

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA


Leisure Acres
Campground
June 17-21, 2015
Cleveland GA



*Hosts: Paul & Marsha Burlack, Ed & Patricia Durrence,
Dorris & Ethel Carpenter*

The Leisure Acres Campground was a quiet spot, with a lovely pond for fishing, accommodating managers, and a nice, air-conditioned clubhouse, which offered us respite from the soaring temperatures during our stay. We had fourteen coaches gather for this Cleveland Rally.

Members Camping: Ken & Margie Alexander, Ted & Martha Barrett, Bob & Eva Bielemeier, Hubert & Marsha Brown, Paul & Marsha Burlack, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Don & Peggy Crump, Dave & Brenda Dillon, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Joe & Connie Gallagher, Virginia Jackson, Jim & Karen Maathis, Jack & Chris White, and Greg & Rose Zaic.

Visitors Camping: Elwood & Sharon Miller camped with us in Cleveland, which was their second visit, and have now officially joined the Georgia Mountaineers. We are so pleased to welcome you to our group, Elwood and Sharon!



Guests: Heaven & Shannon Larson (granddaughters of Jim & Karen Mathis)
Samara & Cameron (granddaughter and grandson of Greg & Rose Zaic)

Monday

The Barretts arrived Monday morning to find Nelson & Bonnie Fitzpatrick, along with Ed & Gloria Carter, already on site. They were staying over from a Holiday Rambler rally the preceding week. Ed & Gloria attended our June, 2014 Cleveland Rally as First Time Visitors. While the Barretts were setting up, the Durrences arrived and settled in. **Glenda's** was the lunch site for the Barretts and Durrences. Ted said that **Glenda's** brought back memories of his first introduction to Humming Bird cake. After returning from lunch, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter arrived, towing their red Dodge pickup with four

wheels down. Later, Hubert & Marsha Brown arrived, followed by Jack & Chris White. At 5:30, this group of ten members headed to **Rib Country** for a good BBQ dinner. During their meal, Jim & Karen Mathis arrived in camp, with their granddaughters Heaven and Shannon Larson. The afternoon was hot and muggy, especially for north Georgia, but it did not get the best of the early arrivers, and the pre-rally fun had begun.

Tuesday

The morning began with a clear blue sky, and a hot morning sun beaming down on those coaches that were not in the shade, by the little stream that borders the campground's east side. Stepping outside, you could hear the constant drone of the air conditioners running. This is quite a contrast with some rallies here in the past at the same time of the year, when jackets or light coats were a welcome relief on the very cool morning. The forecast high was 97 F, but one thermometer was reading 99.6 F before the day's end. Lunch for most was at the **Cottage House Restaurant**; for others, along with Jerry & Dot Carpenter, it was **El Sombrero** in Cornelia. The only new arrivals in camp were Joe & Connie Gallagher.

Wednesday

The morning began with clear, blue skies again—looking like another scorcher of a day. The Fitzpatricks and Carters departed the campground early, and did not stay for our Georgia Mountaineers Rally. The afternoon saw the arrival of Virginia Jackson, Paul & Marsha Burlack, Greg & Rose Zaic, with their granddaughter Samara and grandson Cameron, Don & Peggy Crump, Ken & Margie Alexander, and Bob & Eva Bielemeier. Soon it was time for the Meet & Greet at the clubhouse, and we were joined by Don and Marquita Haines, who bob-tailed in for the event.



Ed and Dorris

This Meet & Greet ended with a special treat: a drawing for door prizes, which were provided by Dean Woodruff of **Integrity RV Service Center** in Douglasville. Two of the door prizes were very nice director-type folding chairs, a great addition to anyone's motor home. Integrity has just added a new parts department for RV parts support—worldwide. So, if you are in need of parts or accessories, give Integrity a call. They may have just what you need! A great big THANK YOU, to Dean Woodruff, and the **Integrity RV Service Center** for their support to our chapter. It is truly appreciated!

As a prelude to our first ever, Mountaineer Movie Extravaganza, our hosts served us dinner in the clubhouse. The pizza and ice cream meal was a hit! Soon it was time for the feature of the evening—an outdoor viewing of the 1951 movie, "I'd Climb the Highest Mountain" (1951), at the Durrence's coach. The movie featured Susan Hayward and William Lundigan, and was filmed in this area. There were numerous local landmarks in the movie, some still standing today. Interestingly, we



learned that Ken Alexander had tried out for the movie, but unfortunately, was not accepted for a part.

For information on this Mossy Creek, and this local area:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Mossy%20Creek&state=GA>

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/archives/108463/>

The Durrences did a great job of providing terraced seating, some even under a picnic tent shelter. During the movie, Patricia kept the popcorn popper going, to everyone's delight!



Thursday

The temperatures were soaring again, this morning, eventually reaching the high 90's. At 10:00 AM, a group of our members went on a tour of the Hardman Farm State Historic Site, 143 Highway 17, Sautee Nacoochee, Georgia, operated by Smithgall Woods State Park.



<http://gastateparks.org/Hardman-Farm>

Campers were on their own for lunch, and while everyone was dining, the Dillons arrived in camp, while Dorris and Ethel were leaving camp, in order to see their grandchild's games in Orlando. The heat was so intense, that the only people we saw enduring the temperatures outside, were in the swimming pool! We all gathered at 5:30, for our dinner at the **Cottage House Restaurant**. I was anxious to sample the food, after Patricia Durrence whispered that she had eaten there three times already that week! (She says she "loves country cooking!") ☺ Chicken seemed to be the popular choice, but if you didn't select the strawberry cobbler for dessert, you were the biggest loser! Dinner was a wonderful mixture of tales of past rallies, reviews of summer plans, descriptions of accidents (Ed), sunburns (Heaven and Shannon), iPad games (Cameron), news of new homes for our members, and of course, delicious food. Many of us love the socializing as much as the camping. ☺

That evening, card games and campfire were a "GO!"

Friday

Friday was a "Free Day" on the agenda, but there was still lots of activity at the campground. Peggy Crump's son, Barry Loudermilk, parked in our site searching for the Crump's RV. I had the chance to chat with him, while I led him to his mother's camp site. I know Peggy and Don must be proud of that young man.

Ted invited the group to join him for lunch *at El Sombrero Restaurante*, in Cornelia. David and I really enjoyed our meal at *El Sombrero*, however, after we punched the name into our GPS, we drove to the restaurant.....in Gainesville! Ted said that the same thing had happened to someone before, so I guess we shouldn't feel badly.

As usual, there were games in the clubhouse, and a campfire lit. YES! Even in 90 degree weather, the fire was blazing. On this night, we had a group of eight lovely people, one of whom, dealt me the worst hand ever, in the history of "Hand and Foot!" Thanks, Karen! (If you've never played the game before, you'll have to imagine the tears and sobbing on my part!)



Red 3's and Black 3's are NOT GOOD!



*Game
of
Fast Track*

Saturday

BUSINESS MEETING

At 10:00, we met in the clubhouse for our Georgia Mountaineers business meeting. Karen Mathis will be posting the notes from the meeting, and you can read them on line soon. We adopted seven changes to our Standing Rules, which Ted has probably mailed to you by now. The new Nominating Committee was elected: Karen Mathis, Ed Durrence, and Greg Zaic. Their job is to create a slate for nominating next year's officers. Since there is no SEA rally in February, Connie Gallagher invited us to join her chapter of FMCA, *Florida Ramblers*. Their rally will be at Casey Jones RV Park, in Bushnell, February 18-20. For more information about the group and rally, click on the following link:

<http://floridaramblers.com/index.html>



You may wish to make note of this item. The Porters and the Eaves will act as hosts for our ***Christmas Luncheon*** this year. The site proposed is Amicalola Falls State Park, in Dawsonville. I'm sure that you will be hearing from them, with all the details. Save ***December 3rd***, on your calendars!

The promise of delicious ice cream concoctions lured a group of our member to the ***Cleveland Soda Fountain Café*** for lunch. There were sodas, sundaes, cones, and milkshakes, scattered around our table. It was such a nice break from the humidity and heat.

After lunch, Karen and her granddaughters, Eva, and I paid a visit to the Cabbage Patch Babyland. I snapped a picture of a couple of "dolls" that I saw there. ☺



Many of our campers gathered at the Western Sizzlin at 5:30 for dinner, while some dined at Rib Country. Joining the party at Western Sizzlin were Chuck & Allene Conner, Irma Greulich, Linda Callas, and her friend, Harry. Don & Marquita Haines attended, also. Irma brought treats for the group, which we shared that night in the clubhouse. Thank, so much, Irma. We send our love and best wishes.



Irma's cookies



Irma , Ted, Martha



Greg, Harry, Linda, Rose



Chuck and Allene

Sunday

Several coaches left early Sunday, planning on attending church locally, or at home. By 9:00 Am, the remaining campers drifted into the clubhouse for coffee and treats. Cale and Marla Durrence joined his parents (Ed & Patricia) and us, for coffee and our devotional. At 9:30, Ted shared a little history and comparison of the observance of Mother's Day and Father's Day. He mentioned that "Mothers" have been honored in scores of countries, and as far back in history as the ancient Greeks and Romans. Father's Day, however, is a fairly recent celebration. In 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent National observance of Father's Day, to be held on the third Sunday in June. We honored the many "fathers" in our group.

After stacking chairs and tables, then saying our farewells, the caravan of coaches began to exit this week's temporary home base. Till we meet again, Godspeed.

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We wish to extend our appreciation and thanks to our Co-Hosts, the Burlacks, the Carpenters, and the Durrences. You did such a great job! We also would like to thank our visitors and guests for joining us during the rally. We hope you enjoyed your time with us!

*\* Ethel Carpenter is serving as our Devotional Leader this year. She needs volunteers to do the devotionals at our rallies. If you would like to lead our chapter in a devotional on Sunday morning, please contact Ethel.*

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## Rally Reminder:

**July: 15th thru 18th Cove Creek RV Resort.** Sevierville/Pigeon Forge TN, 3293 Wears Valley Rd. Reser Req. 865-429-7716. Directions: From Pigeon Forge TL #3 approx 8 miles south off Wears Valley Road, after seven miles look for Robeson Road on your left, then a sign that says "Bear Camp Grill" once you see that sign be prepared to turn left into the resort. From Townsend, approx 7 miles north after US-321 separates from SR-73. <http://www.covecreekrvresort.com>  
**Hosts: Barretts & Browns**

**August: 19th thru 22nd Crossing Creek 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.crossingcreeksrvresort.com>  
**Hosts: Alexanders & Crumps**

**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**