

# THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

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**March 6 – 9, 2013  
Sugar Mill RV Park  
Ochlocknee, Georgia  
Hosts: Barretts and Greulichs**



Members camping: Alexanders, Baers, Barretts, Bielemeiers, Broadys, Carpenters (Dorris and Ethel), Cooks, Crumps, Durrences, Eaves, Greulichs, Haines, Holkos, Mathis, McKellars, Porters, Swansons (Willard and Sue), Whites (Jack and Chris)

Visitors camping: First time visitors: Dave and Brenda Dillon  
Second time visitors: Fred and Shirley Lee  
Bill and Karen Sconyers

Sugar Mill RV park is located just north of historic Thomasville, GA. The area had over twelve inches of rain a few days prior to our arrival, but the campground was dry.

Several members arrived early. On Monday the park hosted a hot dog dinner. The food was great and afterwards some played cards. Tuesday night many went to dinner at Sonny's BBQ for a good meal.

Wednesday:

At 3:00 there was a meet and greet with fruit and vegetable snacks. Ted made several announcements regarding the rally. Dinner was at the La Fogata Mexican restaurant and everyone attended. Cards were played with the girls winning two tables and the men winning one.

Thursday: There were two groups that traveled to the Flowers Bakery in Thomasville for a plant tour. Vernon Arnold was the tour guide and did a great job explaining the different steps that are involved in the bread making process. The wonderful smell of fresh bread was everywhere. We were all given samples of the honey buns that they were making. Everyone got a red Easter



bonnet. Ted even got two. Lunch was at Crawdaddy's restaurant where the buffet was wonderful. During the late afternoon there was a big campfire. Jack kept the wood coming and Chris kept the fire going with her poker. We all told stories about the crazy things that we have done while RVing.

Friday:

We all took off for our tour of the Pebble Hill Plantation. The Plantation is one of the South's most spectacular and lovingly cared for country estates. The main house has 29 rooms and was built in 1936 after a fire destroyed the original home. We first toured the house which contained all original furniture belonging to the family. The main house and most of the outbuildings were designed by Abram Garfield, son of President Garfield. We then spent time touring the



grounds. It was a wonderful tour and we really thank our hosts for arranging it.



Lunch was on our own and several members went to the Market Diner.

Ted prepared a low country boil for the evening meal. As usual it was outstanding. Ted's sister Wylene, his nephew and his wife and his niece joined us for dinner. During the meal, wonderful music was provided by our first time guest, Brenda Dillon.

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Saturday:

Lunch was on our own. The day was open for sightseeing. Our hosts prepared grilled porkloin ribs which were delicious. Everyone brought a dish.

Sunday: The hosts provided donuts and bagels. Devotions were given by Ethel and Dorris Carpenter. We welcomed our new members, Fred and Shirley Lee and Bill and Karen Sconyers. Everyone was wished a safe return to their homes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jack announced that hosts are still needed for several rallies including the April rally in Brunswick.

UPCOMING RALLYS:

**April: 17<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup> Coastal Georgia RV Resort.** Brunswick GA. Reser Req. 912-264-3869. Directions: From I-95, Exit-29 west on US-82/GA-17 go 0.5 mile to GA-17/Ocean Highway, go left on Ocean Highway 0.3 mile to Martin Palmer Drive on the left, 0.6 mile to RV Park at the end of the road.

<http://www.coastalgarvresort.com>

**Hosts:**

**May: 15<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> River Vista Mountain Village.** Dillard GA Reser Req. 888-850-7275 Directions: From jct of US 441 and SR 246. Go east .7 miles on GA-246. Enter on right. See <http://www.rvmountainvillage.com>.

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