



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

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**September 21-25, 2011**  
**River Bend Campground**  
**Hiawassee, Georgia**  
**Hosts: Huffmans, Broadys, Carpenters**

**Members camping:**

Bill & Pat Denny, Bob & Eva Bielemeier, Jim & Karen Mathis, John & June Huffman, George & Dorothy Silver, Jerry & Dot Carpenter, Sam & Margaret Broady, Don & Peggy Crump, Virginia Jackson, Dan & Jean Baer, Martin & Juanita Wellborn, Jack & Millie O'Donovan, Liz Yarbrough

Rob & Mary Hicks were also in attendance. They are previous members, but had sold their motor home. As a result, they did not renew their membership this year. Now they have a new motor home, so they will re-join the club in Gadsden in November. WELCOME BACK, Rob & Mary! It was good to see you again.

**Visitors:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Time:

Joe & Mary Moran from Lawrenceville  
Wayne & Janice McDonald from Kennesaw  
Paul & Kay Shipley from Crossville, TN

The Morans and the McDonalds joined at this campout. Welcome, new members!!

We were glad to see the Shipleys again and hope you come back soon.

**Bob-Tails:**

Linda Callas visited during the days. Her daughter, Beth, joined us for dinner on Saturday night.

John & Sandra Long came over on Friday for the day.

Dot Ament visited on Thursday afternoon and played cards.

Dea Earley visited on Thursday afternoon and played cards.

Dennis & Joyce Horcher visited on Friday and Saturday.

Jack & Chris White were sorely missed. They had to cancel at the last minute due to Chris' illness. Barbara & Ray Rowe were hoping to be at the campout, but also had to decline due to Barbara's illness. Willard & Sue Swanson had to cancel. Thoughts and prayers continue to go out to them and all those not able to attend.

### **Wednesday**

A small group (non-agenda item) went to the ChopHouse of Hiawassee for lunch. The food was delicious. We left at 11:30 and returned to the campground at 1:30. A good time was had by all, as usual, so the delay was not too bad, but it was noticed.



At 3:00, we had the official welcoming, a watermelon cutting and an ice cream social. After that, dinner was on our own, but cards were attended by one table full. The men won.

### **Thursday**

Lunch was on our own. A group of ladies got together for a table full of hand and foot in the afternoon. There were a few visitors that came over for

the day, filling out the group. Of course, a good time was had by all. (Players: Linda Callas, Virginia Jackson, Dea Earley, Dot Ament, Karen Mathis and Dot Carpenter).

We were treated Thursday night to a fish fry furnished by the campground. Covered dishes, desserts, and bring-your-own drinks finished out the menu. Food was bountiful.

After dinner, there were three tables of card players. A vote was taken as to how many people wanted popcorn. No one raised their hands, as everyone was too full from dinner. However, after the popcorn was popped, it disappeared rather quickly. The men won at two of the three tables, the women at one.



### **Friday**

Everyone went to The Brasstown Valley Resort Lodge for lunch. On the menu was a soup, salad and pasta bar, with sandwiches in addition if you wished. The food was absolutely delicious, very reasonable, and a great social event. They had a separate room set aside for us and we took up every table. The Longs joined us for lunch and went back to the campground for the remainder of the afternoon.

After lunch, a group went to John C. Campbell Folk School for a side trip. Others hung around the campground.

Dinner was on our own. Most were full from lunch, so there was a watermelon cutting at the clubhouse, followed by two tables full of card players. Men won at one table, women at the other.

## Saturday

Lunch was on our own, so there were a variety of things going on. In the afternoon, The Last Kiss of Summer festival was being held at the town square, so several people went



there. A small group went to Brasstown Bald Mountain for a sightseeing tour. Another group stayed back at the campground and had a neighborhood gathering at the Carpenter's RV.

At 4:30, everyone met for dinner at Daniel's Steakhouse. Most people had the buffet, but several ordered steaks, etc., from the menu. The food, service and camaraderie were superb and were enjoyed by all.

There were only two tables of card players that night, once again the men winning at one table, the women at the other.

## Sunday

John Huffman's sausage gravy was the centerpiece of a fabulous breakfast spread by the hosts. This was followed up by George Silver's devotional.

Everyone said their goodbyes after the devotional and the campout officially came to an end until next time.

**October: 12<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup> Holiday TRAV-L-PARK.** Chattanooga, TN. Reser. Req. 800-693-2877.

Directions: NB I-75 Exit 1B, SB Exit 1, west on US-41, ¼ mile to Mack Smith Road, go left/south 0.7 mile,

RV Park is on the right. <http://www.chattacamp.com> **Hosts: Silvers & Bielemeiers**

**November: 16<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup> River Country Campground.** Gadsden, AL. Reser.  
Req. 256-543-7111.  
Directions: From junction of US-411 & US-278, go south on US-411 1.1 miles to  
River Road, go left 0.5  
miles to campground. <http://www.rivercountrycampground.com> **Hosts: Mathis' &  
Greuliches**

**December: 9<sup>th</sup> Smith House. 84 South Chestatee Street, Dahlonega, GA.**  
**More info to be provided**  
**later. Hosts: Truett & Elaine Swanson**

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