

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA

APRIL, 2010
Lake Pines Campground, Columbus, GA
Hosts: Barretts & Carpenters

Members camping: Barretts, Carpenters, Dennys, Franklins, Fritches, Hardisons, Huffmans, Whites

Guests camping: Jerry & Lois Gill, LaGrange, GA; Joel & Sue Darby, Jasper, GA; Dave & Donna Porter, Gainesville, GA

Wednesday – Everyone that was due in by today had arrived and had sampled the fares at BBQ and Mexican restaurants; most of us ate dinner at Fuddrucker's. Two tables totaling 10 people played Hand & Foot. Very unusual games as the women won.

Thursday – Had a large group drive to Fort Benning for lunch and a tour of the National Infantry Museum. They dined at the museum's Fift and Drum American Bistro that served a very unique menu. After lunch they toured the museum with its very lively *Last Hundred Yards* display. Then it was time for the IMAX theater and a space documentary on Hubbell Telescope. The movie was in 3D and made one feel like they were right there space walking with the astronauts. After repair of the telescope there were many deep space views with a Star Nursery trillions of light years away. For those interested in the Universe, this was a real treat. Later, we ate dinner at Ezell's Catfish Cabin. Back at camp, Ted started a fire in his Campfire in a Can and we circled up for lots of laughter, mostly about our ventures in camping trips far and wide. There were roasted marshmallows and chocolate peanut butter cookies. Meanwhile, a beautiful half-moon was shining down on us.





Friday – This was a beautiful day to sleep late, sightsee, eat Mexican for lunch, visit in the shade, or just nap – and we did it all until time for our delicious Chinese dinner at Chef Lee’s restaurant. After we returned to camp, we greeted our guests that had just arrived: Donna & Dave Porter, then played cards. It started raining at midnight.

Saturday – After some hard rain and very bright lightening, we awoke under a still-cloudy sky. Some visiting in the gravel road preceded meeting Ted & Martha’s 8-month-

old grandson, Ben, who dropped in with his parents, Mark and Carol Cory. Lunch was mostly in our coaches followed by some afternoon card games while it rained again. Upon entering the clubhouse, Lois got a big surprise when a bird flew out from the draperies where she was looking out the window. Lowell came to the rescue by catching the bird and letting it fly away. The sun popped out mid-afternoon before we left to eat dinner at El Vaquero. It was very good and several ordered the fried ice cream for dessert. A few braved the rain and lightening to play cards in the clubhouse one more time.



Sunday – Coffee and pastries were followed by devotional led by Bill Denny. A big THANKS to the Barretts and Carpenters for stepping in to host this “no-host rally”.

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