

# THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

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**June 19-23, 2013**  
**Leisure Acres Campground**  
**Cleveland, Georgia**  
**Hosts: Van and Miriam Armstrong, Jerry and Dot Carpenter**  
**and Ed and Young Williams**



- Members camping: Abbotts, Alexanders, Armstrongs, Bielemeiers, Jerry and Dot Carpenter, Corleys, Crumps, Durrences, Gallaghers, Huffmans, Jackson, Longs, Mathis, Jean Morris and Pat Bryant, Tysons, Jack & Chris White, Williams, Zaics
- Visitors camping: First Time Bobbie Barnhart Guest Sharon Jacobs  
First Time Raymond & Donna Birt  
First Time John & Deb Schmalshof

Several members bobtailed. The Longs brought their coach but had to leave because they were having air conditioning problems. They live nearby and bobtailed in for many of the events. The Haines also live nearby and bobtailed in for several events. Virginia Jackson was ill on Wednesday so she was unable to bring her coach. She felt well enough to bobtail in on Friday and Saturday.

Leisure Acres Campground is south of Cleveland. It is a quiet campground with a fishing lake and a creek. It's the perfect setting for a relaxing weekend. The clubhouse has a good kitchen and a large meeting room.



Coaches began arriving on Monday before the

rally. On Monday evening several folks went to Ma Gooch's restaurant for dinner. More folks arrived on Tuesday and many of them had dinner at Western Sizzlin.

Wednesday: Ice cream and cookies were served by the hosts for a Meet and Greet in the afternoon. President Karen Mathis welcomed visitors, Raymond and Donna Birt from



Eatonton and Bobbie Barnhart and her friend Sharon Jacobs from Anderson, SC. They are friends of members Barb and Ken Cook. She also welcomed Elinor and Herbie Wilson who are Friends of the Chapter and charter members of our club. Dot Carpenter told us about our schedule for the Rally. Jack White, Wagon Master, gave his report early since he will miss the meeting on Saturday. Several kinds of

ice cream and cookies were enjoyed by all.

Dinner was at Rib Country. The food was excellent as was the service. We enjoyed visiting and meeting new friends. Herbie and Elinor joined us for dinner. After dinner there was a campfire and cards in the clubhouse.



Thursday:

We toured the Dahlonega Gold Museum. We viewed a slide show about the Gold Rush in Dahlonega and then were given a history of the courthouse by a park ranger. The Museum building was the courthouse originally. It was built in 1836. The bricks used to build it were made from clay in a nearby creek. Each brick has a trace amount of gold in it. There was a U.S. Mint in Dahlonega from 1838-1861. There was a display of gold coins minted there.



After the tour of the Museum we had time to shop around the square, view the diving bell or sit on park benches and visit before lunch at the Smith House. Lunch was tasty country cooking served family style. We were joined by friends of the Durrences.

That evening there was another campfire and cards in the clubhouse. Conversation was lively at the campfire presided over by Queen of the Campfire Chris White. In addition to her fire poking skills, Chris has added being marshmallow roasting queen to her repertoire of campfire abilities. Rose and Greg Zaic treated us to fruit pies roasted over the fire in round pie irons.



Friday: Friday was a leisurely day. Folks rested, shopped, attended a nearby estate sale and did more sightseeing. Dinner was a covered dish in the clubhouse. The hosts provided chicken and Young made delicious curry rice. In addition folks brought fabulous vegetables, salads, and desserts. There were some of the best homemade desserts ever including banana pudding, strawberry cake, strawberry trifle, peanut butter and jelly pie, angel food cake and ice cream. As Grandpa Jones of HeeHaw used to say, "Yum, Yum!"



Saturday: The June business meeting was conducted in the clubhouse in the morning. President Karen Mathis presided. Don Crump was installed as treasurer by John Huffman. Reports were given by officers and committee chairs. Minutes of the meeting will be posted on the Web Page and also the National

Director's Report and Sunshine Report. Chris White was given a 2nd place ribbon from last month's photo guessing contest. The nominating committee to nominate next year's officers was elected. John Huffman/Carl Abbott, Jack White and Pat Corley were elected. Because John is going to Washington State for a month, Carl will be working on the committee also. Official Stationery for the club was discussed and accepted by vote.



The afternoon was free. Dinner was at the Western Sizzlin. In addition to steaks Western Sizzlin has a great salad, soup, vegetable, meat and dessert buffet. Everything was delicious. We enjoyed the food, fun and fellowship at dinner.

After dinner there were cards and a campfire.

Sunday: After coffee and pastries a devotional was given by George Silver who drove down from Hiawassee to do the devotional. He spoke on Fathers and asked for positive memories of fathers. Several members gave touching memories of their fathers. Then George spoke of fathers in the Bible and gave 10 lessons of Fatherhood.



The Carpenters, Armstrongs and Williams were thanked for doing an outstanding job hosting the June rally.



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

All rallies have hosts now. July will be hosted by the Bielemeirs and Silvers. August by the Gallaghers and Zaics, September by Whites and Longs, October by Alexanders and Crumps and November by Abbotts, Durrences, and Tysons. The Longs will host the Christmas party and welcome co-hosts.

UPCOMING RALLYS: **July: 17<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup> Cove Creek RV Resort.**

Sevierville/Pigeon Forge TN, 2293 Wears Valley Rd. Reser Req. 865-429-7716.

Directions: From Pigeon Forge TL #3 approx 8 miles south off Wears Valley Road, after seven miles look for Robeson Road on your left, then a sign that says "Bear Camp Grill" once you see that sign be prepared to turn left into the resort. From Townsend, approx 7 miles north after US-321 separates from SR-73. <http://www.covecreekrvresort.com>

**Hosts: Bielemeiers & Silvers**

**August: 14<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup> Mountain View RV Resort.** Blairsville GA. Reser Req. 706-835-1111. Directions: 136 Mountain Creek Road. Approx 2.5 miles west of town off Blue Ridge Highway, south of airport. <http://www.georgiamtnviewrvresort.com> **Hosts:**

**Gallaghers and Zaics**

**September: 18<sup>th</sup> thru 21<sup>st</sup> River Bend Campground.** Hiawassee GA. Reser Req. 706-896-1415. Directions: From Hiawassee, jct of US-76 & GA-17/75 go south on GA-17/75 to Streak Hill Rd., 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 & Longs**

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