

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

July 16-20, 2014
River Vista Mountain Village
Dillard, Georgia
Hosts: Dorris & Ethel Carpenter and
Greg & Rose Zaic



The River Vista Mountain Village is well maintained with a large clubhouse that has a great kitchen and also a stage. The flowers were blooming which made the park very inviting.

Members camping: Alexanders, Bielemeiers, Birts, Carpenters (Dorris and Ethel), Carpenters (Jerry and Dot), Crumps, Dillons, Durrences, Gallaghers, Greulichs, Virginia Jackson, Lees, Mathises, McKellars, Swansons (Willard & Sue), Tysons, Wellborns, Williams, and Zaics.

Visitors camping: First time visitors: Douglas & Terry Gibbs of Molena, Mike & Kathie Newton of Cherry Log, and Art & Alice Williamson of Calhoun. Second time visitors: Don & Pat Donnelly of Clarksville, Jim & Carline Grove of Kennesaw, and Marti & Lois Martisauskas of Alpharetta.

Guest: Gail Porterfield, sister of Terry Gibbs. John and June Huffman drove in for the Business Meeting on Saturday morning.

Monday: There were four coaches that arrived today being the D & E Carpenters, Durrences, Greulichs and McKellars. It was a hot day as we arrived and set up. The four couples went to the Cupboard for dinner at 5:00. They have a large menu to choose from including Mexican dishes and breakfast all day.

Tuesday: We woke up to temperatures in the 70's today with a cool breeze blowing. We did some local sightseeing and resting. Today we had five more coaches to arrive. The Dillons, Mathises, Swansons, Williams and Zaics arrived by the afternoon. There was a group of five couples that went to Main Stage Pizzeria for dinner. There was a table of six and a table of four that played Hand and Foot with the men winning at both tables.

Wednesday: We woke up to cooler temperatures in the 50's. There was a nice breeze blowing all day making for good local sight-seeing. The rest of the coaches arrived today bringing the total to 25 coaches. At 3:00 there was a meet and greet with cookies, ice cream, water, and drinks. Ed Williams introduced the six coaches visiting with three being first time and three being second time visitors. Greg Zaic made some announcements about the agenda and the rally activities. Greg Zaic asked for a volunteer to give the Devotional Sunday morning and Ed Williams volunteered to give it. Packets with maps, menu for Cupboard, and other pamphlets were available for each coach. After the meet and greet an executive board meeting was held. The minutes will be posted separately on the Georgia Mountaineers website. Suggestion for dinner was at the Fat Buddies restaurant in Franklin, NC. A group 17 couples met at 5:30 and caravanned. The blessing was given by Dorris Carpenter. It was a good meal and worth the short drive to Franklin, NC. Back at the campground there was a fire in the fireplace and also two tables of six playing Hand and Foot with the ladies winning at both tables. The fireplace was very nice and warm with large nice rocking chairs.

Thursday: We woke up to the campground having no water as a water line busted. There were a few that did not have very much fresh water in the tank. The weather was beautiful and lunch was on our own. Many went in various directions for the day while others sat around the campground, chatted and rested. We found a beautiful waterfall called Dry Falls where you could walk behind the falls. At 5:15 we met and caravanned to The Cupboard for dinner. They did an excellent job for such a large group of 46 people. Dorris Carpenter gave thanks for the food and also announced that it was his and Ethel's 54th wedding anniversary. Pat Donnelly, who writes poems and has published four books of poems, wrote them a poem as an Anniversary gift. The poem is published at the back of the newsletter since all did not hear it read. After dinner, back at the campground there was a fire in the fireplace. We had three tables of six people playing Hand and Foot.

Friday: Today we woke up to rain pecking on the roof. It was a good morning to sleep in. It rained all day long. Lunch was on our own. Dinner was a Chicken pitch-In. The hosts provided the Fried Chicken and everyone else brought side dishes, salads or desserts. The blessing of the food was given by Don Donnelly. We were joined by Gail Porterfield, sister of Terry Gibbs (first time visitor). Everyone enjoyed the food and the fellowship in the nice clubhouse. There was a fire in the fireplace and three tables of six of Hand and Foot cards games and one table of Fast Track played in the clubhouse.

Saturday: It has rained all night and was still raining as we woke up bright and early for breakfast provided by the hosts at 9:00. Sausage gravy, biscuits, eggs and potatoes were on the menu. Fried chicken was also served again. The blessing was given by Raymond Birt. It was a great breakfast and timely for a business meeting. The hosts did a great job. At 10:00 we gathered for a Business Meeting in the same clubhouse as the breakfast. John and June Huffman drove in for the business meeting. The official minutes will be posted in the Secretaries Lounge on the Georgia Mountaineers website. Lunch was on our own. A few coaches left early before and after the business meeting due to various reasons. Since it was raining so much we met in the clubhouse at 1:00 to play games and ended around 5:00. Dinner was on our own. There was ice cream and cookies leftover so at 7:00 we met in the clubhouse for an ice cream social. Afterwards, we had one table of six playing hand and foot. A couple of tables were just hanging out talking in the clubhouse instead of building a fire in the fire pit.

Sunday: The rain was gone when we woke up although it was still cool and cloudy. The hosts provided coffee and orange juice, donuts, biscuits, sausage gravy, tater tots, and chicken. Ed Williams gave the devotional in the absence of John Long. Everyone was wished a safe return to their homes. Everyone said their goodbyes and left for the journey home.

We want to thank our first time visitors for coming and hope you enjoyed your time with us. We invite you to visit us again.



Doug & Terry Gibbs



Art & Alice Williamson



Mike & Kathie Newton

A great big **THANK YOU** goes to our hosts for this rally – Dorris & Ethel Carpenter and Greg and Rose Zaic. Thank you for all of the work you put in to making this a great Rally. A job well done!!



ANNOUNCEMENTS: We have three new coaches/members. **WELCOME** to Georgia Mountaineers: Don & Pat Donnelly, Jim & Carline Grove, and Marti & Lois Martisaukas. These are all second time visitors at this rally. We hope that you will enjoy being a part of a really great group of people.



UPCOMING RALLYS:

August: 13th thru 16th 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. See <http://www.georgiamtnviewrvresort.com>

Hosts: Gallaghers and Holkos

September: 24th thru 27th Great Outdoors RV Resort. Franklin NC. Reser Req. 828-349-0412. Directions: From Franklin take US 441/23 north five miles, then left on Echo Valley Rd., then an immediate right onto Thumpers Trail. See <http://www.gorvresort.com>

Hosts: Bielemeiers & Longs

October: 22nd thru 25th Spring Lake RV Resort. Crossville TN. Reser Req. 877-707-1414. Directions: I-40, Exit-322 onto Peavine Road/TN-101, north 3.7 miles, and turn right on Fairview Drive go ¼ mile. See <http://www.springlakervtn.com>

Hosts: Dillons & Greulichs

November: 12th thru 15th Carrabelle Beach RV Resort. Carrabelle FL. Reser Req. 850-697-2638. Directions: West of town 1.5 miles on US-98 on the right. See <http://www.carrabellebeach.rvcoutdoors.com>

Hosts: Barretts & McKellars

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY CARPENTERS

ETHEL AND DORRIS
NUMBER FIFTY FOUR
THROUGH GOD'S GRACE
YOU WILL CELEBRATE MANY MORE.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
IT'S YOUR SPECIAL DAY
FOR YOUR CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH
WE HOPE AND WE PRAY.

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT
THAT'S WHAT ETHEL FELT
FROM THE BACK OF DORRIS' HEAD
SHE BEGAN TO "MELT".

IT WAS IN CHURCH
WHERE THE TWO OF YOU MET
THAT FIRST MEETING
YOU WILL NEVER FORGET.

YOU WENT TO COLLEGE
LIKE ETHEL'S DADDY SAID
OR HE REFUSED TO SUPPORT YOU
IN YOUR "MARRIAGE BED".

YOU HAD THREE CHILDREN
TWO DAUGHTERS AND A SON
AFTER THE BOY
ETHEL SAID, "I'M DONE".

YOU BOTH WORKED HARD
YOUR CHILDREN TO RAISE
YOU SENT THEM TO COLLEGE
INTO PRIDE YOU CAN GAZE.

ETHEL---DEVOTED SCHOOL TEACHER
DORRIS IN THE TECHNOLOGY FIELD
WORKING TOGETHER
A GOOD MARRIAGE TO BUILD.

AS "GEORGIA MOUNTAINEERS"
YOUR TRAVELS ARE VAST
ON YOUR NEXT TRIP
YOUR EYES ALWAYS CAST.

AS IN MOST LIVES
STRUGGLES YOU HAVE KNOWN
BUT THROUGH ADVERSITIES
YOUR FAITH HAS GROWN.

YOU'RE WISHED MUCH HAPPINESS
BLESSINGS----MORE THAN YOU CAN COUNT
MAY YOU ALWAYS DRINK
FROM AN OVER FLOWING FOUNT.

