

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

November 13 -- 17, 2013
River Country Campground
Gadsden AL
Hosts: Mathis, Greulich, Durrence
and Tyson



River Country Campground is located on the bank of the Coosa River and Black Creek Lake in Gadsden, AL. It is a large campground with at least three lodges and we were assigned Bay Lodge as our clubhouse. There are several swings along the edge of the river to relax and swing your cares away. Several members had waterfront lots and others were across from the clubhouse. The campground was busy putting up Christmas lights.

Members Camping: Ken & Margie Alexander, Dan & Jeannie Baer, Ted & Martha Barrett, Sam & Margaret Broady, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Jerry & Dot Carpenter, Don & Peggy Crump, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Jerry & Laura Eaves, BG & Irma Greulich, Don & Marquita Haines, John & Sandra Long, Jim & Karen Mathis, Jerry & Irene McKellar, Carl & Freida Stutz, Randy & Yvonne Tyson, Jack & Chris White, Johnny & Kathy Whitsett, Ed & Young Williams, and Greg & Rose Zaic.

Visitors Camping: None this month.

Monday: We (McKellars) arrived at 5:00 p.m. Monday afternoon and there were six coaches already here. The Haines and Stutzes arrived on Sunday. The Barretts, Whites, Mathises, and Carpenters arrived on Monday also. A group went to Chilis for dinner. Then it was back to the RV Park. With the arrival of seven coaches, the pre-rally fun had begun.

Tuesday morning we awoke to a cold windy day in which the high for the day was early in the morning and it got colder as the day progressed. Lunch was a gathering of five couples at Super Hibachi Buffet and Grill which was just outside of the campground. They put us in a back room to ourselves. For lunch eating were the Barretts, the Mathises, the Stutzes, the Carpenters (Dorris and Ethel) and the McKellars. The return to the RV Park saw the arrival of the Eaves, Greulichs, Durrences, Carpenters, Alexanders and Zaics. This brought the total number of coaches up to thirteen with more to arrive the next day. Eight couples

went to The Fish Market just across the lake for dinner. The Fish Market had an all you can eat catfish special that some ordered. That evening everyone went back to their coaches as the temperature was in the 30's.

Wednesday began with a very cold temperature but began to warm up some as the sun came up. The afternoon saw the arrival of the rest of the campers. At 2:30 PM there was a Meet & Greet at the club house. Karen Mathis went over the Rally Agenda and we were given packets with information about the area and a copy of the agenda. Super Hibachi Buffet and Grill was recommended as a good place to eat and convenient to the campground. It was announced that breakfast on Thursday morning would be provided by

Integrity RV Service Center - Mr. Dean Woodruff. An update was provided by Ted Barrett on John Huffman and it was also sent as a sunshine report e-mail. It was reported also that Willard Swanson was having surgery for a tear in his abdomen Wednesday and this also went out as a sunshine report e-mail. It was also reported that Rose Zaic had a stroke about two weeks ago. Keep all of these in our prayers. Afterwards it was time for a snack of ice cream, cookies, sodas, water, coffee and Hot Chocolate.



At 5:00 PM it was caravan time to Red Lobster down the road from the campground. At 7:00 it was again time for Hand & Foot and Joker in the clubhouse and a fire at Jack Whites coach. As the fire died down later in the evening, the day came to a close and everyone went back to their coach and turned in.

Thursday morning began with a Breakfast Get Together at The Choice Restaurant

downtown Gadsden that was provided by Integrity RV of Douglasville, GA. We met the owner Dean Woodruff and his wife Peggy, introduced ourselves, and thanked him for the breakfast. Integrity RV also provided door prizes. After breakfast, several people spread out to tour downtown Gadsden and visit the Art Museum, Antique Mall and other downtown stores. We were on our own for lunch and dinner so people went various places for lunch and dinner.



Back at the campground, the evening was spent again playing Hand & Foot, and Joker. The men won at Hand & Foot while the ladies won two games of Joker and the men won one game of Joker.

Friday morning, the newly elected Officers had a meeting in the clubhouse to map out plans for the coming year. We had lunch on our own so people went various places. Later in the afternoon, it was back to the clubhouse for a roundtable discussion of RV Maintenance and problems people have had along with tips and solutions from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. This was moderated by Ted Barrett. At 5:00 it was time to caravan to Top O' The River for dinner which was also across the lake and down the road from the campground. It is situated on the water. They had very quick service for such a busy place and large group of people. We had a table of six for Hand and Foot of which the men won. There was also a game of Chicken Foot Dominoes.

Saturday morning we were up bright and early for a 10:00 Business meeting that included the installation of Officers for the coming year. The minutes of the Business Meeting will be addressed separately on the website. It was announced that the campground would turn on the Christmas Lights for about 45 minutes Saturday night so that we could ride through and look at them. Lunch was on our own. At 5:30 we gathered at the Club House for Jim's Chili. We all brought covered dishes or desserts to go with the Chili. It was a great get together and a good night for Chili. Afterward, Hand and Foot was played by a group of six. The men won AGAIN!!!

The newly installed Officers for 2014 are:

President: Ed Williams
1st Vice President: B. G. Greulich
2nd Vice President:/Wagon Master: Jack White
Recording Secretary: Greg Zaic
Corresponding Secretary/Newsletter Editor: Irene McKellar
Treasurer: Don Crump
National Director: Jim Mathis
Alternate National Director: Jerry Eaves



Appointed Positions for 2014 are:

Scrapbook Editor: Sandra Long
Sheriff: Bob Bielemeier
Sunshine Reporter: Rose Zaic
Devotional Leader: John Long
Webmaster: Ted Barrett
Recruitment Chairman: Ted Barrett

Sunday morning it was coffee, pastries, and doughnuts at the clubhouse. Around 9:15 AM, we had a devotional by John Long. Then it was time to say our goodbyes, and except for a few staying over to Monday, hit the road on the way home. **A Great Big THANK YOU goes to our Co-Hosts, the Mathises, Greulichs, Durrences, and Tysons.**

Announcements:

(1) Dues of \$6.00 each are due to Don Crump, Treasurer by December 1, 2013. Honorary Members and Members that joined between September 1, 2013 and November 30, 2013 do not pay dues for 2014.

(2) An e-mail should be sent to Sandra Long if you are planning to attend the Christmas Luncheon in Cleveland so she will know how many to expect.

RALLY REMINDER:

December: 4th 11:00AM - 3:00PM Christmas Luncheon At Western Sizzlin near Cleveland, 1963 Tom Bell Road, 706-348-1997. Pay as you enter. Bring can goods for donation. <http://www.westernsizzlinleveland.com>

Hosts: Longs

Jan/Feb: Jan 30&31st thru Feb 1st&2nd FMCA SEA Rally at Brooksville FL.

No Host

March: 17th thru 20th FMCA's 89th Family Reunion Convention at Perry GA.

No Host

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