

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA

JULY 14 – 17, 2010
GREAT OUTDOORS RV RESORT, FRANKLIN, NC
Hosts: ABBOTTS & EAVES

Members camping: Carl & LaVerne Abbott, Van & Miriam Armstrong, Ted & Martha Barrett, Bob & Eva Bielemeier, Jerry & Dot Carpenter, Bill & Pat Denny, Jerry & Laura Eaves, Joe & Connie Gallagher, Jerry & Lois Gill, Don & Lois Hardison, Dennis & Joyce Horscher, John & June Huffman, Dave & Donna Porter, Bob & Anita Pratt, Walt & Marie Quick & daughter Sandra Morgan, George & Dorothy Silver, Willard & Sue Swanson, David & Pat Werdin, Jack & Chris White, Liz Yarbrough

Guests camping: 2nd time camping: Joe & Sue Darby of Jasper, GA; Jim & Karen Mathis of Fayetteville, GA; and Ray & Barbara Rowe of Ellijay, GA.

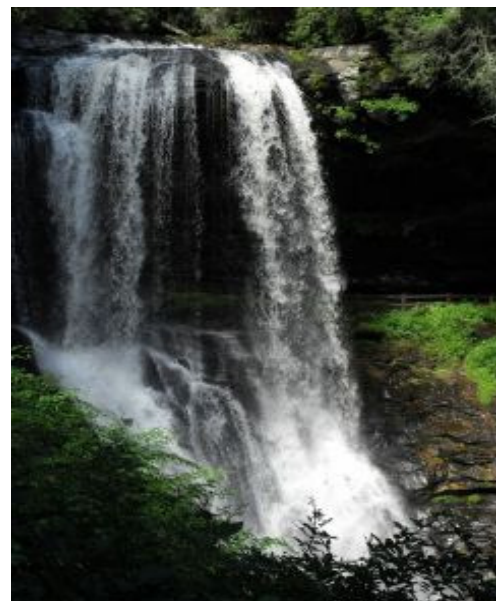
1st time camping: Don & Marquita Haines of Cleveland, GA

Campers started arriving on Monday for this first-time visit to this campground. By



Wednesday afternoon, the woods were full of those half-mile-long coaches. And wow, what a view from the campsites and from the clubhouse, which was top-notch in itself. After we settled in, it was time for dinner at Monte Alban Mexican Restaurant. With our appetites satisfied, it was back to play cards and Dominoes.

Thursday: It's a beautiful day and breakfast at BoJangles was a main destination for some. Various



trips for sightseeing or shopping and/or eating lunch were the agenda for the middle of the day. Lois and Dorothy were “entertained” by watching a huge bright red wrecker go up the mountain and towing a disabled motor home away. That wrecker looked to be as long as the motor home. (It takes so little to make some people happy!)



In the late afternoon, Ted showed several members how to access and navigate our Georgia Mountaineers web site and answered many questions for some that had already visited the site. Then the hosts provided lots of coffee and desserts before various games started.



Friday was another beautiful day...great for shopping or visiting areas such as Highlands, the Scottish Tartans Museum, the casinos in Cherokee, or just relaxing. Lunch was at Fat Buddies BBQ in Franklin and our 48 people consumed a lot of food from fried mushrooms to salads, to ribs, and even desserts. We were delighted to have Ken and Dea Earley join us for lunch (believe that made 50 people) then back in the clubhouse for a gabfest and looking through the club photo albums. It was great to see you, Ken and Dea.

The campground hosts asked if we would relinquish the clubhouse for the night so another club could have their dinner indoors together. So, they provided tables in their office for our members to play games.



Saturday started early as many left to enjoy the Franklin Folk Festival, where they had live music and everything from a parade, youth talent show, tractor show, Civil War Enactors, to antique cars. Comments were that it was worth enduring the hot day to be there.

Dinner was potluck with Ted grilling whatever meat the individuals brought. We were glad that Chris White was able to join us for dinner; she had been ill (with the Shingles) and had to stay in their coach all week. Several games ended the fun day.



Sunday: Coffee and donuts and more conversation preceded our devotional led by George Silver. A huge thank you went out to Carl & LaVerne Abbott and Jerry & Laura Eaves for the great job they did as co-hosts. Incidentally, they had provided a patriotic theme throughout the clubhouse and everything looked great during the entire rally.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THIS RALLY TURNED OUT TO BE THE SECOND LARGEST ATTENDED RALLY IN THE HISTORY OF OUR CHAPTER – SECOND ONLY TO OUR RALLY IN CHARLESTON, SC. IT WAS A WONDERFUL TIME IN A WONDERFUL PLACE.

It was announced that we now have three new members. All our 2nd time visitors have joined. WELCOME to Joel & Sue Darby, Jim & Karen Mathis, and Ray & Barbara Rowe.

We were told that Peace Valley Campground in Murphy, NC, is filling up quickly and, if you want to go, you need to reserve now for August 18 – 21. The # is 828-837-6223.

Also, we still need co-hosts for the November 17 – 20 rally at River Country Campground in Gadsden, AL.

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