --- Judy Hughes  
National Director --- Mike Hughes  
Alt. National Director --- Don Blanchfield  
Alt. National Director --- Van Armstrong

The following positions serve a needed function and are greatly appreciated by the Club:

### **Volunteer**

Devotional Leader --- George Silver  
Sheriff --- Bob Bielemeier  
Scrap Book Editor --- Allene Conner  
Sunshine Reporter --- Dorothy Silver

### **Appointed Committees**

New member recruitment --- Ted Barrett  
Club Directory --- Willard Swanson

# Georgia Mountaineers rally

September 23 – 27 Bald Mountain Park Hiawasse, Ga.

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>



2 PM	Golf tournament (putt-putt)
5:30 PM	Salads and Sandwiches to share (bring drinks and cutlery)
7 PM	Cards in pavilion

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

1:PM	Ice cream and cookies, at Earle & Jean Seaverns in Hayesville
5 PM	Dinner Smoke rings Bar-B-Que / Pizza (\$.35 wing night)
7 PM	Cards in pavilion

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>



11 AM	Planetarium presentation, Rollins Planetarium, Young Harris College
3 PM	Local trout fish hatchery for live trout (You catch or just buy)
5:30 PM	Trout baked by hosts
6PM	Dinner in pavilion, bring one vegetable (enough to feed about 6) and small desert
7 PM	Cards in pavilion

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>



1 PM	Blairsville Bluegrass festival (SEBA) (free) bring chair
6 PM	Second annual Mountaineers great Chilly cook-off make or bring a pot of your best, will be judged and enjoyed by everyone. First, second, third place.
7 PM	Cards in pavilion

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

9 AM	Coffee and rolls
9:30	Devotional

It is pretty involved, I hope its not to "busy". Last years chilly cookoff went better than I hoped so will do it again this year. The planetarium program at the college is really interesting, (the cowboy sky) but they just started charging \$3.00 this month. There is a Putt Putt golf course in the park for the exclusive use of campers. The trout hatchery is also private, and has a pond for "you catch", they provide poles etc. and will also sell just a fish for the "non fisherman" in the group. Hosts will cook the trout in aluminum foil, and members bring the rest. The bar-B-Que restaurant is, in my opinion, a bit more expensive than I would like for our dinners, but they will allow sharing of dinners and the servings are pretty large, also it is wings night. A dozen barbecue wings and a side or two make a pretty nice and cheap meal.