

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

September 14 - 18, 2016
River Vista Mountain Village
Dillard GA
Hosts: Zaics & Crumps



River Vista Mountain Village Resort is a very nice RV park with many amenities. But its main attraction is being nestled in the mountains of scenic north Georgia. Waterfalls can be found all around the area. There are beautiful views and vistas in almost any direction.

Members Camping: Ken & Margie Alexander, Ted & Martha Barrett, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Chris & Stella Christopher, Don & Peggy Crump, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Larry & Carole Hilliard, Virginia Jackson, Jim & Karen Mathis, Wayne & Anne Mickey, Willard & Sue Swanson, Jack White, and Greg & Rose Zaic.

Visitors: First time visitors were Dale & Sandra Lemke from Dawson, GA, Bill & Jo Anne Lyles from Rome, GA, and Frank & Frances Brown from Douglas, GA. Second time visitors were Doug & Sherry Wright from Acworth, GA and Nick & Darlene Knowlton from Sugar Hill, GA. Both the Wrights and Knowltons became the newest members of our Chapter. Welcome to the Georgia Mountaineers.



Monday: The Carpenters, Durrences and Swansons arrived in the afternoon to join the Barretts who had arrived on Sunday. That evening it was off to the Country Cottage for dinner and good conversation. Then it was back to our coaches for rest and relaxation for the rest of the evening.

Tuesday: Those arriving today were Jack White, Zaics, Mathises, and first time visitors Dale and Sandra Lemke. All pretty much stayed in the campground except for quick trips for one thing or another which usually led them to Wal-Mart. For dinner it was a trip to the nearby La Cabana restaurant where many ordered Fajitas for Two. The Carpenters drove back to attend their granddaughters' ball games. In the evening many gathered at the Barretts coach for some catch up conversation while sitting under the awning.

Wednesday: The official start of the rally began today. The first arrivals were the Knowltons in their newly purchased 1991 Vogue. It was quite a find, even though they had to drive to Texas to pick it up. Those arriving afterwards were the Alexanders, Crumps, Christophers, Hilliards, Jackson, Miceys, Lyles, and the Wrights. Those arriving earlier in the week ventured out to visit local shops, fruit stands, or just went to lunch. By early afternoon, it was time to greet the new arrivals and visit until the Meet and Greet. There we were treated to some delicious cookies and pound cake, topped off with Oh So Good ice

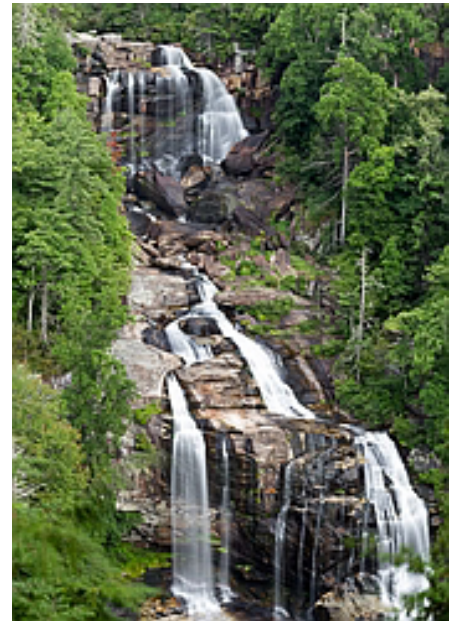


cream. Ice tea and soft drinks were also provided. After announcements by Jack and Ted, most continued to linger; greeting the visitors and catching up on news with each other. Many expressed an interest in the Knowlton's coach, so they extended an invitation to all to



come in and see it. The coach looks great outside. The surprise was the inside. Although 25 years old, it is in amazing like new condition and a great example of the quality of the Vogue coaches from that timeframe. That evening most met at the La Cabana Mexican Restaurant for a hearty meal and good conversation. Back at the campground it was games in the club house and a campfire near the pool. The meeting room was busy that evening with tables of Fast Track, Hand and Foot, and another with the card game Golf.

Thursday: The Browns arrived today, thus making a total of 18 coaches for this rally. The attendees took full advantage of great day to explore the area. Some took drives to Cashiers and Highlands. Others chose hiking various trails to include waterfalls such as Whitewater and Dry Falls. Some explored the downtown Dillard area to visit local shops and eat lunch before returning to the campground. Some stayed in the campground visiting or doing those pesky chores we all have to do sometimes. For dinner we gathered at the Cupboard, a popular local eatery with a varied menu. Our group was so large we assigned to an area by ourselves. Nobody went away hungry. In the evening there were two tables of card games, Hand and Foot, and Golf. A campfire was held at the pavilion located near the pool.



Friday: Today brought a hint of the fall weather soon to come. It was a pleasant morning for walking around the campground and visiting with each other. In the early afternoon, some enjoyed watching a small house being trucked in and set up in back part of the park and chat with the excited owners. Two couples enjoyed the afternoon trout fishing. The evening found us gathered at Fat Buddies for more good food and conversation. Later in the evening, there were more games in the clubhouse and another campfire.



Saturday: Many stayed around the campground today. The nearby fruit stands had lots of good produce and many stopped by at various times during the week. Some stopped by again to shop for some to take home the next day. For lunch some went downtown

Franklin to the Gazebo and had a delicious creek side lunch of various sandwiches. For dinner the Hosts provided fried chicken and the attendees pitched in with a side dish or dessert. What can I say -- we have some good cooks. No one went away hungry and many of us ate way too much. We rounded out the rally with another campfire and lots of games in the clubhouse, with nearby TV's tuned to the college football games.



Sunday: While coffee and pastries officially begin at 9:00AM, there were many in the clubhouse early waiting for the coffee to finish perking. And the wait was well worth it as the coffee was very good, especially with the pastries provided by the Rally Hosts. Conversations and good-byes also included comments of what a good rally it was. Some of the visitors announced they had already made reservations for Brunswick in November. Around 9:20AM, Ethel led us in a short devotional, which included a moment of silent prayer for Jeanie Baer. The rally ended with a grateful Thank You to the Rally Hosts, the Crumps and Zaics -- Job well done.

Announcements:

First, it is with great regret and sorry that we recognize the passing of one of our members, Jeanie Baer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dan and their families. Her obituary is posted on our website under Sunshine Reports.

Second, next month at Crossville we will have our election of officers for next year. The candidates put forth by our Nominating Committee are listed below. Remember, this is an open election and anyone can be nominated from the floor.

Elected Officers:

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:

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

Martha Barrett
Newsletter Editor

Rally Reminders:

October: 19th thru 22nd Spring Lake RV Resort. Crossville TN. See
<http://www.springlakervtn.com> Hosts: Birts & Armstrongs

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

