

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

July 18-22, 2012

**Mountain View RV Resort
Blairsville, Ga.**

Hosts: Barretts, Carpenters, Greulichs



Members camping: Abbotts, Alexanders, Barretts, Bielemeiers, Pat Bryant & Jean Morris, Linda Callas, Carpenters, Christophers, Crumps, Eaves, Gallaghers, Greulichs, Hicks, Huffmans, Mathis', McDonalds, McKellers, Porters, Silvers, Sue & Willard Swanson, Chris & Jack White

Visitors camping:

First Time Visitors: Johnny & Kathey Whitsett. Horn Lake, Mississippi
Ed & Young Williams Athens, GA

Second Time Visitor Len & Pat Corley Milton, GA

Bob-Tailing Dennis and Joyce Horcher
Virginia Jackson
Liz Yarbrough

Guests Savannah Herrera, Dennis and Joyce's granddaughter
John and Diane Shim, friends of the Williams and park residents
Suzanne and Al Riley, Liz Yarbrough's niece and husband



Mountain View RV Resort is set in a beautiful mountain valley near downtown Blairsville. It is being developed. Sites are for sale. Beautiful landscaping including a waterfall and pool surrounds the office.

Several Mountaineers and visitors arrived early. They enjoyed visiting, sight seeing and eating at local restaurants. Dot and Jerry were surprised by their friends from Mississippi, the Whitsetts. Ted and Martha had helped Johnny and Kathey execute the surprise visit.

Wednesday: The meet and greet was held in the clubhouse adjacent to the office. The Barretts, Carpenters, and Gruelichs provided light refreshments.... great cookies, chex mix and candy. Ted greeted everyone and introduced our visitors, Kathey and Johnny Whitsett, Ed and Young Williams, and second time visitors, Pat and Len Corley. He also went over the agenda. We went to dinner at Monte Alban Mexican Restaurant. The food was good and the fellowship was great. After dinner there were two tables of cards The ladies won at one table and the guys' team blew the ladies away at the other table by over 10,000 points. It is to be noted that Connie "Conrad" Gallagher and Dot Silver were on the guys' team.



Thursday: Today lunch was at Brasstown Valley Resort. The buffet meal was beyond delicious. Salads included an assemble your own green salad, a beet salad, caesar salad, and a vegetable slaw. The pasta bar provided pasta made to order by the Resort Chefs. For dessert there was a peach crisp and cannelloni.

John Huffman informed us that

several former Georgia Mountaineer Presidents were in attendance. They were Ted Barrett, Linda Callas, Joe Gallagher, John Huffman, and Willard Swanson, pictured with current President Carl Abbott. We missed having former Presidents Bill Denny and John Long with us. After lunch there were shops to explore and a fabulous mountain view to be enjoyed before heading to the Young Harris Planetarium Show, The Extreme Planets. This was in the O. Wayne Rollins Planetarium at Young Harris College. We were also shown a view of the summer night sky over Young Harris and a Led Zeppelin animation. The rest of the afternoon was free. In the evening there were three tables of cards and one of train dominoes. Johnny won dominoes and guys won at all three card tables.



Friday: Today lunch was at Steve's Steak House in Blairsville It was a buffet lunch. After lunch folks went their separate ways to shop, visit, rest or explore the area. Dinner was on your own. That evening there were three tables of cards and one of dominoes. Ladies won at two card tables and men at one. Kathey Whitsett won the dominoes game.



Saturday: Today was on your own until dinner. Then we were treated to jambalaya prepared in a cast iron pot by Johnny and Kathey Whitsett and hot dogs grilled by Ted.

Members provided desserts and other sides. As usual, everything was great.



President Carl Abbott thanked the hosts for a wonderful rally and the Whitsetts for the delicious jambalaya. That evening there were two tables of

cards. Men won at one table and women won at the other table. Tonight and several other times groups gathered at the Barretts' coach for visiting.

Sunday: Coffee & pastries were followed by a devotional on pride given by George Silvers. Happy travels until we meet again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Linda Callas and Pat Bryant left the rally early. Linda's brother in law is very ill and Pat's brother had to be taken to the hospital with a possible heart attack or stroke. Don Haines had a back procedure scheduled for July 24 in Tampa. Since the rally we have learned that Barbara Rowe is under hospice care at home and is gravely ill.

Jack White announced that the November rally needs a co-host. He is looking for rally sites for next year. If you have one to recommend, please let him know.

Please welcome our newest members, Pat and Len Corley.



UPCOMING RALLYS:

August: 15th thru 18th Peace Valley KOA. 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: McDonalds and Silvers

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., and then take the next immediate right ontoThumpersTrail.

<http://www.gorvresort.com>

Hosts: Abbotts & Baers

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