

# THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

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**September 16 -- 20, 2015**

**River Bend Campground**

**Hiawassee, Georgia**

**Hosts: Newtons and Christophers**

River Bend Campground is located just south of Hiawassee, a little off of GA-75. Many of its campsites back up to the shaded banks of the peaceful Hiawassee River with its beautiful clear water, small rippling rapids, and rocky bottom. This is great place to have a rally, or just to go camping.



**Members Camping:** Ken & Margie Alexander, Van & Miriam Armstrong, Ted & Martha Barrett, Bob & Eva Bielemeier, Chris & Stella Christopher, Don & Peggy Crump, Doug & Terry Gibbs, Don & Marquita Haines, Jim & Karen Mathis, Mike & Kathy Newton, Greg Zaic, and Liz Yarbarough. Bob-Tailers were Hubert & Marsha Brown and Joe & Connie Brown.

**Visitors Camping:** There were no visitors camping with us this month. But we did

have two couples come and meet us. They were Charlie & Kelly Schobel from Hiawassee and Skip & Wendy Kazmarek from Atlanta. Hopefully, they will come and camp with us in the future

**Monday:** The only ones to arrive were the Haines and Barretts. The Haines returned home for the night as Don had an appointment early the next morning. Ted, Smokie, and I were just glad to back in our motorhome again. We chose to kick back and relax.

**Tuesday:** Fall weather is arriving. It was 46 degrees when we awoke this morning. The afternoon saw the arrival of the Christophers, Armstrongs, and Newtons. Seems all were in down time mode, staying in the campground that evening visiting and eating in our coaches.

**Wednesday:** Cool weather is still with us and so refreshing. By mid morning coaches began and continued until late afternoon. Mid afternoon we gathered for the Meet and Greet to enjoy the munchies and soft drinks provided by the hosts while catching up on the news with everyone. We were glad Doug and Terry Gibbs could attend. This is the first rally they have attended since their auto accident. Later we caravanned to Big Al's for some great pizza. It was a buffet with some going back for seconds. Later there were card games in the clubhouse and a campfire at the Crump's coach. Thanks Don for bringing providing that large load of firewood. Jack and Chris, we sure did miss you two at the campfire. (The White's motorhome was still in the shop for slideout repairs.) Visitors Charlie and Kelly Schobel came by in the afternoon to meet, visit, and learn more about motorhoming and later met us at Big Al's for dinner. Kelly will be retiring soon and they are motorhome shopping. They have already joined FMCA and are getting an education before purchasing their first coach.



**Thursday:** With lunch on your own, the group spread out to various places in Hiawassee, Hayesville, and Blairsville to include visiting the Alexanders store. Once again the campground provided fish and hushpuppies for dinner, with attendees providing accompanying dishes and delicious desserts. All enjoyed the great spread and the fish was very good. Afterwards it was time again for hand and foot, or enjoying the campfire.



Speaking of card games, take a look at the first hand dealt to Mike Newton that night. Amazing! Learned the Whites will not be joining us at all this rally. Unfortunately their motorhome did not get repaired in time to attend even the end of the rally. Hope to see you next month, you were missed.

**Friday:** For lunch we headed to Brasstown Valley Resort where we had a leisurely meal, including dessert while chatting with each other. Afterward we went off in different



directions. That evening there were two tables of cards. One table was the ladies against the men. The other table switched things up by pairing with each others spouse. Again we had another nice campfire.

**Saturday:** The morning began with the Alexanders having to leave due to a death in the family. Some went out for breakfast, others visited the Farmers Market in Blairsville. A surprise visit by Herbert & Marsha Brown topped off the afternoon. Joining us for dinner at Daniels Steak House were the Browns and Joe and Connie Gallagher. This will be the last



time the Gallaghers will be joining us at a rally until next spring, as they are headed back to Florida. We had a good meal with lots of lively and enjoyable conversation around the tables. There was only one table for cards tonight. Did you know all that eating can tire

one out? The campfire gang gathered around to burn the last of the firewood provided by Don Crump. As usual, many told "tall tales", to quote someone we all know so well. Although many have contributed with firewood this year, Don has been a real mainstay keeping us supplied.

**Sunday:** The morning was pleasant as we gathered in the clubhouse to partake of coffee, juice, donuts, and fruit while winding down from a wonderful rally. The weather was pleasant all week, not too hot and on the cool side in the mornings. Kathie gave the devotional. Everyone said their goodbyes and headed back to their motorhomes to break camp. The Haines were the only couple to stay over to Monday this time. **A Great Big THANK YOU goes to our Co-Hosts, the Newtons and the Christophers.** We also thank River Bend Campground for the fried fish and hushpuppies, they were very delicious.



***Martha Barrett***  
***Newsletter Editor***

## **RALLY REMINDERS:**

**October:** 21<sup>st</sup> thru 24<sup>th</sup> **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:** 18<sup>th</sup> thru 21<sup>st</sup> **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 3<sup>rd</sup> **Christmas Luncheon.** Amicalola Falls State Park Lodge at 11:30 AM. \$22 Buffet. For Details See Flyer.

**Hosts: Porters & Eaves**

Additional Information: The KARE For Kids organization provides necessities for children of Dawson County. Necessities include winter coats, shoes, eye glasses, medicine, etc.. They do this through raising funds. Therefore, donations should be either cash, or checks payable to KARE for Kids.