

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

**March 12-18, 2011
Southern Homecoming
FMCA'S 85th Family Reunion
Perry, Georgia**

Each year FMCA has two International Rallies. We were fortunate that this year one was held at Perry, Ga.

Members camping: Barretts, Huffmans, Broadys, Dennys, Gruelichs, Silvers,
Gallaghers, Blanchfields, Abbotts

Former members: Joe & Lou Andrew

Invited Guests: George & Zoula Huffman

Visitors camping: Ron and Kela Campbell, Charles and Susan Mobley,
Dan and Jeanie Baer

All were first time visitors. We hope that they will all come again.

Saturday: Several coaches from our group arrived and parked together. After set-up, the Barretts, Huffmans, Andrews, Broadys, Campbells and Abbotts headed for Jalisco Grill Mexican Restaurant for lunch. The afternoon was spent resting, relaxing and chatting. The Dennys, Barretts, Huffmans, and Andrews went to Yoder's in Montezuma for dinner.

Sunday: The Campbells went to a first timers' seminar. Most had a quiet morning and met at the Barretts to head out to lunch at the Green Derby Buffet for lunch. The Broadys, Dennys, Abbotts, Baers, Campbells, Barretts and Gruelichs enjoyed the meal and visiting very much.

The Huffmans had their own family reunion...his sister, Lou, and her husband, Joe, and brother, George and wife, Zoula, came to the rally.

After lunch a group gathered outside Ted and Martha's coach for visiting and conversation. Later the Barretts and Abbotts checked the area for the Chapter Fair. Others went to the film "Blindside". The Gruelichs were amazed at the long popcorn line at the movie. It was there all during the movie. Some folks are really excited about free popcorn.



Monday: The Abbotts and Barretts set up a Georgia Mountaineers booth for the Chapter Fair. The Dennys provided great candy, Ted provided information sheets about our chapter, business cards and a sign-up sheet. They all pitched



in for decorations. We had the Georgia Mountaineer Banner and a Georgia Mountaineer Flag. Bill made the flagpole which was a big hit with the crowd.

Seven people signed up to be contacted further by Ted. Judy Czarsty, acting President of FMCA, Tom Eller, National Vice President, Southeast Area, Mary Ann Miller, Georgia Regional Vice-President, Lorna

Eller, and others came by to thank us for participating in the Fair. Several of our members and visitors also visited the booth.

Several went to Jalisco's for lunch. That evening the RV Showcase opened with fireworks afterward. Some attended. Others watched the fireworks from their coaches.



Tuesday: Today was for seminars, vendor and RV shopping and RV repairs. Martha is now an expert on jewelry buying and the Abbotts have a clue about Picassa, a free photo management program from Google. Some went to lunch at Yoder's and others went to another Country Buffet. That evening Mac Frampton entertained with Songs of the 70's. His piano skills and soloists' vocals were fabulous!

Wednesday: The Silvers were our early birds attending seminars on health and fitness. Others attended seminars on travel to Canada, and technical information related to RVs. Many looked at new RV's. A large group went back to the Green Derby for lunch. That evening Lori Morgan entertained with songs from her new album as well as a few country classics.



Thursday: The group attended seminars and vendors again today. On Road Quilter's meets at each International FMCA Rally to show their work and to collect quilts to give to a charity in the host city. They accept quilts, blankets, crocheted and knitted items for a worthy charity. If you are interested,

contact Jean Pryor at jpryor5701@aol.com. LaVerne Abbott from our chapter can also give you information.

The Dennys, Silvers, and Barretts went to Warner Robbins for Mexican food. After lunch some of the group gathered around the Huffman's coach for stories, jokes and fun. The finale for the rally was Comedienne Jeanne Robertson who brought much laughter as she entertained in Reeves Arena.

The Rally was a huge success and fun for all who attended.



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