

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA



November 12-16
Carrabelle Beach RV Resort
1843 Hwy 98 W, Carrabelle, Florida
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HOSTS:

Ted and Martha Barrett
Jerry and Irene McKellar

Our rally was scheduled to begin on November 12th, but there were many Georgia Mountaineer coaches already here, by the evening of the 11th. Several of the members had planned an impromptu dinner and campfire, and the camp management allowed them to use an ocean-front lot for the affair. If you were not here that night, you missed a special event. We had shrimp, salad, vegetable soup, ice cream, and great conversation around the campfire. Much appreciation, and many thanks, to the Zaics, D. Carpenters, Whites, and Durrences. We initiated Ed and Patricia's gas "fire pit" (gift from their son), and it was such a great fire that Chris was tempted to "poke" it with her cane!



~Wednesday~

The remaining coaches arrived on this day, and our members, visitors, and guest gathered for the 3:00 meeting on the pool deck. The weather was perfect, with gorgeous sunny skies, and the temperatures in the 70's.

Members attending: Ted & Martha Barrett, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Don & Pat Donnelly, David & Brenda Dillon, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Joe & Connie Gallagher, Doug & Terry Gibbs, Don & Marquita Haines, Jim & Karen Mathis, Jerry & Irene McKellar, Jack & Millie O'Donovan, Jack & Chris White, Ed & Young Williams, Greg & Rose Zaic.

First Time Visitors: John & Jeanette Nix (Bufford)
Hubert & Marsha Brown (LaFayette)

Guest: Gayle Porterfield (Terry Gibbs' sister)

Ted welcomed the campers, then introduced the visitors and guest, before reviewing the agenda for our rally. The directions to the restaurants, and other sights we might wish to visit, were given, along with a cancellation of Thursday evening's dinner spot. Next, Ed Williams reminded us that we need to make our reservations for the Christmas Luncheon, as he will need a head count by November 15. There are only about thirty coaches represented on the present reservation list, and Ted reminded us of the importance of the Christmas Banquet, as the climax of our camping year. Ted suggested that members may wish to bring their RVs to Gainesville, and spend a night or two at a campground, if they live some distance from that city. He and Martha are planning to bring their coach. Both men encouraged all members to participate in this final 2014 meeting of the Georgia Mountaineers. *(By Sunday, about 75 members had made reservations.)*

Silver Bay Seafood Restaurant

Thursday, December 4

11:00 – 2:00

HOSTS: Ken & Margie Alexander
Ed & Young Williams



*****Saturday, we discovered that this restaurant had been padlocked! Watch your email for new arrangements. Our hosts will find a replacement restaurant, and let us know.***

Dinner was at Papa Joe's Oyster Bar & Grill, in Apalachicola, and everyone seemed to agree, that the delicious seafood was worth the drive. After returning, a dozen people met in the clubhouse to play either Hand and Foot, or Fast Track.

~Thursday~

After lunch at the Hog Wild BBQ in Carrabelle, the schedule allowed us a free day to visit the various attractions in the area. Some members checked out the World War II Museum, while others of us traveled to the Light House Museum on St. George Island. We could not climb the light house because it was being sanded, in preparation for paint, and the museum was closed for the day. After a bit of conversation and a brief rest at the museum, we decided to visit the ice cream parlor that Jim Mathis remembered, having spent time on this island in his younger days. It was closed for renovation. Finally, we found The Old Time Soda Fountain, and some delicious ice cream. Connie Gallagher

discovered a friend, whom she had not seen in a decade, sitting three feet away from her at the soda fountain. Amazing, the connections we make, no matter where we travel!



On the beach this night, Jack White and Ted Barrett constructed a campfire in the sand. They had discussed it for a couple of days, and this seemed the perfect evening for it! Of course, Chris White was standing by to stir the fire.



The card table attracted eight people this night, while Dorris Carpenter directed several others in the game of Fast Track. It was warm in the clubhouse, but quite windy and cold outside (38 degrees.)

~Friday~

The highlight of the day was Ted's "Low Country Boil," with shrimp, sausage, potatoes, onions, and corn. For dessert, we shared Don Donnelly's chocolate birthday cake.

Our thanks and appreciation to the

Rally Hosts:

Jerry & Irene McKellar

Martha & Ted Barrett



~Saturday~

The day began with our Business Meeting and the Installation of Officers. Next year's officers are:

- President - Ted Barrett
- 1st V. President - Dorris Carpenter
- 2nd V. President - Jack White
- Secretary - Karen Mathis
- Treasurer - Don Crump
- Sheriff - Bob Bielemeier
- National Director - Jerry Eaves
- (Alternate) - Jim Mathis
- Newsletter/Corresponding Secretary - Brenda Dillon



Ed Williams Ted Barrett

Ed Williams thanked the officers and volunteers who had served under him. We all appreciate your dedication. Ted announced that Ethel Carpenter would be in charge of Devotions, Kathie Newton will become our Sunshine Reporter, and Brenda Dillon will be in charge of the Scrap Book, and the club's Roster/Directory in 2015.

During the afternoon, a group of us visited the Nature Center in Eastpoint. The center educates the public about the preservation of habitats for the animals and sea creatures who live in this area. We ended the day with dinner at the St. James Golf Club, for another wonderful meal, followed by games of Hand and Foot, and Fast Track.

~Sunday~

Our morning began with pastries, English muffins, bagels, and coffee. Ethel Carpenter gave our devotional, which was two poems, written by Pat Donnelly. The first poem was devoted to Thanksgiving, and the second, a prayer. What a lovely way to end our rally. December 4th, we will meet for our Christmas Luncheon. See you there!

Submitted by Brenda Dillon
Newsletter/Corresponding Secretary