

# THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA

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**June 17 - 20, 2009**  
**LEISURE ACRES – CLEVELAND, GA**  
**Hosts: Whites & Holcombs**

**Members camping: Jack & Chris White, Al & Mary Holcomb, Don & Lois Hardison, Jerry & Dot Carpenter, Mike & Judy Hughes, John & Sandra Long, Chuck & Allene Conner, Luke & Linda Callas, Ted & Martha Barrett, Willard & Sue Swanson, George & Dorothy Silver**

**Guests camping: 2<sup>nd</sup> Visit: Phil & Marilyn Sallings from Marble, NC;  
1<sup>st</sup> visit: Debbie Hough from Auburn, GA and Ed & Runette Bledsoe from Moreland, GA**

**Guests Bob-Tailing: Bill & Linda Smith from Carrollton, GA and  
Bob & Carol Cone from Canton, GA**

Wednesday, by 6 p.m., we were gathered in the clubroom for a salad/sandwich potluck. Again, it is amazing that so many different items are featured and very seldom any duplicates – and all delicious. Afterwards, we had two tables of Hand & Foot and one huge table of “Pass the Trash”, a new game for most everyone. Judging from all the laughing and whooping from that end of the room, they must have enjoyed the game. Shortly after midnight, we had a doozie of a storm with lots of lightening and rain for about an hour.

Thursday, several ate breakfast at Glenda’s. A tour was planned for Smithgall’s Woods, so lunch was a picnic of the remainder of last night’s sandwiches, chips, etc., by a stream at the Park. Everyone talked about what a great trip this was and many hope to go again another time. Dinner was at the Wagon Wheel in Dahlonega where we were joined by Sam & Margaret Broady, who dropped by just for dinner. Also, Willard & Sue Swanson and their grandson, Andrew, had arrived. Their granddaughter, Brittany, arrived later in the evening and stayed for the weekend. Andrew played “Pass the Trash” with the big “boys” and it sounded like he taught them a thing or two about how to win.

Friday started off smoothly and slowly, with visiting and welcoming a first-time visitor, Debbie Hough. Also, dropping in for the day, were Ken & Dea Earley. We ate at various restaurants, such as Riverside Restaurant at Pappy’s By the River, before going to Alexander’s Store and then touring Misty Mountain Model Railroad Museum in Blairsville. This is a privately owned museum with an unbelievable number of trains and tracks in a setting depicting several towns, such as Blairsville and Dahlonega. It was \$5 per adult, which is donated to local charities. Following this tour, several of us were treated to another private railroad/train collection owned

and operated by Klaus & Marga Beier. The Beiers have a lovely home in Blairsville with a beautiful view, and Klaus' trains are just a small part of the fun of visiting them. Thank you, Klaus and Marga, for sharing your "treasures" with us. The Beiers then joined us for dinner at Steve's Steakhouse. As we were leaving the restaurant, we met Paul & Betty Ivy and James & Sarah Ivy, who were just arriving for a huge Ivy-family gathering. It was great seeing all these members. More fun and games were had before the clubroom was set up for tomorrow's flea market.

Saturday, the big flea market day, arrived with customers showing up before the 9 a.m. opening of the doors. Seven members had tables loaded with various treasures just waiting to be picked up for a song (uh, dollar, that is). Due to the busy day, lunch was had in the coaches or near-by restaurants. Dinners were enjoyed at: Rib Country BBQ in Cleveland, Mexican in Dahlonega, and a buffet at West Family Restaurant in Cleveland. Several games followed.

Sunday, Coffee and donuts were served in the clubroom. We wished the guys a Happy Father's Day, and sang Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Don Hardison. The Sallings just became members so we welcomed them to the group and gave a big thank you to the hosts. George Silver led the devotional and wished everyone a safe trip home.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Next month's rally is in Cherokee, NC at Happy Holiday RV Park July 15 - 18. There have been requests for another visit to the Cataloochee District of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Tentative plans are for us to go on Thursday, if it is not raining. For those that want to go, plan to take your own picnic lunch, including drinks and water, and chairs. As we did last year, lunch will be on the lawn of the former Ranger Station (childhood home of Lois Hardison). We will tour the valley and you may return at your convenience. To get there, several miles will be on a gravel road across a mountain. Restrooms are at the primitive campground. You may see elk, so take a camera. Additional agenda and information will be sent out before the rally.

ALSO, Folkmoot (folk dancing) is scheduled for Friday, July 17, in Maggie Valley. If you are interested in attending this wonderful event, you can go to [www.FolkmootUSA.org](http://www.FolkmootUSA.org) and read about it and also order tickets; however, tickets are usually available at the door on the night of the event. On Saturday, July 18, a Folkmoot event will also be in downtown Waynesville (no tickets required to my knowledge). These will not be scheduled as group events this year.

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