

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

Coastal Georgia RV Resort Brunswick, GA April 18-22, 2012 Hosts: Abbotts & Barretts

Members camping: Abbotts, Alexanders, Armstrongs, Barretts, Broadys, Callas, Cooks, Crunps, Haines, Hicks, Huffmans, Mathis, McDonalds, Morans, Swansons, Willard & Sue, Whites

Visitors camping:

Second Time Visitors: Jerry & Irene McKellar, Sylvester, GA
Gene & Nancy White, Conyers, GA

Guests: Beth Solesbee, Linda Callas' daughter
Larry and Pat Runge, Friends of the Haines
David and Pat Vereen, Barbara Cook's sister and brother-in-law

Coastal RV Resorts is designed for serious RVers. The sites are large and on concrete pads with a small concrete patio. The power pedestal is a great design with all hookups easily available. There is a large picnic pavilion with a fireplace, fire rings with seating and a fishing dock adjacent to it. In addition there is a clubroom for activities, a game room with pool tables, a swimming pool and shuffleboard court. This is our third time there and Jack has arranged for us to go back next year.



Many folks arrived early to enjoy the area. Most folks were there by Wednesday. There was a couple of "pre rally" dining out get togethers. The Ole Times Country Buffet, Larry's Giant Subs, and Cilantro's Mexican

Restaurants were highlights. Early arrivers also enjoyed a campfire in the fire pit.

Jack had arranged for our group to have their coaches weighed with Weigh To Go LLC. Many people took advantage of this offer. They were so professional and gave much information about weight, weight distribution and strategic places to add more weight if desired. Each report was totally individualized. Those who took advantage of this opportunity were very pleased with the results.

Wednesday: The Rally began with a welcome get together in the Pavilion. Cake, ice cream and Plant City strawberries were served. Carl welcomed everyone and made announcements about the rally agenda. That evening



we went to Jinrights Seafood for dinner. After dinner there were games in the clubhouse. We had one table of cards. Willard's team won.

Thursday: The morning started with shuffleboard. After warm ups play began. Many participated. Others watched, visited and cheered the players on. It was a great event. Ted was on the most winning teams. Joe, Don, and Van did very well also. Martha and Miriam were the lady players. They were great! Several folks went to



Larry's Giant Subs for lunch. Some headed to Jekyll early to site see. Others rested, shopped and explored the area. Dinner at the Bistro on Jekyll Island was fabulous. The setting is delightful and the food is wonderful. Some food favorites were the squash casserole, fried okra and stuffed flounder. That evening back at the RV Park there was a table of cards and a table of dominoes.

Friday: We went to Hofwyl Broadfield Plantation. The grounds were beautiful with massive oaks streaming Spanish moss from their branches. At the visitor center a sweet Southern lady told us entertaining stories about the family who had lived there through several generations. We saw a video about days when it was a rice plantation and also about the history of the plantation. After the video we toured the plantation home. Another park ranger met us on the porch and told us more about the home, the people who had



lived there and its days as a working rice plantation. The house was plainer than many plantations we had seen, but there



were original furnishings in it. It was a comfortable, livable home with lovely crocheted bedspreads, beautiful shift robes, a single Jenny Lin bed, a rice bed, and other four-poster beds.

In the parlor were some very small-upholstered chairs that were unusual to me. There were lots of outbuildings. After our tour people were on their own for lunch. Folks ventured to Mud Cat Charley's, Skipper's Fish Camp, Cilantro Mexican Restaurant and other local eateries. Some folks went to Ft King George, others toured the vendors for the Blessing of the Fleet in Darien, and others toured various sites around the Golden Isles. That evening we ate at Zachary's. The food there was very good. That evening we had two tables of cards and one of dominoes.

Saturday: Folks enjoyed shuffleboard so much that they played again. Several men played including John, Jack, Joe, Ted, and Ken. Ted was on the most winning teams. Folks were on their own for lunch. That evening we had a potluck supper with Ted and Martha preparing and grilling pork. Ted filled the huge grill with



country ribs and pork loin ribs. They were delicious! Everyone brought a side or dessert. There was great creamed corn, green beans, slaw, salad, mac & cheese, potato salad, sweet potato casserole, and other great dishes. There were two yummy cakes and a pie. No one went away hungry. After dinner Ted made a fire in the fireplace and we visited and chatted instead of playing cards. Irene brought flat marshmallows to roast. They were designed to fit more easily into s'mores.



Sunday: We had pastries, mini croissants, bagels and fruit for breakfast. John Huffman did the devotional. He read a poem and shared Bible verses to encourage us to pray for our country. Hosts were thanked for a good rally. New members were introduced. **We are happy to welcome Irene and Jerry McKellar and Gene and Nancy White as new members.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Barbara Rowe has had another stay in the hospital, but she is at home now. When she regains her strength she will have another procedure done.

Diane Franklin is recovering from surgery and she and John hope to be at the Dillard rally.

Hosts are still needed for several rallies this year. Check the website for rallies that need hosts and contact Jack White to sign on.

UPCOMING RALLYS:

May: 16th thru 19th River Vista Mountain Village. Dillard GA

Reser Req. 888-850-7275

Directions: From jct of US 441 and Sr 246. Go east .7 mi on GA-246. Enter on right.

<http://www.rvmountainvillage.com>.

Hosts: Grueliches and Mathis

June: 13th thru 16th 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: Whites and Longs

July: 18th thru 21st Mountain View RV Resort. Blairsville GA. Reser Req. 706-835-1111.

Directions: 136 Mountain Creek Road. <http://www.georgiamtnviewrvresort.com>

Hosts: Barretts, Carpenters, & Grueliches

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