

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

July 17-21, 2013
Cove Creek RV Resort
Sevierville, TN
Hosts: Bielemeiers and
Silvers



Members camping: Abbotts, Armstrongs, Alexanders, Baers, Barretts, Broadys, Pat Bryant, Carpenters (Jerry and Dot), Corleys, Crumps, Durrences, Eaves, Garners, Rob Hicks, Hughes, Virginia Jackson, Mathises, McKellars, Jean Morris, Roses, Wellborns, Whites (Chris and Jack), Whitsetts, and Williams

Visitors camping: Wiley and Beth Bowman from Buchanan, GA.

Cove Creek RV Resort is located about seven miles west of the Pigeon Forge/Sevierville/Gatlinburg, TN area. The park is very nice and clean with a great clubhouse and pool area. Some people had trouble with the internet and the cable TV, but that did not put a damper on our rally. The area is filled with activities. Shows, restaurants and rides are everywhere. Because there were so many possible activities, the agenda was left pretty open so each camper could choose what they wanted to see and do while still getting together at some meals to enjoy each other's company.



Wednesday:

At 3:00 we all met in the clubhouse for our meet and greet. The hosts had prepared a wonderful "Watermelon Surprise". There was fresh watermelon,

watermelon pie and a beautiful watermelon cake. Everything was delicious and hit the spot on a warm day. George made a few announcements about the opportunities for sightseeing in the area and explained that literature and coupons were available.



Dinner was at the Carriage House Restaurant in Townsend which was a few miles west of the RV resort. The buffet was great with chicken, ham, grouper and many vegetables. Also the desserts were very tasty and several of us had two or three.

After dinner some people visited the Townsend Railroad Museum and later cards were played in the clubhouse.

Thursday:

Breakfast was on our own and about 10:00 most people met at the Smoky Mountain National Park Visitors Center Museum to watch a video about the area.

Then we all went to the Log Cabin Pancake House Restaurant in Gatlinburg for lunch. Some of our members have been coming to this restaurant for several years. Although it was a pancake house and the pancakes were great, they also had a nice buffet.

Again the food was good and the company even better. Jeanie Baer's sister, Janet, and her husband, Bob, came over from Asheville and joined us for lunch. After lunch we took a trip through the Crafter's Guild Loop just outside Gatlinburg. It is an 8-mile loop road of shops, studios, galleries, eateries and lodging. It was full of "local" crafts – made in America. With a little help from a friend, LaVerne found a quilt store that she liked.



Dinner was on our own and allowed several of us to take in shows in the area. Some of the shows attended were the Hatfield and McCoy's Dinner show, the Smoky Mountain Opry and Country Tonite. This writer is not aware if any of our group had the courage to try any of the rides in the area, but without any doubt there was shopping at the many outlet malls and flea markets.

Friday:

Breakfast was on our own and some took advantage of the very good Pancake house just next to the campground. Lunch was at the Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant. The Apple Barn is a long established restaurant in Seiverville. We enjoyed the delicious southern food and visiting with our group. The restaurant signature foods are apple butter, apple muffins, apple fritters and apple julep which is a combination of several juices. These accompany every meal. After that, the feast begins in earnest.



Again dinner was on our own. The hosts made a good decision to allow us to choose our activities for the evening. With so many restaurants and shows in the area, we all found fun things to do.

Saturday:

Breakfast and lunch were on our own. There was a Volkswagen car show in Townsend that some attended. Also, Cades Cove, where history and nature meet, was nearby and some took the eleven mile trip through it. Others still had not completed their shopping and went off to the outlet malls.

Dinner was at Captain Jim's Seafood Buffet. It was a great seafood buffet with anything that a seafood lover could possibly want. Because we are so special (actually because George is so special) we all got free crab legs which were delicious. Some of us ate too much and had to take our dessert home for later.

Sunday:

The hosts provided pastries and drinks. George gave the devotions. He talked about how some laws from the old testament no longer apply as Jesus came to give us the most important law – Love one another. Everyone was wished a safe return to their homes.

As usual, during the week cards were played in the clubhouse. There were scattered storms several days, but when the weather allowed, Chris took her poker and tended the campfire.

We thank our hosts for arranging the meals and allowing us free time to take advantage of all the fun in the area.

UPCOMING RALLYS:

August: 14th thru 17th Mountain View RV Resort. Blairsville GA. Reservations required 706-835-1111. Directions: 136 Mountain Creek Road. Approx. 2.5 miles west of town off Blue Ridge Highway, south of the airport.

<http://www.georgiamtnviewrvresort.com>

Hosts: Gallaghers and Zaics

September: 18th thru 21st River Bend Campground. Hiawassee, GA. Reservations required 706-896-1415. Directions: From Hiawassee, jct of US-76 and GA-17/75 go south on GA-17/75 to Streak Hill Road, go left on Streak Hill Road to CG on right. From Helen, go north on GA-17/75 about 16 miles to Streak Hill Road, go right on Streak Hill Road. <http://www.riverbendcamping.com>

Hosts: Whites and Longs

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