

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

June 15-18, 2011

**Leisure Acres Campground
Cleveland, Georgia**

Hosts: The Barretts, The Carpenters, The Grueliches

- Members camping: Abbotts, Alexanders, Armstrongs, Baers, Barretts, Bielemeiers, Carpenters, Crumps, Dennys, Franklins, Gallaghers, Grueliches, Gills, Hardisons, Huffmans, Jackson, Longs, Mathis, Porters, Pratts, Silvers, Swansons, Wellborns, and Whites
- Visitors camping: Al and Dee Voels from Lincolnton, Georgia first time visitors
Jack and Jane O'Connell visiting from Florida
- Bob-Tailing: Linda Callas, Chuck and Allene Conner, Dea Earley, Dennis and Joyce Horcher

Leisure Acres Campground is in a quiet, rural setting. A small creek trickles along behind some campsites. A pond sits on top of the hill above the campsites where the Mountaineers camped. Ducks paraded through the campground.

Wednesday: We got together for Meet and Greet and an ice cream social at the clubhouse. Visitors were introduced. Al and Dee Voels are first time visitors from



Lincolnton, Georgia. Jack and Jane O'Connell were visiting from a Florida FMCA chapter. Chuck and Allene Conner came over for the day. Ted announced that he and Martha were going to El Sombrero Mexican Restaurant in Cornelia, Georgia and everyone was welcome to join them. This began a great adventure for the evening. As we were eating a major storm broke with lots of rain and wind. When we left to go back to the campground utility lines were down

and we had to find other ways to get back. Jack and Martha came to the rescue and called folks to tell them which roads to take. Some people got stuck between downed lines and sat for quite awhile. When we got to Leisure Acres a tree was down and the power was out. There was no card playing that night. Ted built a campfire and we visited around it until another rain came and drove us back into our RVs. Fortunately, the power wasn't off for very long.

Thursday: We met early to caravan to the Hardman House near Helen, Georgia. The Carpenters had arranged for John Erbele, a State Park Ranger, to guide us through the house. He gave us an interesting history of the house. It was built in 1870 by Dr. Nichols and modeled after his sister's home in Milledgeville. It was subsequently owned by Calvin Hunnicutt and later by Dr. Lamertine Hardman before being bought by the state of Georgia in 2000 as a historical site. It is being readied to be open to the public in another 18 months \pm . It was a very interesting house and grounds. We enjoyed the huge dairy barn, the other out buildings and the house. Most original fixtures and some original furniture are in the home. Across the road a gazebo sits atop an Indian Mound. Later some people went to the Church on the property. After the tour we were free for the afternoon. Many went to lunch in Helen. Many shopped and toured other popular local spots. Linda Callas and Dea Earley joined us for the tour and visited and played cards in the afternoon. Dinner was on your own with several going to Glenda's and other places. There were four tables of cards and a rousing game of Chicken Foot. In cards there was one table of lady winners and three tables of men winners.



Friday: Today was on your own until dinner. Several folks went to Glenda's for a great country breakfast. The day was spent shopping, resting, reading, and sightseeing. In the afternoon there were cards in the clubroom. That evening the hosts provided a fabulous Low Country Boil for dinner. Ted was lead cook with much help from the other hosts.

There were several guys who stopped by to watch, lend a helping hand or encouragement. The food was fabulous of course. A big thank you goes to the ladies who brought fruit and desserts for this meal and for cards. After dinner there were four tables of cards and a table of Chicken Foot. Everyone had fun.



Saturday: The June business meeting was led by President Denny. A nominating committee was elected to nominate next year's slate of officers. The nominating committee is Ted Barrett, John Huffman and Jack White. The Sunshine Report is now on the members section of the Web Page and will be sent to non web users periodically. After the meeting was adjourned we went to Rib Country for an excellent lunch. The afternoon and evening were on your own. Groups played cards in the afternoon and evening.

Sunday: We met for bagels, pastries and coffee. As usual, it was delicious. George Silver led the devotional. He spoke about different stones and especially about David and the stone guided by God that killed Goliath. After the devotional President Denny thanked the Hosts for a fabulous rally.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Hosts are needed for the Christmas luncheon. Please contact Jack White.

UPCOMING RALLYS:

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

August: 17th thru 20th Peace Valley Campground. Murphy NC. Reser. Req. 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. <http://www.peacevalleycampground.com>

Hosts: Whites & Longs

September: 21st thru 24th River Bend Campground. Hiawasse, GA. Reser. Req. 706-896-1415.

Directions: From Hiawasse, jct of US-76 & GA-17/75 go south on GA-17/75 to Streak Hill Rd., go left on Streak Hill Road to campground on right. From Helen, Ga., Go North on GA-17/75 about 16 miles to Streak Hill Road, go right on Streak Hill Road to Campground on right. <http://www.riverbendcamping.com>

Hosts: Huffmans, Broadys, & Carpenters

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