

# THE MOUNTAINEER



## Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA



**Georgia Mountaineer Rally  
September 24-28, 2014**

**The Great Outdoors RV Resort  
321 Thumpers Trail  
Franklin, North Carolina 28734  
855-349-0412**

**Our Hosts for the rally:**

**Bob and Eva Bielemeier  
John and Sandra Long**

(John's illness caused them to miss the rally)

**Ed and Young Williams (substitutes)**



*(Our Sheriff wanted me to announce that he collected "fines" from "V" and "G" this trip.  
That should buy more sprinkles for our next ice cream social!*



**Lee Duncan**

Assistant manager - Great Outdoors

The Great Outdoors RV Resort proved so much more than just a friendly staff and panoramic views of the beautiful Smoky Mountains of Western North Carolina. Lee Duncan (assistant manager), presented us with a cake for our first meeting, then lead us in our opening prayer on Wednesday; constructed a "Wall of Fame" with logos of the groups who have rallied there (ours is on top); assisted Greg Zaic in finding a local mechanic to check out the problems with his coach; and finally, presented our devotional on Sunday morning, after a request from John Long. We were so grateful for his generous spirit.

### MEMBERS ATTENDING THE RALLY:

Bob and Eva Bielemeier, Ken and Margie Alexander, Dorris and Ethel Carpenter, Don and Peggy Crump, David and Brenda Dillon, Ed and Patricia Durrence, Doug and Terry Gibbs, Don and Marquita Haines, Virginia Jackson, Carl and Freida Stutz, Willard and Sue Swanson, Ed and Young Williams, Greg and Rose Zaic.

### SECOND TIME VISITORS:

Paul and Marsha Burlack



### FIRST TIME VISITORS:

Conrad and Beverly Rybarczyk



### TUESDAY~

By Tuesday evening, there were five coaches in camp, ready for the rally to begin!

### WEDNESDAY~

Although we woke to fog and 52 degrees, the sun broke through the fog, and by our 3:00 Meet & Greet, we were enjoying temperatures in the 70's. Ed Williams called the meeting to order, and Brenda Dillon gave us an update on B. G. Greulich, who is in Central Medical Center in Atlanta, after a major stroke. Lee Duncan led us in prayer for B.G. and Irma.

Brenda Dillon talked about the Crossville, Tennessee rally, and collected money for Cumberland County Playhouse program, "It Ain't Nothin' But the Blues!" [*The tickets will be reserved on October 8th, so make sure you have your money in. It should be a terrific performance.*]

There was some discussion as to possible "half-way" places to spend the night, on the way to the Carrabelle rally. The suggestions were: Bingham State Park, Twin Oaks, and Fair Harbor.

Bob Bielemeier reviewed the agenda for the week, and then we snacked on cake (from Great Outdoors) and ice cream.

The meeting adjourned, and we were off to the **Sunset Restaurant**, where many of us chose the "special": vegetable soup, slaw, and hush puppies. It was delicious!



7:00 . . . . .Cards in the club house, and the fire was beside Ed Williams' coach.

For the first night, one player took on dual personalities .....Carl & "Carla" (Carl Stutz)

Later in the week, another assumed that same role.....Bob & "Roberta" (Bob Bielemeier)

Their tables were missing a person, so it was necessary for them to play two "Hands" and two "feet". Kudos to you, men!

**THURSDAY~**

10:00 **Macon County Historical Museum**

[www.maconhistorical.org](http://www.maconhistorical.org)



The building is 110 years old, and is filled with Civil War uniforms of the South and North, Pump organs (used for Billy Graham in his younger days), nineteenth century tools, history books, a painting representing the last surrender of the North Carolina troops, east of the Mississippi River, and so many items representative of life in Macon County, from 1894 to today.



11:30 **Motor Co. Grill** for lunch (just one block away from the museum.) The Burlacks, visiting with us for the second time, arrived just in time for lunch! Welcome!



Dinner was on our own, and afterward, we met for cards and/or the fire. The ladies won by 5,000 points, at the table of Eva Bielemeier, Carl Stutz, Doug, and Terry Gibbs. I have the point sheet as evidence! 😊

**FRIDAY~**

Several of our members lunched at **The Gazebo** (not on our schedule, but recommended by Greg and Rose Zaic, on the first day. The food had great “reviews”!



**3:30 Wilderness Taxidermy and Outfitters, Inc.**

Owners: Bill and Linda Fuch

This company was incredible interesting!

As professional guides and outfitters, they arrange hunting/fishing trips all over the world, and then prepare your "kill" in their Franklin shop. You may, however, simply bring your "catch" to them. Save your money, though, because it isn't inexpensive! They charge \$60,000 to stuff an elephant head, plus the travel expenses. The display was amazing! Among their clients, Bill mentioned celebrities Burt Reynolds, Delta Burke, Donald Trump's son.

***Click this link, for a video of their displays:***

<http://www.wildernesstaxidermy.com/studio-tour/>



**5:00 El Charro Restaurant**

The Rybarczyks joined us for our Mexican fare. The food was great!

7:00 The Burlacks and Rybarczyks joined us in the clubhouse for cards this night, playing or watching/ learning the rules for "Hand and Foot." It was also a great night for the fire..

**SATURDAY~**

**10:00 Business Meeting**

The secretary will have all the notes from this meeting, but I will mention a few important things. We did not have a quorum in attendance, but luckily, we had nothing about which to vote! The Nominating Committee announced the names of those people who have agreed to serve as officers next year:

President: Greg Zaic

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: B. G. Greulich

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Wagon Master: Jack White

Treasurer: Don Crump

Secretary: Karen Mathis

National Director: Jerry Eaves

Alternate National Director: Jim Mathis

Newsletter/Corresponding Secretary: Brenda Dillon

\* Voting will take place at the October Crossville, TN Rally. If you will not be attending, please send in your PROXY.

***Click this link for a copy of the Proxy.***

<http://www.georgiamountaineers.org/Proxy Blank.pdf>



**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** December 4<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)

Silver Bay Seafood Restaurant in Gainesville, Georgia

Our hosts will be Ken & Margie Alexander, and Ed & Young Williams.

Thank you for volunteering!

The **Southeast Area Rally** for Family Motor Coach Association with be

In **Sarasota, Florida, February 11-14, 2015.**

Register on line, or download the mail-in registration form by clicking below link:

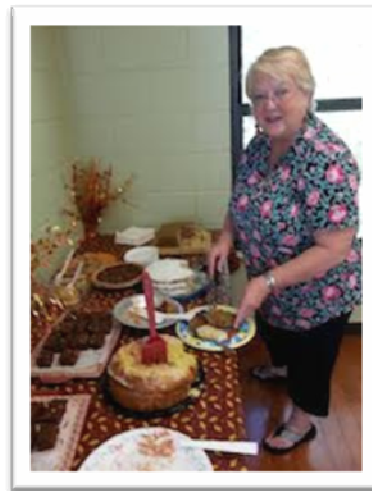
[http://www.fmca.com/images/stories/pdf/areas/sea15\\_registration.pdf](http://www.fmca.com/images/stories/pdf/areas/sea15_registration.pdf)

\* Important Note: "FMCA ASSIST" was reinstated as part of your membership  
On October 1, 2014.

We spent the afternoon preparing for our "Covered Dish" meal, at 5:00. The hosts provided chicken strips, and there was an array of veggies and fruit to accompany the meat. The dessert table was a grand finale, to be sure!

*Apple cake-caramel icing  
Coconut cake  
Brownies  
Pecan Pies  
And more*

We're hoping you'll be tempted to attend the next meal! Better sign up now!



*Rose Zaic*

**SUNDAY~**

9:00 Devotional

Our devotional was led by Lee Duncan, (Concierge and Assistant Manager at Great Outdoors). He shared the various medical tribulations, with which he and his wife have dealt. Lee is the "voice" on the radio program, "Mustard Seeds", and was articulate and expressive in his delivery. We were so grateful for his participation. After Ed Williams dismissed us, we said our farewells, and the procession of coaches began. We will see each other again, in Crossville, Tennessee, perhaps!

**PLEASE REMEMBER PRAYERS FOR:**

Irma and **B.G. Greulich** (who is still in Central Medical Center ICU in Atlanta)  
Sandra and **John Long** (who is healing from a foot ailment)

## UPCOMING RALLIES:

**October: 22<sup>nd</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup> 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, turn right on Fairview Drive go ¼ mile. See <http://www.springlakervtn.com>

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**Hosts: Dillons & Greulichs**

**November: 12<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup> 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**

Brenda Dillon  
Substituting for Irene McKellar  
Corresponding Secretary-  
Newsletter Editor