

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA

JUNE 16 - 20, 2010
LEISURE ACRES – CLEVELAND, GA
Scheduled Hosts: Whites and Hicks
Fill-in Hosts: Carpenters

Members camping: Van & Miriam Armstrong, Ted & Martha Barrett, Jerry & Dot Carpenter, Bill & Pat Denny, Lowell & Joan Fritsche, Joe & Connie Gallagher, Don & Lois Hardison, Joe & Nancy Onda, Phil & Marilyn Salling, George & Dorothy Silver, Martin & Juanita Wellborn, Jack & Chris White

Guests camping: 2nd visit – Jerry & Lois Gill of LaGrange, GA; Dave & Donna Porter of Gainesville, GA. **Former members:** Jean Morris and Pat Bryant, both of Cumming, GA.

Bob-tailing members: Vance & Phyllis Boring, Luke & Linda Callas, Virginia Jackson, Mike & Judy Hughes

Drop-in visitors: Don & Marquita Haines of Cleveland, GA visited Wed. then again Sat. for the meeting.

Wednesday, several new arrivals soon joined those that had already escaped the heat by going to the club room and having a good gab fest. The Borings, Callases, and Haines joined us there. Dinnertime rolled around with the menu consisting of BBQ, chicken, a variety of salads, apple and peach cobblers. A hard rain cooled the temperature a bit but didn't daunt a table of six people playing cards.

Thursday morning started with Jack & Chris White leaving due to the death of Chris' sister. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this sad time. The Hicks had to cancel so, before leaving, Jack & Chris passed the "host duties" to the Carpenters. For the rest of us, it was visiting under the trees and just whatever we hankered for until time to leave for dinner at 4:30. During this time, the arrival of three more coaches was filling up that campground. Most of us went to El Sombreros Mexican Restaurant in Cornelia for some excellent food. The service



was great, too. Later, ten people played cards and ate Joan's homemade cookies; thanks, Joan. Meanwhile, another coach arrived. It was a beautiful, although very hot, day.

Friday brought another arrival. Virginia came today because she said she had heard there would be food and wine and she just had to be here. The tour of the Habersham Vineyards and Winery in Helen, GA was a success. The owner led a very informative tour and several said they learned things about wine they never knew. Afterwards, it was on to Unicoi State Park Restaurant for their buffet. After they staggered (oops, didn't mean to say that) back, two tables of six played Hand & Foot. One game started with a twist: one team had over 4,000 and the other minus 135. And this was just the first hand!

Saturday, the Wellborns needed to leave but they couldn't close their awning. It took about twelve grown men to roll in that little ole 12' awning; you know, one man per foot! Meanwhile, Juanita was hanging out the window giving instructions. Kidding aside, the Wellborns want to officially thank them all for their help.



The Chapter Meeting was presided over by Joe Gallagher, who announced that Jean Morris (a charter member) and Pat Bryant have rejoined the chapter. Also joining are Jerry & Lois Gill and Dave & Donna Porter. WELCOME to all of you. We nominated Jerry Carpenter, Ted Barrett, and Jerry Eaves as the Nominating Committee for selecting next year's Officer Candidates.

It was also noted that Members, Van Armstrong and Miriam Smith, who met while camping with us, were married in February. They traded in their individual coaches for one new one. CONGRATULATIONS, Van and Miriam.

The Silvers arrived in time for the meeting. After we all had a nice visit under the huge trees by the creek, it was time for a trip to the Alpaca Farm. It was extremely hot today but the tour guides didn't keep us outside for too long at a time and actually took everyone into their home and served lemonade, tea, and water, with brownies and cookies. Everyone said it's worth the trip over there and it's such a beautiful setting right next to Yonah Mountain. Back at the



campground, we had more BBQ, salad, cobbler, and cake. Some wild card games ended the night.

Sunday began with coffee and donuts, where we had some excitement when Pat Denny knocked over a cup of hot coffee; Jerry Gill proved how agile he was when he sprang to his feet to get out of the way. Meanwhile, Lowell Fritsche picked up a chocolate donut and had to “lick” his napkin to get all the chocolate that had stuck to it. After the coffee was wiped up, we had devotional led by George Silver. George announced that Don Hardison was having a birthday the next day and we sang to him. A great big THANKS TO THE CARPENTERS for stepping in to the host duties and doing a wonderful job. It was a great rally.

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