

# THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

---

**November 14-18, 2012**  
**Hilton Head Harbor RV Resort**  
**Hilton Head Island, SC**  
**Hosts: Armstrongs and White**



Members camping: Abbotts, Armstrongs, Barretts, Baers, Broadys, Dot & Jerry Carpenter, Fitzpatrick's, Greulichs, Longs, Mathis', Porters, Stutzs, Willard & Sue Swanson, Jack & Chris White, Williams'

Visitors camping: There were no first time visitors.

Second Time Visitors:

Dorris & Ethel Carpenter

Hoschton, GA

Ed & Patricia Durrence

John Creek, GA

Hilton Head Harbor RV Resort is situated on Skull Creek just after you cross onto Hilton Head Island. There are waterfront sites as well as ones set among tropical vegetation. They are a good size and all are paved. The staff is friendly and helpful. The clubhouse is in an upstairs room with windows looking out on the marina and tennis courts.

Many folks arrived before the rally started on Wednesday. Several celebrated Veterans' Day at the Golden Corral Restaurant. On Tuesday evening most folks went to the Crazy Crab Restaurant for a fabulous seafood meal. The days were spent shopping and sightseeing.

**Wednesday:** The rest of the group arrived today. It was a cold, blustery day so many folks stayed in the warmth of their RV's. A few braved the weather for breakfast or lunch out and some shopping. That evening Carl welcomed everyone to Hilton Head Island and made a few announcements. The Armstrongs told us about happenings for the week. The hosts served a delicious soup and sandwich dinner. There was chicken vegetable soup, beef vegetable soup, and taco soup. There were delicious pimento cheese and

chicken salad sandwiches prepared by Miriam and assembled by Chris and Sandra. For dessert there was ice cream and cookies. After dinner there were three tables of cards. The ladies won at two tables and the men won at the third table.



**Thursday:** Today was another blustery day. The morning started with rain which lessened as the day went on. Everyone was on their own until dinner. Dinner was at Sunset Bay Seafood Restaurant. They were happy to welcome our group for their opening day. Fabulous fish, succulent shrimp and delicious crabcakes were enjoyed. After dinner there were two tables of cards with men winning at both.

**Friday:** This was another cool, dreary day. The group enjoyed lunch at Montana Grizzly Bar and Grill in Bluffton. The food was good. Many folks enjoyed the \$8.00 entree specials that came with either soup, salad, or dessert. Others enjoyed some great sandwiches. There were lots of raves for the tuxedo cake. That afternoon was open. Some folks took in the new movie, "Lincoln," others went to Harbor Town, others enjoyed shopping at the outlet mall and speciality shops in the area. There were others who enjoyed rest and relaxation in their RV's. That evening there was a big crowd in the Clubroom with three tables of cards and one of Mexican Train dominoes. Guys won at all card games and Van won the domino game.



**Saturday:** Carl called the Business Meeting to order. He welcomed everyone and announced that Dorris and Ethel Carpenter and Ed and Patricia Durrence have joined the Mountaineers. We welcome these two couples to our group. John Long gave the invocation. Carl led the Pledge of Allegiance. Business included the audit report from Dot Carpenter and Sue Swanson, announcement





of rallies for next year by Jack White, information about the March rally by Ted Barrett, the Sunshine report by Karen Mathis, a recruitment report and Website report from Ted Barrett, and information about the Christmas party from Sam Broady. New officers for 2013 were installed by Ted Barrett. After the installation Karen Mathis, new President, asked for comments and then adjourned the meeting. After the meeting several folks went out for lunch at a Mexican restaurant and others went back to the Crazy

Crab or to other seafood restaurants.

That evening we had a delicious covered dish dinner. There was lots of good food as always...roast beef, brisket, pork chops, chicken, fruit salad, potato salad, cole slaw, green beans, pound cake, apple dumplings, banana pudding, fruit pie, cookies, and other wonderful dishes. There are great cooks in the Mountaineers' group.

After dinner we were treated to a fashion show narrated by Miriam Armstrong. Participants included John "Hot Lips Houlihan" dressed in a bright sweater, skirt and boots, Jackie attired in Western wear with fabulous earrings to accent the outfit, Sally Van, the Hooker, with a fabulous dress and sweater with bejeweled shoes to set off the outfit, Edna wearing a lovely blue and white muu-muu with a multicolored lei and white sunhat and last but not least Carla in a sparkly



black and white top and black skirt accented with colorful feather boas. After a final walk down the runway participants chose partners from the audience for an interesting dance. The audience voted and Jackie was declared the winner of the fashion show. Prizes were awarded to all contestants. A big thank you goes to all of the entrants for their participation and fashion flair. Also a big thank you goes to designers and helpers Sandra, Chris, Miriam, Young, Karen and Freida.



Sunday: President Karen Mathis thanked Carl and LaVerne for their contribution to the Mountaineers as officers this past year and then she said the blessing. After delicious donuts, fritters, pastries, juice and coffee John Long did the devotional. He compared how a child recognizing his grandparents and calling them by name brings joy to the grandparents as does our recognizing and calling God's name bring joy to Him.

## Announcements:



Please welcome new members, Ed and Patricia Durrence and Dorris and Ethel Carpenter.

December 7 is the Christmas Party at Brasstown Valley Resort. Please bring a contribution for the Gilmer Community Food Pantry.



Sunshine Report: Linda Callas' sister, Marie Lester, is recovering from her fall and subsequent surgery. She is gradually improving.

## UPCOMING RALLYS:

**Christmas Party December 7 at Brasstown Valley Resort, Blairsville, Ga.**

**February: 6<sup>th</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> FMCA SEA Rally at Brooksville FL. No Host**

**March: 6<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> Sugar Mill RV Park. Ochlocknee GA. Reser Req. 229-227-1451.**

Directions: Off US-19 approx 2 miles south of Ochlocknee and 7 miles north of Thomasville. Main entrance is off McMillan Rd. <http://sugarmillrvpark.yolasite.com>

**Hosts: Barretts & Greulichs**

LaVerne Abbott  
Corresponding Secretary – Newsletter Editor