

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

April 13-17, 2011

**River Bottoms Farm RV Resort
Swansea, SC**

Hosts: The Barretts and the Dennys

Members camping: Abbotts, Barretts, Bielemeiers, Christophers, Crumps, Dennys, Franklins, Fritches, Gills, Silvers, Swansons, Whites

Visitors camping: John and Doris Rollins, LaGrange, Ga., first time visitors, friends of the Gills

River Bottoms is in an idyllic country setting. The sites are spacious and many are centered around a grassy area with a pavilion, play area and pool in the middle. There are four fishing ponds, hiking trails, and the property is near the Edisto River.

Early arrivals enjoyed exploring the area and checking out a Mexican restaurant and a country cooking restaurant. The Carpenters were among the early arrivals, but due to mechanical problems, they had to leave before the official opening of the Rally. The Alexanders also had mechanical problems and were unable to attend.

Wednesday: We got together for Meet and Greet at the Denny's RV. It was great to see folks and catch up on everyone's news since the last time we



were together. Dinner was a wiener roast around the fire pit at the Denny's. George, Lowell, Carl, Ted, and Bill cooked the wieners, the hosts had delicious sides, desserts and condiments. After dinner we



continued to visit. Hosts built a fire and we had a gourmet version of s'mores...roasted caramel vanilla marshmallows enjoyed with chocolate peanut butter graham cracker cookies...YUMMO!

Thursday: The Abbotts, Barretts, Crumps, Dennys, Silvers and Whites went to Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia, SC. It was a delightful, clean zoo with wonderful environments for the animals. We especially enjoyed watching the bears wrestle

and the elephants give themselves mud baths. There were beautiful tropical birds, tropical fish, jellyfish and corals along with gorillas, monkeys, giraffes, zebras, kangaroos and much more. The Abbotts left early and went to Lizard's Thicket Restaurant and ran into the Gills and Rollins. The restaurant features delicious southern cooking. The Gills and Rollins liked it so much they went back several times. The others stopped for ice cream before heading back. The afternoon was spent visiting around different RV's, resting and reading.



Several went to dinner at Piggly Wiggly which has a restaurant attached. You can select your steak from the grocery store and they cook it for you. They also had other menu items and specials. That evening there were two groups playing Hand and Foot and a group at the White's RV for a campfire and visiting.

Friday: Today was beautiful day weather wise. There were several philosophy gatherings around RV's, many folks walking, some fishing and much resting. Some folks went out for lunch, others stayed in and ate. In the afternoon the group gathered to motorcade to Shealy's Barbeque Restaurant. It was a country



buffet with good fried chicken, vegetables, and several kinds of barbeque. There were several delicious desserts...especially banana pudding and cobblers. When we returned there were two tables playing hand and foot in the pavilion, not the clubhouse because of a scheduling conflict and the weather. It was a rousing event because of the wind. The Franklin's group held down cards with peppermints and the Silvers' group used wrenches to hold down their cards. Added to the excitement was Lowell's remote controlled jeep card carrier.

Saturday: We had a restful day because it rained off and on. Between showers we visited. That evening we had a covered dish dinner with bunches of vegetable dishes, a chicken pasta dish and scrumptious desserts. After dinner the end of the NASCAR race was watched. After that there were two tables of Hand and Foot.



Sunday: After pastries and coffee, George Silvers gave a devotional from I Timothy 3 on leadership. He compared and contrasted Biblical leadership to leadership in the political arena and to Georgia Mountaineers. It was very thought provoking. Thanks were given to the Hosts for a fabulous rally.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dues must be into Diane Franklin by May 1 to remain active memberships.

The Silvers need a co-host for the October rally. Hosts are needed for the Christmas Party.

UPCOMING RALLYS:

May: 18th thru 21st Coastal Georgia RV Resort. Brunswick, GA. Reser Req. 912-264-3869.

Directions: From I-95, Exit-29 west on US-82/GA-17 go 0.5 mile to GA-17/Ocean Highway, go left on Ocean Highway 0.3 mile to Martin Palmer Drive on the left, 0.6 mile to RV Park at the end of the road.

<http://www.coastalgarvresort.com> Hosts: Franklins, Hughes, & Pratts

June: 15th thru 18th Leisure Acres Campground. Cleveland, GA Reser Req. 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 Road (2.8 mi N of Jct of US-129 and SR-

254) W 0.5 mi on Westmoreland Road (L). <http://www.leisureacrescampground.com>

Hosts: Barretts, Carpenters, & Greulichs

July: 13th thru 16th Great Outdoors RV Resort. Franklin, NC. Reser Req. 828-349-0412.

Directions: 5 miles north of Franklin, take US 441/23 north, take a left on Echo Valley Rd., then take the next immediate right onto Thumpers Trail – you are there.

<http://www.gorvresort.com>

Hosts: Alexanders & Crumps

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