

# THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

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**April 16 -- 20, 2014**  
**Coastal Georgia RV Resort**  
**Brunswick GA**  
**Hosts: Durrences and Whites**



Coastal Georgia RV Resort is a very nice, clean, and beautiful Resort. It is all pavement, grass, flower beds, and small trees with a large, well equipped pavilion down at the edge of the lake, on the back side of the resort. The pavilion has been enclosed with a roll-up plastic to keep the wind out. And, word had gotten around as to how nice Coastal Georgia really is. The first time we were here five years ago, there were only a few other RV's in the campground other than our rally attendees. Last year when we were here, the campground was full and this year it was full again. If visiting this area, this is the place to stay. It is just off I-95 Exit-29.

**Members Camping:** Van & Miriam Armstrong, Ted & Martha Barrett, Linda Callas & Marie Lester, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Len & Pat Corley, Don & Peggy Crump, Dave & Brenda Dillon, Ed & Patricia Durrence, John & June Huffman, John & Sandra Long, Jerry & Irene McKellar, Dave & Donna Porter, Carl & Freida Stutz, Willard & Sue Swanson, Randy & Yvonne Tyson, Jack & Chris White, Ed Williams and Greg & Rose Zaic.

**Visitors Camping:** First Time Visitors are Mike & Donna Moriarty of Blue Ridge, GA. Second time visitors are Mack and Joyce Thompson from Guyton, GA. and Raymond & Donna Birt of Eatonton, GA. It is regretful the Moriartys had to leave early, but the Thompsons and Birts joined the Georgia Mountaineers and we welcome you.



**Sunday** brought the arrival of the first members to Coastal Georgia RV Resort, the Barretts.

**Monday** brought the arrival of 10 more coaches during the day. The weather was pleasant for the start of a great week of camping. We arrived late in the day and I later found out that Ed & Patricia Durrence, Jack & Chris White, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Len & Pat Corley, John & Sandra Long, Carl & Freida Stutz, Willard & Sue Swanson, and Ed Williams, along with Mack and Joyce Thompson had all arrived during the day. Following an afternoon of greeting and catching up on recent news, a group of 13 went to B & J Steak and Seafood in Darien for dinner. Ed & Patricia Durrence, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, and Jerry & Irene McKellar went to Cracker Barrel for dinner as Jerry and I was late arriving and just missed the dinner train to Darien. Then it was back to the RV Park. Dorris & Ethel Carpenter and Jerry & Irene McKellar went to the clubhouse for Jerry and Irene McKellar to learn to play Fast Track. The no see'ums was biting really badly just before dusk and made being outside miserable. With the arrival of 11 coaches, the pre-rally fun had begun. We are expecting 21 coaches total to arrive by Wednesday.

**Tuesday** morning we awoke to rain for the day. Not a good day for shuffleboard or horse shoes. The rain did stop for a few minutes around lunch time for some to walk around the park for a few minutes. Not sure what everyone did today but some went shopping while some stayed in their motorhome due to rain. We had more arrivals today of John & June Huffman, Dave & Donna Porter, Raymond & Donna Birt, and Mike & Donna Moriarty. This brought the total number of coaches up to fifteen with more to arrive tomorrow. Ten couples went to Ole Times Country Buffet for dinner. I can't speak for everyone but I know I ate too much with all of the choices provided. That evening some elected to play Fast Track in the pavilion while others enjoyed a campfire in the fireplace in the pavilion. Chris did her usual good job of keeping the fire going with her poker. Lively conversation was enjoyed by all. The wind was very blustery on this evening.

**Wednesday** began with cool temperatures and blustery winds. Some people did local site seeing while others did shopping with lunch again in various places. The afternoon saw the arrival of Van & Miriam Armstrong, Linda Callas & Marie Lester, Don & Peggy Crump, Dave & Brenda Dillon, Randy & Yvonne Tyson, and Greg & Rose Zaic to give us a total of 21 coaches at this Rally. At 3 PM there was a Meet & Greet at the Pavilion. Jack introduced the visitors who were present and had copies of agendas for those that needed one. He also had menus for Captain Joes where we were eating dinner on Thursday evening. Jack thanked Sandra Long for the great job she did on the 2013 Scrapbook. He also



pointed out the Deputy Sheriff which was Pat Corley. Ed welcomed everyone. Jack said the blessing before the snacks. Then it was time for a snack of cookies, chips, ice cream, and Coke. At 5:35 PM it was caravan time to Cilantros Grill & Cantina, which you guessed it, is a Mexican restaurant. From all the feedback, everyone had a very good dinner. Even Van went and cleaned his plate. A few enjoyed a margarita. Back at the RV Park, it was again time for Hand & Foot and a fire in the pavilion fireplace. Chris did her magic again with her fire poker. A few tried a new game of Sin that was taught by visitors Raymond and Donna Birt in the pavilion. As the fire died down later in the evening, the day came to a close and everyone when back to their coach and turned in.

**Thursday** morning began windy, cloudy and cold. The group spread out to various places for lunch and some went site seeing. A group of 7 couples went to Captain Stan's Smokehouse in Woodbine for lunch. It was a small local restaurant with good food. We saw rain again today. At 4:45 it was time to leave for Captain Joe's Sea Food. Ed Durrence gave the blessing for the food. Jack White got a head count of the number of coaches that were leaving early. He announced the rally fee for those leaving early was \$3.50. The meal was delicious with good service. Back at the RV Park 12 couples played Hand & Foot. At my table, the ladies beat the gentlemen very badly and I think the ladies won at the other table also. There was a fire in the pavilion fireplace with much visiting. The Poker Queen was present again for her job that she does very well.

**Friday** began rainy and windy again. It is beginning to look like no shuffleboard or horseshoes on this trip. At 12:00 we met at the Pavilion for Pizza that was provided by Rob Krajicek and his wife Sherry from SkyMed. After Pizza, Rob gave a presentation on SkyMed and its benefits. Later in the day it was time to meet at the Driftwood Bistro for dinner. We left the campground at 4:25 p.m. This was our fifth trip to the bistro, and as usual the food was great. Orders included Stuffed Flounder, Yankee Pot Roast, Blacken Fish, Fried Shrimp, and Pork Loin among the many items on the menu. If you are ever on the island, this is the



place to eat. Back at the campground, the evening was spent again with some playing Hand & Foot, but there was no campfire in the fire place. We were out of wood and it was just plain cold from all wind and rain.



**Saturday** morning is usually sleep-in time for some. Lunch was on your own. Later in the afternoon it was still misting rain between the showers, but it was back to the pavilion for a hamburger and hotdog cookout. Those arriving early were welcomed by a roaring fire already going in the fire place. Ted did the grilling on the large grill and everyone brought a side dish or dessert. Ed blessed the food and the feast began. After dinner many stayed in the pavilion and kept the fire warm, some went back to the warmth of their coach, while

others played Hand & Foot in the clubhouse. I think all prayed for the rain to end.

**Sunday** morning it was coffee and pastries at the pavilion. However, due to the long drive back, some left early to get a head start. The rest of us braved the blustering winds and enjoyed the hot coffee on this cool morning. Around 9:15 AM, we had a short 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 or other places. **A Great Big THANK YOU goes to our Co-Hosts, the Whites and Durrences.** In closing, we want to thank our Visitors for attending our Rally. We hope you had a good time and will come back again. We also thank Earl Perry for his hospitality and the firewood. We realize the grass, plants, trees and we all need rain to survive, but this was the most we have received at any rally. It began raining around Tuesday morning and did not really let up until Sunday morning when it was still misting as everyone was driving away.



## **Announcements:**

Just a reminder, we still need hosts for the rally at Mountain View in Blairsville, Ga. on August 13th thru 16th. Also we still need someone to host the Christmas Party. If you have not hosted a rally in a while, just let Jack know and he will get you signed up. If you want to host the Christmas Party, you get to select the location.

## **RALLY REMINDER:**

**May: 14<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup>** **Pine Mountain RV Resort, an RVC Outdoor Destination,** Pine Mountain GA. Reser Req. 706-663-4329. **8804 Hamilton Road, Hwy 27** Directions: From I-185 Exit 42 to US-27, go 8.5 miles, enter on the right. See <http://www.rvcoutdoors.com/pinemountainga>

**Hosts: Callas, Lester, & Huffmans**

**June: 18<sup>th</sup> thru 21<sup>st</sup>** **Leisure Acres Campground.** Cleveland GA. Reser Req. 888-748-6344, Directions: S-bnd from Cleveland, From jct of US-129 and SR-115 S 3.8 miles to Westmoreland Rd, west 0.5 mi (L). Or N bnd From Clermont N on US 129 to jct of US-129 and Westmoreland Road (2.8 mi N of Jct of US-129 and SR-254) W 0.5 mi on Westmoreland Road (L). See <http://www.leisureacrescampground.com>

**Hosts: Alexanders & Crumps**

**July: 16<sup>th</sup> thru 19<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 mi on GA-246. Enter on right. See <http://www.rvmountainvillage.com>.

**Hosts: D & E Carpenters & Zaics**

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