

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA

September 19- 23, 2012
River Bend Campground
Hiawasse, GA
Hosts: Alexanders & Crumps



Members camping: Alexanders, Crumps, Abbotts, Barretts, Bielemeiers, Carpenters, Haines, Huffmans, Mathis', Porters, Willard & Sue Swanson, Jack & Chris White, Liz Yarbrough

Visitors camping:

First Time Visitors

Dan & Rose Smith	Valrico, FL
Dorris & Ethel Carpenter	Hoschton, GA
Richard Tracy	Atlanta, GA

Second Time Visitors

Johnny & Kathey Whitsett	Horn Lake, MS
Paul & Madonna Holko	Acworth, GA
Nelson & Bonnie Fitzpatrick	Braselton, GA



River Bend is situated outside of Hiawassee in a lovely valley on the Hiawassee River. It is beautifully landscaped with colorful plants and flowers. The dahlias are breathtaking. The weather was perfect after heavy rain the first of the week. The temperatures were like fall

Several coaches arrived early. The Barretts, Carpenters, and Haines along with second time visitors the Whitsetts, and first time visitors, the Smiths, were here when we arrived on Monday. The Whitsetts and Barretts provided scrumptious dinners for early arrivals. It poured rain on Tuesday.

Wednesday: The Meet and Greet was in the pavilion with strawberries, cake and ice cream provided by the hosts. The strawberries, cake, whipped cream and ice cream were delicious as were the brownies. Carl welcomed our visitors, the Carpenters, the Fitzpatrick's, the Holkos, the Smiths, Richard Tracy, and the Whitsetts. Some announcements were made about the agenda for the rally.

Everyone enjoyed visiting, catching up, and meeting new friends. Dinner was on your own. Some folks chose Mexican, others chose a country cooking buffet and others ate in. After dinner the Whites hosted a campfire with wood provided by the Alexanders and the Barretts. There was also one table of cards and one table of dominoes. The guys won at cards and Dot Carpenter won dominoes.

Thursday: Everyone was on their own until dinner. The day's activities included sight seeing, shopping, resting, relaxing, reading, and visiting. Dinner was a Fish Fry at the clubhouse provided by the campground. Our group brought desserts and side dishes. Again all the food was really delicious. Chris's onion casserole, Sue's corn casserole, the baked beans and scrumptious desserts were some of the highlights. Rev. Terry Rice, a retired Baptist pastor, spoke after the meal. He had everyone laughing with his stories. After dinner there was a campfire at the White's. It is really dark at night in the campground which provides great star gazing opportunities.

Friday: Lunch was at Daniel's Steakhouse. There was a buffet or you could order from the menu. The food was good and the fellowship with fellow campers was great fun. Virginia Jackson joined us for lunch. Her shoulder is improving.



We were happy to see her. The afternoon was spent shopping, relaxing, visiting, and sight seeing. The campfire started early in the afternoon and continued into the evening.



Many folks ate dinner in their coaches after such a big lunch. That evening there were two tables of hand and foot and one table of train dominoes. Nelson won the dominoes game. Ladies won at one table of cards and men at the other. Both games were relatively close. Donna brought scrumptious chocolate mint cookies to share.

Saturday: Today was another beautiful day in the neighborhood. The weather was simply delightful. We were on our own during the day. Some folks went to breakfast. Others went to lunch. Many folks visited around their rv's. There was some football watching and some NASCAR viewing. Dinner tonight was at Brothers Restaurant. We were on the second floor. The view was delightful....mountains in the background and horses grazing nearby. The food and fellowship were wonderful.



George Silver came by and left more firewood. There was a campfire at the Whites and games in the clubhouse.



Sunday: The Alexanders and Crumps provided a wonderful breakfast of sausage gravy and homemade biscuits and jam. There was also mixed fruit, pastries and juice & coffee. George Silver did the devotional from Nehemiah on leadership.



Welcome to our new members

Kathey and Johnny Whitsett, Lake Horn, Mississippi, Madonna and Paul Holko from Acworth, Georgia, and Bonnie and Nelson Fitzpatrick from Braselton, Georgia.

Announcements:

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Barbara Rowe on September 29. Please remember Ray and their family.

We also regret to inform you of the passing of Linda Callas' brother-in-law.

Upcoming Rallies:

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., then take the next immediate right onto Thumpers Trail – you are there. <http://www.gorvresort.com> Hosts: Abbotts & Baers

November: 14th thru 17th 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

LaVerne Abbott
Corresponding Secretary – Newsletter Editor