

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA

AUGUST 18 - 22, 2010
PEACE VALLEY CAMPGROUND, MURPHY, NC
Hosts: Armstrongs and Sallings

Members camping: Carl & LaVerne Abbott, Van & Miriam Armstrong, Ted & Martha Barrett, Bob & Eva Bielemeier, Pat Bryant, Jerry & Dot Carpenter, Harold & Stella Christopher, Bill & Pat Denny, John & Diane Franklin, Lowell & Joan Fritsche, Jerry & Lois Gill, Bernd & Irma Greulich, Don & Lois Hardison, Dennis & Joyce Horcher, John & June Huffman, Larry & Audrey Martin, Jean Morris, Ray & Barbara Rowe, Phil & Marilyn Salling, Janice Schell, David & Pat Werdin, Jack & Chris White, Liz Yarbrough

Guests camping: 2nd time, Don & Marquita Haines from Cleveland, GA
1st time, Rick & Sheryl Maddox from Rex, GA
1st time, Ken & Margie Alexander from Demorest, GA
1st time, Don & Peggy Crump from Demorest, GA



This rally actually began unofficially on Sunday with the arrival of two coaches. Monday and Tuesday brought six more so, by the official beginning on Wednesday, the campground was really filling up. Beautiful

trees provided some shade for gathering to visit. Dinner was at Rib Country then, back at the clubhouse, we had three tables of card players and one for Dominoes.

Thursday, just after midnight, the rain came and lasted a couple of hours then the dripping off the trees continued the rest of the night. Makes for great sleeping, right? Total cloud covering and scattered showers lasted most of the day but didn't stop several day trips for various things, including some repairs to coaches and shopping at Wal-Mart. Meanwhile, we had more arrivals cruise in. Dinner was at Brothers Restaurant where James & Sarah Ivey and Betty Ivey joined us, making a total of 50 people for dinner. The food was very good. One person's chair



collapsed right out from under him. He just sneaked that chair out the door and grabbed another with most of us not even noticing. Glad you didn't get hurt, Bernd. After dinner, we had two tables of cards and two of Dominoes with lots of laughter and groaning going on.

Friday was a beautiful day with blue sky and sun drying out the previous rains. Various trips were made to places like Tennessee and to Cherokee. A little red car even took the "motorcycle route" to Franklin. The afternoon was a great time for most of us to sit under a big shade tree trying to stay cool while we visited. We were even serenaded by Marilyn Salling and Stella Christopher who played their Dancing Dances and sang. Then they were joined by Pat Bryant who played her Autoharp and also sang. It's always interesting to learn of the talent among the group. Dinner was a buffet at New Happy Garden Chinese Restaurant. The room was filled with about 43 of us this time. Tonight, we only had one table of card players



and one large table for Dominoes but there was just as much whooping and hollering as when more played. Sounded like a good time was had by all.



Saturday, we braved the pouring rain to attend the chapter meeting. Ken & Dea Earley and Earl Seaverns drove over to attend. Ken & Dea also spent the rest of the day hanging out with us. A horseshoe tournament had been planned but the ground was too muddy and the horseshoes would probably have disappeared in it so, instead, we went out for lunch, to flea markets, played cards, or napped. For dinner, the hosts went all out and provided a great selection of heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Afterward, those of us that weren't too full of food played games again.

Sunday, after coffee and pastries, Miriam Armstrong led the devotional. John Huffman thanked the hosts for an outstanding job then we headed home.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ALERT – ALERT – ALERT: The last page of this newsletter is a Rally Registration Form for our October Rally at Camp Harmony. Lowell and Bill have planned the Rally Agenda at Elberton. They have several activities planned and the main news is they have planned to have all (well almost all) meals prepared at the rally site. They will have breakfast on Fri., Sat., and Sun., and Dinner on Thurs., Fri., and Sat. The dinner meals will be from the smoker/grill (the plans are for Pulled Pork, Chicken and Brisket). The breakfast will be full breakfast on Fri. and Sat. The due date on the form is 26 September. If you have any questions, you can email Lowell at lowellr@juno.com or call him at 706-863-6845 or his cell phone at 812-525-4040.

It has been suggested that we send our membership dues of \$6.00 per person to Judy Hughes by the end of October so accounting can be done prior to change of officers in November.

The new slate of nominated Officers for 2011 was read and accepted at the chapter meeting (see attached).

We have more new members. WELCOME, Don & Marquita Haines. Hope to see you two again soon.

Lois Hardison
Corresponding Secretary – Newsletter Editor

Remaining Rallies

September: 22nd thru 25th River Bend Campground. Hiawasse, GA. Reservations Req.
Directions: From Hiawasse, junction of Ga17/75 go south on Ga17/75 to Streak Hill Rd., go left on Streak Hill Rd. to Campground on right. From Helen, GA, Go North on Ga.17.75 about 16 miles to Streak Hill Rd., go right on Streak Hill Rd. to Campground on right. Phone 706-896-1415 for reservations. Mention Ga. Mountaineers. **Hosts: Silvers & Bielemeiers**

October: 13th thru 16th Elberton GA Camp Harmony. Rally Registration Form Required.
Directions: From Elberton take Hwy-77 north to Hwy-368. Turn right on Hwy-368 and go 1.6 miles and turn left on Harmony Road. Campground entrance is on the left, right past the church.
Hosts: Fritches & Dennys

November: 17th thru 20th River Country Campground. Gadsden, AL. Reser Req.
Directions: From junction of US-411 & US-278 go south on US-411 1.1 miles to River Road, go left 0.5 miles to campground. Reservations: 256-543-7111. **Hosts: Horchers and Gills**

December: Christmas Luncheon: 10th December 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM Smith House, 84 South Chestatee St, Dahlonega, GA. \$20 per person includes meal, tax, & gratuity. Fried Chicken, Baked Ham, Assortment of Vegetables, Rolls & Corn Bread, Drinks & Dessert.
Hosts: Christophers & Longs

Nominations for Officers Year 2011

The Nominating Committee of Ted Barrett, Jerry Carpenter, and Jerry Eaves presents the following slate of Officers for your consideration as our leaders for 2011.

Elected Offices and Executive Board

President --- Bill Denny

First Vice-President --- Van Armstrong

Second Vice-President/Wagon Master --- Jack White

Corresponding Secretary/Newsletter Editor --- LaVerne Abbott

Recording Secretary --- Miriam Armstrong

Treasurer --- Diane Franklin

National Director --- Mike Hughes

Alternate National Director --- Don Blanchfield

Volunteer Appointed Positions

Devotional Leader --- George Silver

Scrap Book Editor --- Laura Eaves

Sheriff --- Bob Bielemeier

Sunshine Reporter --- Dorothy Silver

Web Master --- Ted Barrett

October 13, 14, 15, 16, 2010 RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

Camp Harmony Elberton Georgia

Name _____
FMCA# _____

Arrival Date _____ Handicap _____
Parking _____

Model of Coach _____ Length _____
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REGISTRATION FEES

Rally Fee (Members/Non-Members/Guests)
Number of people _____ @ \$ 0.00 each = \$ To be Determined

Rally Meal Reservations
Number of People _____ @ \$40.00 each = \$ _____

Campground Fee Number of nights _____ @ \$12.00 each = \$ _____

“Beverly Hillbillies” A live show at the Elberton Theater put on
by a local theater group
Number of People _____ @ \$ 8.00 each + \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

We will have electricity (30 amp) and water at each site. There are restrooms, showers, and a dump station on the grounds.
You are also free to run your generator.

Reservations due by Sunday, September 26th

Please mail this reservation form along with your check for the total amount to; **Bill Denny**
1814 Mountside Drive
North Augusta SC 29841
Phone 803-279-0426

Make checks payable to: **Bill Denny**