

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA

MAY 13 - 16, 2009

River Vista RV Park – Dillard, GA

Hosts: Huffmans and Broadys

Members camping: John & June Huffman, Sam & Margaret Broady, John & Diane Franklin, John & Sandra Long, Jerry & Dot Carpenter, Don & Judy Blanchfield, Jim & Karen Brit, Jack & Chris White, Don & Lois Hardison, Bob & Eva Bielemeier, Luke & Linda Callas, George & Dorothy Silver, and Al & Mary Holcomb

Guests camping: Carl & Wynnette Stone from the Acworth/Kennesaw area
Don & Betty Mann from Cumming, GA
Tom & Cile Gierhahns from Gainesville, GA

Wednesday, watermelon seeds were popping and the juice was running as we spent some afternoon time eating those delicious melons. The guests were welcomed and introduced. We enjoyed meeting each of you and hope you'll return. After the watermelon social, several people went by the Gierhahns coach to see a piece of storage furniture that Tom is making for the Broadys. Tom makes custom furniture for RVs and there was a lot of interest in this item. Later, dinner was enjoyed by several of us at such restaurants as Rumor Hazit in Clayton or at individual coaches. Three tables of Hand and Foot finished the day.

Thursday began cloudy, foggy, and breezy – a perfect day for camping, not too hot, not too cold. Lunch at Clayton Café followed by sightseeing or lounging about passed the afternoon until dinner. Salads, veggies, and desserts made a wonderful potluck buffet at the clubhouse. Games of Hand and Foot and Joker rounded out the evening.

Friday was another great day to have an early lunch at the Cupboard Café then more sightseeing. Luke and Linda escorted us to one of their favorite local spots, a beautiful waterfall in Sky Valley. It is very high and, although off the beaten path, is well worth the short trip. After a few naps and gathering for conversations, we ate dinner at The Feed Mill in Mountain City. They had great food and service in a fairly new restaurant. **Willard and Sue Swanson** joined us for lunch and visited at the campground during the afternoon; they even stayed and ate dinner with us. It was great seeing both of you and we're sorry you got caught by a rainstorm to drive home in. The rest of us returned to camp but only a few braved the weather to play games. That's one thing about having lots of people there: there will probably be someone that wants to join you in games every night.

Saturday, the hosts had a breakfast of coffee, juice, sausage gravy and biscuits, fruit, and jellies waiting for us in the clubhouse as we began to gather about 8:30. It was still cloudy but not raining. Unfortunately, all the guests had to leave today due to prior commitments. A late lunch/early supper (lupper?) was eaten at Fat Buddies BBQ in Franklin where **Chuck and Allene Connor** joined us. Great seeing you two and we're sorry we didn't have more visiting time with you. It appeared that everyone was fully satisfied and not really hungry at dinnertime, however, not too full to play more games and return to the coaches before the rain hit again.

Sunday started with coffee, sweet things, more biscuits and gravy. The Devotional, led by George Silver, was regarding Testimonials and was followed by a personal testimonial by Judy Blanchfield.

NEXT TWO RALLIES

Our next rally is in Cleveland, GA June 17 – 20 at Leisure Acres. The hosts are tentatively planning to have a flea market inside the clubhouse so start planning what you want to bring. Jack White will email everyone with more details.

The July 15 – 18 rally is at Happy Holiday RV Park in Cherokee, NC. Tentative plans for this rally include a repeat visit to the Cataloochee District of the Great Smoky Mountains Park, home of Lois Hardison. If the weather permits, this will occur on Thursday. More details will be provided later.

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