

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

October 16 - 20, 2013
Great Outdoors RV resort
Franklin, NC
Hosts: Alexanders and Crumps



Members camping: Alexanders, Barretts, Baers, Bielemeirs, Linda Callas, Carpenters (Dorris & Ethel), Crumps, Dillons, Durrences, Eaves, Greulichs, Haines, Holkos, Marie Lester, Longs, Mathis, McKellars, Swansons (Willard and Sue), Whites (Chris and Jack), and Zaics

First time visitors: Elwyn and Judy Blalock from Juliette, GA
Second time visitors: Ron and Doris Lewis from Athens, GA (Ron and Doris joined our family and we welcome them).

The Great Outdoors RV Resort is located just outside of Franklin. The resort has an excellent meeting room with two full kitchens. The park was full with many that had come to see the autumn leaves.

Wednesday:

The "meet and greet" began at 2:30. There was ice cream thanks to the sheriff's hard work and the "fine" fund. The hosts provided snacks including wonderful pumpkin bread. Announcements regarding the rally and the campground were made.

Dinner was on your own and several went to a Mexican restaurant called Mi Casa. It was reported that the food was very good.

Thursday:

The weather turned out to be rainy, but it didn't stop us from enjoying ourselves. Greg and Rose Ziac and Chris and Jack White left early to head to Bryson City to catch the Great Smoky Mountain



Railroad for a ride through the mountains. Chris was tired when they returned, but they had a good time. Some of the others went sightseeing and had lunch on their own. The tomato basil soup at the Hungry Bear Restaurant was outstanding.

Dinner was at Fat Buddies and as usual it did not disappoint. The food and the service were very good. We had a great turnout with forty Mountaineers in attendance.

Friday:

Friday was a beautiful day. The sun was shining and the temperature was near perfect. It was a wonderful day to venture out to see the colors of the leaves. Lunch was at the Sunset restaurant which served home cooking. The homemade custard pie was really good.

Dinner was on our own. The hosts left plenty of time for us to enjoy the beautiful leaves.

Saturday: Our business meeting began a little after 10:00. The actions taken at the business meeting will be reflected in the minutes. Before the meeting, Karen handed out numbers. The numbers were used to give out door prizes that had been donated by Integrity RV Service Center. Jerry Eaves had his RV serviced with Integrity and they gave him some very nice prizes which he handed out as numbers were called. I'm not saying that the numbers were fixed, but it did seem that two tables got all the prizes.

Lunch was on our own.

Dinner was at the campground. The hosts provided chicken fingers which were tasty. Everyone brought a dish to share. As usual, the food was great and there were almost no duplicates. We have some of the best cooks in our group.

Ted announced that a dinner was planned for John and June Huffman before they leave for Seattle. John is having heart surgery and we all wanted to wish them well. The dinner is October 24th at 5:30 at Ryan's in Dawsonville.



Sunday:

The hosts provided pastries, bagels, coffee and orange juice. George and Dorothy Silver came over to give the devotionals. George talked about "light". No matter how small or big our faith is, we can all be a light in this world – showing others the way to God.

As usual, during the week a few people played games in the clubhouse. On most nights the weather was perfect for a campfire and the group had a great time sharing stories.



The hosts did a wonderful job at this rally and we thank them for their efforts.

As mentioned above Ron and Doris Lewis are the newest members of the Georgia Mountaineers and we certainly are glad to have them. We hope that they enjoy being with us as much as we enjoy having them in the group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: A schedule for next year was handed out by Jack and he asked that people sign up as hosts for the rallies in the coming year. The sign up was very successful. Thanks to everyone that agreed to be hosts.

UPCOMING RALLYS:

November: 13th thru 16th River Country Campground. Gadsden, AL
Reservations Requested 256-543-7111 Directions: From junction of US 411 & US 278 go south on US 411 about 1.1 miles to River Road, go left 0.5 miles to campground. <http://www.rivercountrycampground.com>

Hosts: Durrences, Tysons, Mathises

December: Christmas Luncheon on December 4th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Western Sizzlin near Cleveland, GA, 1963 Tom Bell Road. 706-348-1997. Pay as you enter. <http://www.westernsizzlincleveland.com> **Please bring food for the food bank.**

Hosts: Longs

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