

THE MOUNTAINEER



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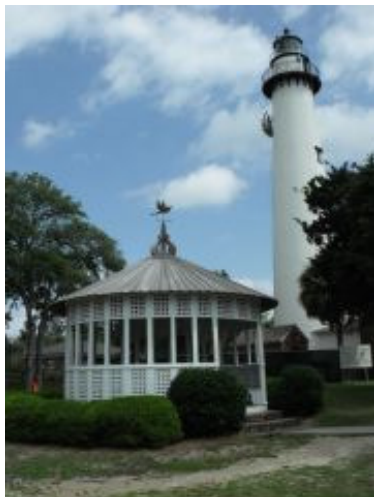
May 12 -- 15, 2010
Coastal Georgia RV Resort -- Brunswick GA
Hosts: Franklins and Pratts

In Memory: After writing this newsletter, it was learned that our fellow Georgia Mountaineer, Jim Birt, passed away on May 16th. Our deepest sympathy, thoughts, and prayers go out to Karen and their family. Jim will surely be missed.

Members Camping: Ted & Martha Barrett, Don & Judy Blanchfield, Jerry & Dot Carpenter, Chris & Stella Christopher, Jerry & Laura Eaves, John & Diane Franklin, Bernd & Irma Greulich, John & June Huffman, James & Sara Ivy, Jack & Millie O'Donovan, Bob & Anita Pratt, and Jack & Chris White.

Visitors Camping: This is the first rally in a long, long time we have not had any visitors.

Monday morning saw the arrival of three early birds, the Pratts, Barretts, and Carpenters. However, they were not the first arrivals as the Greulichs had arrived on Sunday. Later in the day, the Whites arrived and set up. Coastal Georgia RV Resort is a very nice and clean RV Resort. It is all pavement, grass, flower beds, and small trees with a large well equipped pavilion down at the edge of the lake, bordering the back side of the resort. If visiting this area, this is the place to stay. It is just off I-95 Exit-29. The small group spent the afternoon under the shade of an awning catching up on past events. And, of course in any gathering of this type, the conversation usually turns to RV accessories, at least for the men. Jack showed us his new bright and shiny shore power cord. Said he had always wanted a new power cord, but just could not find the right excuse for buying one. Well, if you want a bright and shiny new power



cord, just ask Jack for the details on how to justify the purchase. For a clue, it has something to do with moving the motorhome while the old power cord is still plugged in. For the evening meal, it was off to Jinrights Seafood House and an all you can eat catfish dinner for some. As with Chobys in Milledgeville and Ezells in Columbus, there were a lot of fish bones on the table when we left.



Tuesday morning and it was off sight seeing for most. St Simons Island, the light house, and Fort Frederica were the destinations for a few. Of course there is not much left of the old fort that was built by Oglethorpe to defend early Georgia's southern frontier

from the Spanish. Still the ruins and history is there among the old Live Oaks and their hanging Spanish moss. During the day, the Huffmans, Franklins, and O'Donovans arrived. Lunch was various places for the group. But, for dinner it was off to another seafood restaurant, Mudcat Charlie's north of Brunswick. The 20 mile one way drive was well worth it as the food was very good. Crab stew, grouper, shrimp, oysters, and scallops were all staples of the menu and it was all delicious.



Wednesday, being the first official day of the rally, saw the remainder of the attendees arrive. The Iveys, Christophers, Blanchfields, and Eaves all came in and setup. Most of those already there decided to have a picnic lunch at the pavilion and the new arrivals joined them. Next it was feed the fish time. There are some really large bream and bass in the lake and most everyone enjoyed watching them gulp down the fish food. After feeding the fish, most of the members found the pavilion a very cool place to just sit and talk, some went in and took a nap, while others played shuffle board. The afternoon went by quickly and at 5:00 PM it was off to Orlando's Mexican Restaurant for fajitas and other dishes. After dinner, it was back to the pavilion for a campfire. Jack White also brought out his fishing tackle, but I guess the fishes were fed too much earlier in the day. As a result, there was no fish to be cleaned and cooked. And after many challenges, our earlier shuffle board champions Irma and Martha, remained



undefeated. Mr Earl Perry, the resort owner, came and joined us at the campfire. As the fire died down later in the evening, the day came to a close and everyone when back to their coach and turned in.

Thursday morning began with more sight seeing trips. One group visited the Glynco Naval Air Station Museum with its exhibits of planes and a blimp from the Lighter Than Air Flight Group days.



If you would like a more detailed report on this, ask Martha as she was really involved in this tour, however she did not take any pictures. In the afternoon it was time to visit and tour Jekyll Island. Some took the trolley tour of the historical district, others visited the Turtle Center and all other areas of the island including the beaches and fishing pier. Later in the day it was time to meet at the Driftwood Bistro for dinner. For a small bistro, they had a varied menu. Many ordered the Stuffed Flounder, but all of the selections were delicious. If you are ever on the island, this is

the place to eat. Back at the campground, the evening was spent with many playing Shuffle Board. In the clubhouse, there was only one game of Hand and Foot with the women coming from behind on the last hand to win. Oh, before going to Jekyll Island, Bob Pratt brought out his fishing tackle and began to catch some of those big bass in the lake.

Friday was more touring of the area before meeting at Jinrights Seafood House for lunch. The sign on their door said they were out of catfish. Guess that was a condition from us having eaten there before and eating all the catfish they had. In the afternoon, it was ice cream and cake at the pavilion. Bob brought out his fishing tackle again and caught a few whales. Sure is good he practiced catch and release. or somebody would have had to clean those monsters. After an afternoon spent under the coolness of the pavilion, most members had dinner in their coach before getting an early start on games in the evening. There were no cries of Tarzan to be heard, so the women were winning Hand and Foot at least at one table. .



Saturday morning is usually sleep in time for some, but we had a good crowd leave at 9:00 AM for breakfast at the Golden Corral. After a plentiful breakfast buffet, we returned in time to see Bob putting the big slabs of pork ribs on his smoker. It did not take long for the wonderful aroma to fill the air. There are three aromas that are out of this world. They are the roasting of peanuts at a peanut butter factory, the baking of hams at a Hormel plant, and the aroma of pork on a smoker. Many members spent the afternoon at the pavilion





with their mouths watering while waiting for dinner time. A little before 5 PM, Bob cut up the ribs and the Boston Butts while passing out only a very few samples. At 5:30 John Huffman blessed the food and the feast began. If you love fall off the bone pork ribs, this was a meal fit for a king. Chef Bob Pratt did an excellent job and everyone enjoyed it, including Mr. Perry, who was invited to join us. I don't think anyone went to the game room later.

Sunday morning on our way to the pavilion for coffee and pastries, we had to walk by Bob's smoker and the wonderful aroma of the pork ribs. And, it just made the coffee taste that much better. A little after 9:00 AM, we had a short devotional by John Huffman. Then it was time to say our goodbyes, and except for a few staying over to Monday, hit the road on the way home. **A Great Big THANK YOU goes to our Co-Hosts, the Franklins and Pratts.** This was a first time event for both of them and they did a great job! We also thank Earl Perry for his hospitality and for building a great resort park.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our members and visitors who could not make the rally or had to cancel at the last minute for various health or personal reasons. It was a fun rally and if you were not here you missed a real good one. Next month is Leisure Acres at Cleveland. If you have not made your reservations for Cleveland and Franklin, you need to do so ASAP. Remember, the campgrounds normally release the campsites they have been holding for us about 30 days prior to the rally. So, if you wait until 30 days before the rally, you may not be able to get in or may have to be located somewhere in the campground separate from our group.

Announcements:

Number 1: If you notice below, we have three upcoming rallies, July, August, and September, without Hosts. It is time for those of you, who have not hosted yet, to step up to the plate and notify John Huffman and Jack White that you will be hosting these rallies. Hosting a rally is not difficult. The Rally Guidelines are posted to the website. So print a copy, review them, get another member friend to co-host with you, and sign up. We just had two of our newer members co-host at Brunswick and our very newest members, the Hicks, are signed up to co-host with the Whites next month. So, if you joined in 2007, 2008, or 2009, and have not hosted a rally yet – jump in and get your feet wet. It is time for you to support your Chapter!

Number 2: Our December Hosts have decided on the Smith House in Dahlonega for our Christmas Luncheon. It is scheduled for 10 December from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The price is \$20 per person, which includes the meal, dessert, drink, tax, and gratuity. More details have been updated to the Rally Schedule on our website.

Number 3: Speaking of the website, it has been up and running three months now. Our members should be adjusting to visiting the website for the latest updates and information. As the information is received, the Rally Agenda and Attendees List will be posted and updated. Check out the Message Board, there is a link showing our newest members. As changes in our Roster and Directory occur, they will be updated. If you have questions about past rallies, go

back and revisit the newsletters. If you have any recommendations for enhancement of the website, please contact the webmaster.

Number 4: There will be a Business Meeting at next month's rally to elect our Nominating Committee for this year. If you cannot make the rally, try to bob-tail in for the meeting.

Number 5: We needed someone to serve as our Scrapbook Editor. During this rally, Laura Eaves has volunteered to do so. For those of you who take pictures at the rallies, please help her document our memories by sharing your pictures. Her email address is malavada@yahoo.com. So give Laura your support and if you have anything special that needs to get in the scrapbook, let her know.

*Ted Barrett
Substituting for Lois Hardison*

RALLY REMINDER:

June: 17th thru 20th **Cleveland GA Leisure Acres CG** Reservations required phone: 888-748-6344. Directions: S-bnd from Cleveland, From jct of US-129 and SR-115 S 3.8 miles to Westmoreland Rd, west 0.5 mi (L). Or N bnd From Clermont N on US 129 to jct of US-129 and Westmoreland Rd. (2.8 mi N of Jct of US-129 and SR-254) W 0.5 mi on Westmoreland Rd. (L). See <http://www.leisureacrescampground.com> **Hosts: Whites & Hicks**

July: 14th thru 17th **Great Outdoors RV Resort.** Franklin, NC. 5 miles north of Franklin. Directions: Take US 441/23 north, take a left on Echo Valley Rd., then take the next immediate right onto Thumpers Trail – you are there. Reservations: 828-349-0412 Mention the Ga. Mountaineers. See <http://www.gorvresort.com> **Hosts:**

August: 19th thru 22nd **Murphy NC Peace Valley Campground.** Reservations required, phone: 828-837-6223. Directions: From Murphy go north on US-19 about 4 ½ to 5 miles, just past MM-24 going north. Turn right onto Happy Valley Road. Need to make a wide turn. See <http://www.peacevalleycampground.com> **Hosts:**

September: 22nd thru 25th **River Bend Campground.** Hiawassee, GA. Reservations required. Directions: From Hiawassee, junction of GA-17/75 go south on GA-17/75 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 and tell them you are with the Georgia Mountaineers. See <http://www.riverbendcamping.com> **Hosts:**

