

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

August 12-16, 2012
Peace Valley KOA RV Park
Murphy, NC
Hosts: McDonalds and Silvers



Members camping: Abbotts, Alexanders, Baers, Barretts, Bielemeiers, Carpenters, Crumps, Greuliches, Huffmans, Mathis', McDonalds, Porters, Silvers, Stutz', Wellborns, Jack & Chris White, Liz Yarbrough

First Time Visitors: Paul and Madonna Holko, Acworth, GA
Second Time Visitors: Ed & Young Williams, Athens, GA
Guests: Porters' daughter Ashley and her friend, Kevin
Bob-tailers: The Gallaghers

Peace Valley KOA in Murphy, NC is set in a valley in the mountains of North Carolina. Cool temperatures were a welcome relief to the high temperatures we had been experiencing. Dee Witting, the owner of the park, went out of her way to help make our rally a great one.

Several folks arrived early to get a start on the week. Lots of visiting and catching up went on along with visits to local restaurants such as Brothers, Rib Country, Doyle's, and Monte Alban.

Wednesday: The hosts, the McDonalds and the Silvers, welcomed us with watermelon, cantaloupe, and cheese and crackers in the afternoon. Carl Abbott greeted everyone and

introduced our visitors. George went over the agenda. The Gallaghers joined us for this event and dinner. Folks were on their own for dinner. Folks sampled local restaurants or their own homemade cuisine. That evening Jack and Chris had a campfire that was enjoyed by all. There were also two tables of cards with guys winning at both tables.

Thursday: We were on our own for breakfast and lunch. That afternoon we car pooled to the Cherokee County Historical Museum in Murphy, NC. Wanda Rowland Stalcup, a native of the area, is the director. She was a walking encyclopedia of the history of the area and the collection. John Wible is a volunteer. They gave us a tour of the museum. There were great collections of tools, arrowheads, dolls, and Indian history. There were also some antique quilts, musical instruments, and dresses. That evening we ate at ShoeBooties. It is a downtown restaurant that has been in the area for years. We were served a feast of our choice of chicken, trout or roast beef, salad, dessert, and bread. The setting was nice and the fellowship was warm and fun. Back at Peace Valley we had three tables of cards with guys winning at all tables and another wonderful campfire was enjoyed at the White's camp site.



Friday: The hosts served hot dogs and fixings for lunch. Dessert was watermelon, cookies and cake. After lunch we had a watermelon seed spitting contest. Who would believe that Freida Stutz would win by spitting the seed the farthest! Jack was a close second. Liz and BG both did an admirable job. Next we played Bingo. George called numbers. Nice prizes were awarded to winners. We were on our own for dinner. That evening there were three tables of cards and one of dominoes. Guys won at two tables and gals won at one. Jeanie Baer won dominoes. The campfire gang met at the White's again for another evening of swapping stories and enjoying the cool evening.

Saturday: A business meeting was held in the pavilion. President Abbott called the meeting to order. John Huffman did the invocation and Carl Abbott led the pledge. The Nominating Committee of Ted Barrett,



Jack White, and John Huffman presented the following slate of officers for your consideration for 2013: For Elected Officers and Executive Board: President, Karen Mathis, First Vice President, Van Armstrong, Second Vice President and Wagon Master, Jack White, Recording Secretary, Miriam Armstrong, Corresponding Secretary and Newsletter Editor, Jeanie Baer, Treasurer, Diane Franklin, National Director, B.G. Greulich, Alternate National Director, Jim Mathis. For Volunteer appointed positions the



following were presented: Devotional Leader, George Silver, Scrap Book Editor, Sandra Long, Sheriff, Bob Bielemeier, Sunshine Reporter, Martha Barrett, and Web Master, Ted Barrett. At the October meeting officers will be elected. There can be nominees from the floor also. Ted Barrett and Mike Hughes consulted on National Director

guidelines for our chapter. They were discussed and a vote was taken to accept them.

Karen Mathis gave a Sunshine report. New items since the last newsletter are that Virginia Jackson had a bad fall and is recuperating at home. Freida Stutz and Chris White were able to be at the rally. Warren Swanson, Georgia Mountaineers member and brother of Willard and Truett died on August 15. A memorial gift is being sent from the Mountaineers. Pat Bryant's brother, Gary Thompson, died on August 6 and Jim Mathis' mother, Dorothy Ruth died on August 6. Please remember these families.

After the meeting the group went to Downtown Pizza. That evening there was one table of cards with guys winning and a campfire at the White's site.

Sunday: Delicious biscuits, gravy and sausage and fruit were provided by the hosts. It was scrumptious. Carl opened with prayer. George gave a devotional on how the world sees the Olympians and how God sees us.

Jack announced that the Crumps and Alexanders were hosting in September. They are having a fish fry and afterwards a comedian will entertain us. Carl thanked the Silvers and McDonalds for hosting a great rally.

We want to welcome our newest members, Ed and Young Williams from Athens, Georgia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: At the October rally we have reserved tickets for "Smoke on the Mountain", a play at the Smokey Mountain Performing Arts Theater. Contact Carl Abbott before October 1 for your tickets.

Since the August Rally we have learned that Jerry Eaves is having knee replacement surgery the last week of August.



UPCOMING RALLYS: **September: 19th thru 22nd River Bend Campground.**

Hiawassee GA. Reser Req. 706-896-1415.

Directions: From Hiawassee, 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: Alexanders and Crumps

October: 17th thru 20th 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: Abbotts & Baers

November: 14th thru 17th Hilton Head Harbor RV Resort. Hilton Head SC. Reser Req. 800-845-

9560. Directions: From junction of I-95 & US-278 (Exit-8) east 19 miles on US-278 to Jenkins Island Road,

North 0.4 mile on the Left. <http://www.hiltonheadharbor.com> **Hosts Armstrong's**



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