

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

June 15-19, 2016

**Leisure Acres Campground
Cleveland, GA**

**Hosts: Ted & Martha Barrett and
Jerry and Irene McKeller**



Leisure Acres Campground is located on Westmoreland Road a few miles south of Cleveland in a relaxed setting with both a small fishing lake and a creek. Many of the campsites are located along the creek bank. The clubhouse has a large meeting room, nice kitchen, grills outside on the back side and a good area for cooking a Low Country Boil.

Members Camping: Ted & Martha Barrett, Raymond & Donna Birt, Pat Bryant, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Chris & Stella Christopher, Don & Peggy Crump, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Doug & Terry Gibbs, Virginia Jackson, Jim and Karen Mathis, Jerry & Irene McKellar, Jean Morris, Willard & Sue Swanson, Jack White, and Greg & Rose Ziac.

Visitors: Wayne & Anne Mickey, who first visited at Pine Mountain in April, returned to visit again and joined our Chapter. Welcome to the Georgia Mountaineers.



Bob-Tails: Those Bob-Tailing in were Don & Marquita Haines, Don & Pat Donnelly, Bob & Eva Bielemeier, Ken & Margie Alexander, and Joe & Connie Gallagher. Plus Gail Porterfield, Terry Gibbs sister, came in and spent Saturday with them.

Monday: Those arriving in the afternoon were Raymond and Donna Birt along with granddaughter Emily Wilson of Macon, Ted and Martha Barrett, Jack White, Jerry and Irene McKeller, and Dorris and Ethel Carpenter. It was back to back rallies for Virginia Jackson (a member of two clubs); as she arrived the previous week to attend a rally with a Rambler

Club and stayed on to attend our rally. We greeted each other as we arrived. Then even though it was a pleasantly warm summer day, most of us were content to stay inside and relax where it was cool. The swimming pool was a draw in the afternoon for the Birts, especially Emily. Later most of us went to Glenda's for our evening meal. The salad bar at Glenda's was a big hit. We spend an extended time sitting at the tables catching up on the news while enjoying our meal. That evening there were no games or campfire.



Tuesday: There were no arrivals today. The McKellars left early to take their car to Alpharetta for some scheduled work, the Birts, with granddaughter Emily, visited Baby Land, coming home with a lovely one with Brunette hair. Others visited Helen and other sites along the way. Meanwhile back at the campground, the Birts alerted us of the presence of us a large turtle outside their motorhome. We watched it for some time going in different directions before finally heading up the bank. We decided it was looking for a place lay eggs. Perhaps it made its way to the pond. We never saw it again during our stay. Shortly thereafter, storm clouds rolled in with thunder and lightening, rapidly followed by a long, heavy downpour, minus any more lightning. The rain came so quickly some of us got soaked before getting inside the motorhome. The McKellars were returning to the campground just as the storm began. Jerry braved the rain and dashed for the motorhome; Irene opted for staying dry and sat it out in the car. Naturally we did not have a campfire that evening. But, there was a good evening of games and fellowship in the clubhouse. Emily, who is 10, was introduced the board game Fast Track. Rumor is she was quick learner.



Wednesday: Some visited Anna Ruby Falls today including the Birts. Arriving today were Pat Bryant, Chris and Stella Christopher, Don and Peggy Crump, Doug and Terry Gibbs, Jim and Karen Mathis, Wayne and Anne Mickey, Jean Morris, Willard and Sue Swanson, and Greg and Rose Zaic along with grandson Cameron Curry. This was the second visit for the Mickeys, thus making them eligible to become members. Meet and Great was held in the clubhouse in the afternoon for light snacks and visiting before Ted went over the agenda for the week. We went to dinner that evening at the El Sambereo Mexican restaurant (no

surprise here for those that know Ted's fondness for Mexican food). Then back to the campground for games at the clubhouse and a campfire at Jack's motorhome.

Thursday: There no new arrivals today. The local ice cream shop was a draw this week and was visited by the Birts today. Later back at the campground Emily joined Cameron in the swimming pool. In the evening, all gathered at the club house for a simple meal of grilled hot dogs with "fixings." Joining the campers for dinner, were Don and Marquita



Haines who bob-tailed in. For dessert, the Zaics generously provided a huge, delicious German Chocolate cake that quickly disappeared. A big Thank You to Greg and Rose for the cake that was obviously enjoyed. Afterward there were games in the clubhouse and a campfire at Jack's motorhome. Emily again joined in the Fast Track game and across the



room a Hand and Foot game was played. Back at Jack's motorhome, Jean Morris and Pat Bryant joined the rest of us at the campfire. Jean, a charter member of the Georgia Mountaineers, is seldom able to attend our rallies, so it was very good to see her. She and Pat Bryant shared some stories of the past. When it came bedtime for Cameron, Pat taught him a little song. All in all, it was a very good day.

Friday: Ed & Patricia Durrence arrived in the morning with news that their son was home and doing good following surgery, even walked a mile yesterday accompanied by Ed. We were all glad to see them and thankful their son was doing so well. Again some stayed

around the campground visiting with each other, while others were off to visit nearby areas. Then it was off to the Western Sizzlin for the evening meal that featured catfish, (a favorite for some of our members) on the buffet that evening. Joining us there were Don and Pat Donnelly and Don and Marquita Haines. Then back to the campground for games and a campfire. Emily went home today to be with her father on Father's Day and she was missed by Cameron.

Saturday: We gathered in the clubhouse at 10:00 AM for the Business Meeting. The main item on the agenda was the election of the Nominating Committee, which were Raymond Birt, Terry Gibbs, and Jerry McKellar. Driving in for the meeting were Bob and Eva Bielemeier and Don and Marquita Haines. Following the Sheriff's Report, Bob stated that due to the complications with scheduling Eva's doctor appointments; there is no way to determine when they will be able to attend the next rally. Therefore, he temporarily turned over the ice cream fund to the Treasurer, Don Crump. Ted announced that Wayne and Anne Mickey had turned in their application and they were welcomed to the Georgia Mountaineers. We went in different directions for lunch. Some ate in their motorhome while others went out to various places. But, I think all had a very light lunch in anticipation of the evening meal. That evening we were once again at the clubhouse, this time for a Low Country Boil. Bob-tailing in for dinner were Ken and Margie Alexander, Joe and Connie Gallagher, and Don and Marquita Haines. There was plenty food for all, with some



commenting that was the best Low Country Boil yet. Terry Gibbs sister Gail Porterfield, spent the day visiting with them in the campground. Although Gail did not eat with us, she stayed until evening just to visit a little while with Connie Gallagher. Gail had met Connie once before while visiting Terry at one of our rallies. Afterwards there was a campfire and a table of Hand and Foot and one for Fast Track.

Sunday: We gathered in clubhouse to enjoy the pastries, coffee, orange juice, and cantaloupe while visiting with each other. The devotional was given by Raymond Birt and the Hosts were thanked for a great job. With goodbyes until next time, we departed for home.

In closing: We want to welcome Wayne & Anne Mickey to the Georgia Mountaineers.

Cameron, the Zaic's grandson, enjoyed visiting the lake each day to feed the fish and some of us were glad to supply bread for that purpose.

This is the time of the year when many will be making extended trips and we wish for all safe travels.



Martha Barrett
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Announcements: We still need Rally Hosts for next month's rally at Chattanooga.

RALLY REMINDER:

July: 27th thru 30th **Holiday TRAV-L-PARK.** Chattanooga, TN. Reser Req. 800-693-2877. See <http://www.chattacamp.com>
Hosts: None

August: 17th thru 20th **Great Outdoors RV Resort.** Franklin NC. Reser Req. 828-349-0412. See <http://www.gorvresort.com>
Hosts: Mathises & Millers

September: 14th thru 17th **River Vista RV Resort.** Dillard GA. Reser Req. 706-746-2722. See <http://www.rvmountainvillage.com>
Hosts: Zaics & Crumps

