

# THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

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**October 17-21. 2012**  
**Great Outdoors RV Resort**  
**Franklin, NC**  
**Hosts: Abbotts and Baers**



Members camping: Abbotts, Alexanders, Armstrongs, Baers, Barretts, Bielemeiers, Linda Callas and Beth Solesbee, Carpenters, Crumps, Longs, Mathis', Garners, Haines', Huffmans, Porters, Roses, Silvers, Stutzs, Williams' and Chris and Jack White

First Time Visitors: Don & Diana Desjardins  
Ed & Patricia Durrence

Donaldsonville, GA  
Johns Creek/Suwanee

The Great Outdoors RV Resort is set on a small mountain north of Franklin, NC. The new owner has done several improvements. The two kitchen clubhouse has a deck overlooking the park and the valley. An outside staircase has been added to the lower level where the exercise room, laundry, and bathrooms are located. The pool has been heated. The weather this weekend was wonderful with cool crisp mornings and moderate afternoons. From the deck views of the mountains with their autumn colors and sunsets were totally awesome. It was a great time to be in the mountains.



Wednesday: Today was a beautiful day. Those who were already there enjoyed sightseeing, visiting, and eating in local restaurants. The Whites explored far and wide and enjoyed the autumn colors on their



expeditions. That evening we met for chili five ways....chili with beans, spaghetti, cheese and onion. Dan Baer, Chief Cook had prepared

fabulous chili and garlic bread. Salad and apple spice muffins were also served. During dinner a slide show of rallies this year was played. After dinner Ted had a campfire at his RV in his campfire in a can. There were two tables of cards in the clubhouse. Ladies won at both.



Thursday: Folks were on their own for breakfast and lunch. In the afternoon there was White Elephant Bingo. Jeanie and Dan did an excellent job as Bingo callers. The Baers are great Thrift store, flea market, and garage sale enthusiasts and found great prizes for Bingo. The Stutzs and Abbotts also added prizes.

Some of the great prizes were an ice cream freezer, a wall clock, cookbooks and plants. After ten rounds of bingo everyone put their name in the basket and names were drawn for the remaining prizes. That evening we went to Fat Buddies for barbeque, great mushrooms and fried onion loaf. After dinner there was a campfire at the Whites' RV and there were three card games in the clubhouse. Guys won at all three games. George and Dororhy were great card teachers working with new members and visitors.

Friday: The Baers had to leave today to attend their nephew's funeral in West Virginia. The group went to lunch at Fatz Restaurant. Calabash Chicken and shrimp,



cheese grits, and peanut butter pie were some of the favorites. After lunch folks went sightseeing, shopping or back to the campground to rest, read and visit. That evening we went to The Smokey Mountain Performing Arts Center for the play, "Smoke on the Mountain". It was a fun evening of singing and comedy. Everyone especially enjoyed the young lady who did sign language for the songs.



Saturday: We had a business meeting to elect officers. There was also discussion about the next rally in Hilton Head, the Christmas luncheon, and the web site. The officers for 2013 will be listed below. The Christmas luncheon will be December 7 at Brasstown Valley Resort. Further information and a form will be sent in a separate e-mail. Karen

Mathis gave a Sunshine Report. Minutes of the meeting will be posted on the website.

After the meeting several folks went out to lunch. Some went to Mi Casa, others to The Boiler Room and others to other local restaurants. Folks went to the Pumpkinfest and the Smoky Mountain Fall Harvest Art and Craft Festival. Ask Karen about her experience with escaping from the Pumpkin Roll.



The Carpenters, Barretts, and Mathis' helped the Abbotts get ready for dinner. Ted grilled the hamburgers and hot dogs with lots of looker ons. We had another great covered dish meal to accompany the meat. There were lots of great salads, baked beans, onion casserole, and desserts. That evening there were three card games with ladies winning one and gentlemen winning two.



Sunday: The Carpenters, Barretts and Armstrongs helped with preparations for breakfast. We had a continental breakfast with pastries and fruit. George led a devotional on prayer for our culture to coincide with a prayer event this weekend in Washington, DC. DorothySilver, John Long, John Huffman, Dan

Garner, and Carl Abbott helped by speaking and praying about one aspect of the culture with George covering the others. The topics were religion, government, media, arts & entertainment, education, family, and business. After breakfast many people helped clean up. The Mountaineers always step up and help when needed. The Abbotts and Baers really appreciate all that the club members did to help make this a great rally.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Officers for 2013

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, Sheriff Bob Bielemeier, Sunshine Reporter Martha Barrett, Devotional Leader George Silver, Scrapbook Editor Sandra Long and Web Master Ted Barrett.

Dues for 2013 of \$6.00 per person should be sent to Karen Mathis. Make checks payable to Georgia Mountaineers.

The Christmas party will be December 7 at Brasstown Valley Resort. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Make check payable to Georgia Mountaineers and send it and the form (found in an e-mail from Dot) to Dot and Jerry Carpenter.

Sunshine Report: Jerry Eaves is recovering from knee replacement surgery; Ken Alexander, Don Haines, and Virginia Jackson are doing better. Freida Stutz has had two more spine injections and was able to be at the rally. Linda Callas' sister, Marie, had a fall and injured her back.

Our sympathy is extended to Dan and Jeanie Baer in the death of their nephew, Wes Robinson.

#### UPCOMING RALLYS:

**November: 14<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup> 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: Armstrongs**

**December: 7th December, Friday Brasstown Valley Resort at Young Harris, GA.** More info later. <http://www.brasstownvalley.com> **Hosts: Broadys & Carpenters**

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