

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

October 19 - 23, 2016
Spring Lake RV Resort
Crossville TN
Hosts: Armstrongs and Birts

Spring Lake RV Resort is a lovely, peaceful campground, nestled in the trees with a small lake in the middle, just four miles north of I-40. It has two clubhouses. The one we have used at each of our rallies is located on the back side of the lake. It contains a nice kitchen. Best of all the room is large enough to set up lots of tables. An added plus is a reading area as well as a TV. Now for a history lesson on Crossville. Crossville was developed at the



intersection of a branch of the Great Stage Road, which connected the Knoxville area with the Nashville area, and the Kentucky Stock Road, a cattle drovers' path connecting Middle Tennessee with Kentucky and later extending south to Chattanooga. These two roads are roughly paralleled by modern US-70 and US-127 respectively. Around 1800, an early American settler named Samuel Lambeth opened a store at this junction, and the small community that developed around it became known as Lambeth's Crossroads. The store was located at what has become the modern intersection of Main Street and Stanley Street just south of the courthouse. By the time a post office was established in the 1830s, the community had taken the name of Crossville.

Members Camping: Ron & Belinda Agnew, Ken & Margie Alexander, Van & Miriam Armstrong, Ted & Martha Barrett, Raymond & Donna Birt, Hubert & Marsha Brown, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Don & Peggy Crump, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Doug & Terry Gibbs, Paul & Madonna Holko, Virginia Jackson, Jim & Karen Mathis, Jerry & Irene McKellar, Wayne & Anne Mickey, Mike & Kathie Newton, Dave & Donna Porter, Sam & Dottie Reese, Harry & Linda Sasser, Martin & Jauanita Wellborn, and Greg & Rose Zaic. We had a very good turnout with a total of 22 coaches.

Visitors: Our only visitors this rally were Eldridge & Bobbie Cannon. They arrived on Thursday all the way from Saint Simons Island. This was their second visit and they joined our Chapter -- Welcome to the Georgia Mountaineers. They first visited with us at Sugar Mill RV Park near Ochlocknee last November.

Guests: Carol & CA Bennett from Indiana came down and stayed with the Zaics a few nights. Carol is Greg's sister and they stayed with them in their coach. We were glad to meet them and hope they had a safe trip home.

Monday: Those arriving on Monday were The Agnews, Armsrtongs, Barretts, Carpenters, Durrences, and Reeses. The Birts and McKellers arrived on Sunday. We greeted each other and visited during the afternoon, even had a game of Hand and Foot on a nearby picnic table at one campsite. That evening saw most of us getting into cars bound for the Cracker Barrel, where we all enjoyed a good evening meal. Then back to the campground for R&R and later a game of Fast Track in the clubhouse.

Tuesday: We were graced with a beautiful day. As usual we walked around and visited with each other during the morning. Then later some ventured out and about in the area. Many went to Cumberland State Park for lunch where the food was delicious and the scenery from the large windows was terrific. Arrivals today were the Browns, Mathises, Newtons, and the Zaics. Many spent the afternoon visiting within the campground with each other. The restaurant of choice tonight was the Catfish Cabin, where the food was plentiful. Plus it's just a short drive from the campground. Tonight, games in the clubhouse rounded out a pleasant day among friends.

Wednesday: Those arriving today were the Alexanders, Crumps, Gibbs, Holkos, Virginia Jackson, Mickeys, Porters, Sassers, and Wellborns. The rally officially kicked off at the Meet & Greet with light snacks in the clubhouse. The hosts had done a great job, making the room look inviting with tablecloths and table decorations in a fall theme. Donna's creative talents and energy were also evident on a side table. She had made a Frosty the Snowman Christmas decoration, each with a slight variation, for each couple attending. We





lingered long afterward visiting with each other. Dinner was at Gondola's Pizza, Seafood and Steakhouse, a large restaurant that easily accommodated our big group. There were no games or campfire tonight. We chose instead to go back to our coaches to watch the presidential debate.

Thursday: Cumberland Mountain General Store, with a 50's style diner serving old fashioned (simply delicious) milk shakes, and Muddy Pond General Store were popular draws for many of the attendees. Others



spent time in the downtown area and the outlet stores. Donna alerted us of a church bizarre being held near the campground and many went there as well. That evening we caravanned to the Cancun Mexican Restaurant under threatening clouds and light mist. We all had a delicious Mexican meal and one couple especially enjoyed a



Mango Margarita. Back at the campground, the club house was quickly filled with 4 tables of game players, two with Fast Track and two with Hand and Foot. Tonight there was also a campfire, the time this week.

Friday: This morning we awoke to much cooler temperatures and turned on our heaters for the first time this season. Many stayed in the campground today and just visited with other couples, while others made short trips around the area. That evening we feasted on barbeque and smoked chicken with all the fixings at Lefty's BBQ Restaurant. We almost



filled up the locally owned restaurant located near the campground. They put up a divider, creating a private area for us. The food was served family style, i.e., the platters of meat and bowls of side dishes were placed on each table to be passed around. One individual, who shall remain anonymous, topped off the meal with a bowl of blackberry cobbler served with a huge scoop of ice cream. Thus tempting the will power of a couple seated nearby. Then it was back to the campground for games and a campfire. Again there were four tables of games, playing either cards or Fast Track.

Saturday: A business meeting, to elect the officers for next year, was conducted that morning in the club house. All the nominees were elected by a unanimous vote. Installation will take place at the November business meeting. New members Eldridge & Bobbi Cannon were welcomed to the Chapter. Based on discussions, it is now highly recommended that we pay the rally fee each month by check rather than cash. This will make it so much easier for the Treasurer, who inherited this task earlier in the year with the change to the Set Rally Fee. All agreed. In the afternoon the ladies gathered in the club house armed with glue guns for a craft session. Under the tutelage of Donna, our craft expert, we each made a Frosty the Snowman Christmas decoration. Thank you Donna! Shortly thereafter, the men joined us and afternoon games were quickly underway. All too soon it was time



to eat again. Tonight it was at the club house. The hosts prepared lots of Chili, and the hot dogs were roasted on the campfire by the hosts and volunteers. Attendees provided plenty of side dishes and desserts. All the food was good -- the side dishes were delicious and the deserts simply outstanding. There are some very good cooks in our club! Shortly thereafter, games were underway and the campfire was still burning from roasting the hotdogs. A good ending to a wonderful day.



given by Raymond. The Rally Hosts were thanked for a great job. And, all too soon it was time for goodbyes until next time. In summary, we had a very good rally.

Sunday: By 9 a.m. nearly everyone was already gathered in the clubhouse. Each with our favorite mug in hand lined up for a cup of fresh coffee. The sausage biscuits were hot and tasty. The devotional was

Announcements:

It is dues renewal time. **If not paid by 1 December, they will be past due.** Again this year, dues are \$6 person or \$12 per couple. Please mail your check made payable to the Georgia Mountaineers to: Don Crump, PO Box 38, Baldwin GA 30511.

If you do not plan on renewing, we will certainly be sad to see you go. But if that is the case, please email Don at doncrump@live.com so he can take your name off the list for follow ups. Also, if you want, we can add your name to the Friends of the Chapter. Our Friends of the Chapter get email Sunshine Reports, are still on distribution for newsletters, and receive some emails during the year. Plus, you are always invited to come and attend rallies or Bob-Tail in for events, and attend our Christmas Luncheon. In that case, include Bears1031@gmail.com in your email's addresses to let the President know you want to be added.

Elected Officers: The officers below will be sworn in at the November Business Meeting and assume office at that time.

President - Ted Barrett
First Vice President - Ed Durrence
Second Vice President/Wagon Master - Jack White
Treasurer - Don Crump
Secretary - Terry Gibbs
Newsletter Editor - Martha Barrett
National Director - Doug Gibbs
Alternate National Director - Greg Zaic

Appointed Positions: These officers will be appointed/reappointed to their positions at the November Business Meeting.

Sheriff - Bob Bielemeier
Sunshine Reporter - Kathie Newton
Devotional Leader - Wayne Mickey
Webmaster - Ted Barrett

John & June Huffman: John and June are former members of the Georgia Mountaineers. Both served as officers in the past and John is the first member to serve as President for three different years. They were bestowed Honorary Membership in the Georgia Mountaineers back in 2011. However, due to health reasons, they moved to Washington in October 2013, to be with their daughter. Recently they were moved to an assisted living facility. Their new address is: John & June Huffman, C/O Aegis of Kent, 10421 SE 248th St, Apartment 106, Kent, WA 98030. They are on our Friends of the Chapter list and would love to hear from their friends back here in Georgia.

Martha Barrett
Newsletter Editor

Rally Reminders:

November: 16th thru 19th Coastal Georgia RV Resort. Brunswick GA. See <http://www.coastalgarvresort.com> Hosts: Carpenters & Agnews

December: 7th Christmas Luncheon -- Smith House, Dahlonega, GA. \$15.99 each plus tax and 18% gratuity. Charity TBD Hosts: Longs