

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

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River Vista Mountain Village
Dillard GA
Hosts: Alexanders & Crumps

River Vista Mountain Village is a very nice RV park with many amenities. But its main attraction is the fact that it is nestled in the mountains of scenic north Georgia. There are beautiful views and vistas in almost any direction.



Members Camping: Ken & Margie Alexander, Van & Miriam Armstrong, Ted & Martha Barrett, Bob & Eva Bielemeier, Raymond & Donna Birt, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Chris & Stella Christopher, Don & Peggy Crump, Ed and Patricia Durrence, Joe & Connie Gallagher, Don & Marquita Haines, Virginia Jackson, Fred & Shirley Lee, Marti & Lois Martisauskas, Jim & Karen Mathis, Elwood & Sharon Miller, Martin & Juanita Wellborn, and Jack & Chris White.

Visitors: First time visitors were Ron & Karen Laird from Gastonia, NC.



Arriving on Sunday were the early, early birds the Haines, the Birts, and their friends Ron & Karen Laird.

Monday: The Barretts, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, the Durrences, the Haines, and the Whites arrived during the day. We visited with each other between rain showers then rested in our coaches.

Tuesday: In the afternoon Van and Miriam Armstrong arrived and we were so glad to see them. This is their first outing since getting their coach repaired. Again we had rain showers on and off all day. Some stayed around the campground and others did some shopping. Toward late afternoon thoughts turned to food and many decided to visit the Valley Café. Joining us for dinner were Frank and Kathy Blau, who we met in the RV park. The food was delicious, so we were looking forward to eating there again on Friday.

Wednesday: The Alexanders, Crumps, Bielemeiers, Gallaghers, Jackson, Lees, Martisauskas, and Wellborns arrived. All made it in by Meet and Greet time where we enjoyed various selections of ice cream and delicious cookies with an assortment of drinks. During the Meet and Greet, Ted swore in yours truly as the new Newsletter Editor. Donna



Birt, an industrious crochet expert, surprised the ladies with a set of hot pads she had made in various colors. Many stayed and visited until it was almost time to go out to eat. Some went to the Valley Café. It should be of no surprise to any of you where some of the others went that evening – Mexican, (of course). The rain came down in buckets while we were there. Thankfully it had let up a little by the time we left. That evening Raymond introduced a new game called SYN (Serve Your Neighbor). Later games included Fast Track.



Thursday: At last we got a break in the weather, actually made it through the day without liquid sunshine. All took advantage of this to enjoy the sights and visit in the campground without having to use umbrellas. That evening we dined at The Cupboard where some of us ate way too much. Then back to the campground for games and a fire for the first time this week.

Friday: Edward and Sharon arrived today towing a new Jeep Cherokee. This was their first time towing. It was a pleasant day that was perfect for more sightseeing. Some visited Dry Falls, others the Highlands, some driving



just for the scenic views many of the highways provided., others had friends come by for a visit. All enjoyed the break in the weather. Dinner was at the Valley Cafe, where many had Prime Rib. The evening found more around the fireplace under the shelter, card games in the meeting room, and others playing games in their coaches.

Saturday: Another beautiful day, and great for visiting the flea market. Dinner was Pot Luck side dishes and desserts, with the host providing chicken fingers. Oh, what a good selection of vegetables and other dishes provided by attendees. The desserts looked so tempting it was impossible to select only one. Games followed the meal along with another campfire.



Sunday: It was time for coffee and pastries in the clubhouse, followed by an Ethel Carpenter devotional, which was a reading on the Back 9.

Announcements:

Our officer elections are in October and all of the current officers have agreed to serve next year. This is a first time ever event. However, with the Dillons moving to Nashville, no one had stepped forward to serve in the position of Scrapbook Editor. The following list is the Proposed Officers as presented by the Nominating Committee this month. And, as you can see a candidate for Scrapbook Editor is still needed. So, the Nominating Committee may be calling you.

Elected Officers:

President - Ted Barrett
First Vice President - Dorris Carpenter
Second Vice President - Jack White
Recording Secretary - Karen Mathis
Corresponding Secretary/Newsletter Editor - Martha Barrett
Treasurer - Don Crump
National Director - Jim Mathis
Alternate National Director - Jerry Eaves

Appointed Positions:

Sheriff - Bob Bielemeier
Scrapbook Editor - ???? **We need a Volunteer!**
Sunshine Reporter - Kathie Newton
Devotional Leader - Ethel Carpenter
Webmaster - Ted Barrett

Martha Barrett
Newsletter Editor

Rally Reminders:

September: 16th thru 19th River Bend Campground. Hiawassee GA. Reser Req. 706-896-1415. Directions: From Hiawassee, jct of US-76 & GA-17/75 go south on GA-17/75 to Streak Hill Rd., go left on Streak Hill Road to CG on right. From Helen, go North on GA-17/75 about 16 miles to Streak Hill Road, go right on Streak Hill Road. See <http://www.riverbendcamping.com> **Hosts: Newtons & Christophers**

October: 21st thru 24th 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: Longs & Whites**

November: 18th thru 21st Sugar Mill RV Park. Ochlocknee GA. Reser Req. 229-227-1451. Directions: Off US-19 approx 2 miles south of Ochlocknee and 7 miles north of Thomasville. Main entrance is off McMillan Rd. <http://sugarmillrvpark.yolasite.com> **Hosts: Barretts & McKellars**

December: Thursday 3rd Christmas Luncheon. Amicalola Falls State Park Lodge at 11:30 AM. **\$22 Buffet. More Details Later.** **Hosts: Porters & Eaves**