

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

April 13-17, 2016

**Pine Mountain RV Resort
Pine Mountain, GA**

**Hosts: Ed & Patricia Durrence
and Hubert & Marsha Brown**



Pine Mountain RV Resort is a very well kept RV Resort. It is very nice and clean. It is about three miles from Callaway Gardens and the Town of Pine Mountain. FDR State Park is close by as well as Warm Springs, Roosevelt's Little White House. Also close by is Wild Animal Safari and city of Lagrange which has Hill & Dales Estate. The campground has a nice activity center for hosting rallies. It is modernized with plenty of space. It is convenient to get in and out of on Highway 27. It has a variety of sight-seeing choices that are close by. A lot of Antique stores are there for your perusing. There are many good dining choices also.

Members Camping: Ken & Margie Alexander, Hubert & Marsha Brown, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Chris and Stella Christopher, Don & Peggy Crump, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Jerry & Laura Eaves, Doug & Terry Gibbs, Paul & Madonna Holko, Virginia Jackson, Fred & Shirley Lee, Jim & Karen Mathis, Jerry & Irene McKellar, Harry & Linda Sasser, and Jack White. Note: If there is an unfamiliar name above. What use to be Linda Callas is now Harry and Linda Sasser. Harry joined our group at the rally. Welcome to the Georgia Mountaineers, Harry!

Visitors Camping: First Time Visitors: Steve & Betty Sue Parks of Commerce, GA arrived on Tuesday. Ann & Wayne Mickey of Anderson, SC came in on Wednesday, as did Sherry and Doug Wright of Acworth, GA also arriving on Wednesday.



Second Time Visitors: We had no second time visitors at this rally.

Guests: The Mathise's family, Dave & Dawn Sterling and Heaven & Shannon Larson joined us for the Saturday night Old Fashioned Hot Dog Roast at the big fire pit.

Sunday: The McKellars arrived Sunday afternoon with the Durrences and Browns already there. It was a nice day.

Monday: The day brought the arrivals of Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Jim & Karen Mathis and Jack White. Everybody went their own way for dinner. Fast Track game was played in the Activities Building. The pre-rally fun has begun.

Tuesday: Three more coaches arrived today, Paul & Madonna Holko and Chris & Stella Christopher and visitors Steve and Betty Sue Parks. This brought the number of coaches up to 9. A large group gathered at the Durrences coach to chat and rest and get to know the visitors. A group of 11 people went to the 27th Street Grill in Pine Mountain for dinner. The group included: Hubert & Marsha Brown, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Jerry & Irene McKellar, Steve & Betty Sue Parks, and Jack White. After Dinner, a group of 6 played Fast Track game in the Activities Building.

Wednesday: More coaches arrived today which was Alexanders, Crumps, Eaves, Gibbs, and Lees. Also visitors Wayne & Anne Mickey and Doug & Sherry Wright arrived today. This brought the number of coaches up to 16. The rally officially began today at 3:00 PM where we had a Meet and Greet at the pavilion. The visitors were introduced and welcomed by Dorris Carpenter. Ed Durrence welcomed everyone and gave information about the agenda and changes. The hosts had information about the area displayed on a nearby table. Ed Durrence introduced Brenda Sellers, group/activities director for Pine Mountain RV Resort. She welcomed us and told us to let them know if they could make our stay any better. Then it was time for snacks of muffins, chips, banana chips, drinks and water. It



was time to chit chat and catch up with each other. Everyone seemed to enjoy the fellowship. A large group went to the Oyster House at 5:00 P.M., with others going to different places for dinner. At 7:30 Ed showed the movie RV on the new big screen in the Activities Building with Boiled Peanuts and Trail Mix to munch on.

Thursday: We woke up to rain and it had also rained during the night. The wind seemed to blow the whole week. The day was an “own your own day” with people doing different things. Today brought the arrival of the Sassers and Virginia Jackson. This brought the number of coaches up to 18. At 5:30 we met at the Activities Building for Pizza and Ice Cream provided by Dean Woodruff of Integrity RV. Dean and his wife Peggy provided door prizes that were given away after Dean gave a talk about his company and answered some questions. Later in the evening the fire pit was a scene for socializing and there was a table of 6 for Fast Track games going on in the activities building.



Friday: The weather was cool first thing in the morning and there was also a cool breeze blowing all week. It sprinkled off and on all day so the camp fire was rained out. Lunch was on our own. Friday Dinner was at Crickets Restaurant in Pine Mountain with cars leaving the campground around 5:00. A group of 31 people enjoyed Crickets. The blessing was given by Dorris Carpenter. Happy Anniversary to Steve and Betty Sue Parks. They chose a different location to celebrate their anniversary. Back at the camp, there was a table of 6 for Hand and Foot and a table of 6 for Fast Track. This was the only night Hand and Foot was played.

Saturday: A couple of coaches left early. A game of Fast Track was played in the afternoon. The agenda for the evening was an Old Fashioned Hot Dog Roast at the big



fire pit at 6:00 p.m. The campfire was started in the early afternoon for people to gather and talk. Afterwards, tents were put up and everything arranged in anticipation. The hot

dogs and marshmallows were roasted over the open fire with the condiments and hot dog fixings provided by the hosts. Virginia Jackson brought a congealed salad and strawberry shortcake. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. After the meal and fellowship, the fire was then maintained as a campfire for our campfire lovers to enjoy. And, for the game lovers, Fast Track games were played in the pavilion.

Sunday: The weather was beautiful as we gathered at the pavilion for coffee, and donuts. The blessing was given by Dorris Carpenter. Around 9:15 AM, we had a short devotional by Ethel Carpenter. Then it was time to say our goodbyes, and except for a few staying over to Monday, hit the road on the way home.

A Great Big THANK YOU goes to our Co-Hosts Ed & Patricia Durrence and Hubert & Marsha Brown. We enjoyed the rally very much.

In closing, we want to thank our **Visitors** for attending our Rally. We hope you had a good time and will come back again. And, also a big THANK YOU to Peggy and Dean Woodruff of Integrity RV Service Center for their continued support of our Chapter.

**Irene McKellar,
Substituting for Martha Barrett,
Newsletter Editor**

Editors Note: I want to say a special Thank You to Irene for writing the newsletter in my absence and also to Jack White and Irene for the photos. Ted and I truly appreciate the support from everyone that allowed us to take this wonderful trip to Utah. We are enjoying it so much, although we do truly miss our Georgia Mountaineers family.

Announcement:

Since the rally, the Sassers and Alexanders have stepped up to Host our May Rally in Hiawassee. We still need hosts on July 27th thru the 30th at Holiday TRAV-L-Park in Chattanooga TN, and a co-host for Sept 14-17th River Vista RV Resort in Dillard.

RALLY REMINDER:

May: 18th thru 21st Bald Mountain Camping Resort. Hiawasse GA. 751 Gander Gap Road. Reservations required, Phone 706- 896-8896. Directions: Leaving downtown Hiawasse going east, turn right on GA-288, then turn left on Fodder Creek RD. Go 3.5 miles, campground on left. See <http://www.baldmountainpark.com> Hosts: Saspers & Alexanders

June: 15th thru 18th Leisure Acres Campground. Cleveland GA. Reser Req. 888-748-6344. Directions: S-bnd from Cleveland, From jct of US-129 and SR-115 S 3.8 miles to Westmoreland Rd, west 0.5 mi (L). Or N bnd From Clermont N on US 129 to jct of US-129 and Westmoreland Road (2.8 mi N of Jct of US-129 and SR-254) W 0.5 mi on Westmoreland Road (L). See <http://www.leisureacrescampground.com> Hosts: Barretts & McKellars

July: 27th thru 30th Holiday TRAV-L-PARK. Chattanooga, TN. Reser Req. 800-693-2877. Directions: NB I-75 Exit 1B, SB Exit 1, west on US-41, ¼ mile to Mack Smith Road, go left/south 0.7 mile, RV Park is on the right. <http://www.chattacamp.com> Hosts: None