

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

Carrabelle Beach RV Resort March 14-18, 2012 Carrabelle, Florida Hosts: Hicks & Rowes

Members camping: Abbotts, Baers, Barretts, Bielemeiers, Callas, Carpenters, Cooks, Eaves, Franklins, Greulichs, Haines, Hardisons, Hicks, Huffmans, Mathis, McDonalds, O'Donovans, Rowes, Swansons, Willard & Sue, Whites

Visitors camping:

First Time Visitors: Fred & Shirley Lee, Lawrenceville, GA
Jerry & Irene McKellar, Sylvester, GA
Gene & Nancy White, Conyers, GA

Guest: Beth Solesbee, Linda Callas' daughter

Carrabelle Beach RV Resort is great. Across the highway is a beautiful white sand beach overlooking St. George Sound. There is a small club house, a beautiful pool and a great deck for visiting.



The weather was balmy and sunny with scattered clouds each day. It was perfect weather for a March rally.

Rally goers began arriving on Saturday and trickled in until most had arrived by Wednesday. Some folks' arrival was delayed because of mechanical problems. The McKellar's arrived on Friday.

Wednesday: The first gathering was a meet and greet with ice cream. We met on the pool deck. It was great seeing everyone and catching up on the news since the Christmas luncheon.

We went to Hog Wild BBQ in Carrabelle for dinner. The menu was varied including some fish and shellfish offerings as well



as pork and beef barbeque. Several folks especially enjoyed the Brunswick stew.

The Resort has Bingo on Wednesday in the activity room. Several Mountaineers joined in the exciting games. Eva won the grand prize.

Thursday: This was a feast day. We met for lunch at The Hut in Eastpoint. The pork chops were excellent. Also enjoyed were seafood dishes, a special of the day, and the salad bar. After lunch rally goers went sightseeing to St. George Island or Apalachicola, back to the RV Park for rest or visiting on the pool deck. For dinner we went to the Fish Camp Restaurant on the water in Carrabelle. It was quite a quaint restaurant. Menu items were varied...fried seafood, grilled seafood, steaks, steamed vegetables, salads and great desserts including a great key lime pie.



There were three tables of cards and one of dominoes. Winning was divided between guys and gals at the different tables.

Friday: Today was on your own until dinner. Chris and Jack, Linda and Beth, and Ken and Barbara took a boat tour to Dog Island. They said it was a beautiful day to be on the water. A few folks walked to the beach across the street, several others went to St. George Island and others toured Apalachicola. A few folks went in search of Mexican for lunch... (Can you guess who led that pack?) Others tried other local places like The Market...(the Mathis' said they had a killer breakfast) or Two Al's (where the owner is friendly and gives you lots of information about the local area) or Fisherman's Wife.



Dinner was served on the pool deck. Ted cooked low country boil with fresh shrimp just off the boat. It was excellent as usual. Dessert was pies or cake. We met the McKellar's who had just arrived. Irene McKellar worked with Martha in Albany. We enjoyed getting to visit with our other visitors also.



After dinner there were two card games and one game of dominoes. Others had an early evening while some burned the midnight oil visiting.

Saturday: Today was another relaxing day of visiting, touring local sights, fishing, or enjoying the beach and RV Park. Dinner was at Papa Joe's Oyster Bar & Grill in Apalachicola. Several folks left early to shop and sightsee in Apalachicola before dinner.



Sunday: The Rows and Hicks put on a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast. Jack O'Donnell gave an inspiring

devotional closing with an Irish blessing. Many thanks go to the hosts for a fun and interesting rally.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We give our deepest sympathy to Linda Callas and her family in the death of Luke Callas. Linda and Luke are Charter Members of the Georgia Mountaineers.

We also send sympathy to Karen Mathis in the death of her father. Barbara Rowe continues to recover from shoulder surgery. We were happy that she was able to come to the rally this month.

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:

April: 18th thru 21st Coastal Georgia RV Resort. Brunswick GA. Reser Req. 912-264-3869. Directions: From I-95, Exit-29 west on US-82/GA-17 go 0.5 mile to GA-17/Ocean Highway, go left on Ocean Highway 0.3 mile to Martin Palmer Drive on the left, 0.6 mile to RV Park at the end of the road.

<http://www.coastalgarvresort.com>

Hosts: Abbotts & Barretts

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:**

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

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