

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

April 19-23, 2017

Pine Mountain RV Resort – Pine Mountain, GA

**Hosts: Hubert & Marsha
Brown and Jerry & Irene
McKellar**



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 the city of LaGrange which has Hill & Dales Estate and Explorations in Antiquity Center/Biblical History Center. The campground has a nice activities building for hosting rallies. The campground is modernized with plenty of space. It is convenient to get in and out of on Highway 27. There are 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, but very few that can handle a large group.

Members Camping: Hubert & Marsha Brown, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Don & Peggy Crump, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Jerry & Laura Eaves, Doug & Terry Gibbs, Virginia Jackson, Nick & Darlene Knowlton, Dale & Sandra Lemke, Bill & Jo Anne Lyles, Wayne & Anne Mickey, Jerry & Irene McKellar, Jack & Millie O'Donovan, Mike & Kathie Newton, Sam & Dottie Reese, and Jack White.

Visitors Camping: First Time Visitors: Mike and Anita Welborn of Clarkesville, GA came in on Monday. Ron & Karen Rush of Franklin, GA and Scott & April Phillips of Dallas came in on Wednesday. We hope you had a good time and will come back and join our Chapter of FMCA.

Second Time Visitors: Roy & Kathy Perry of Demorest, GA arrived on Tuesday. The Perrys joined our Chapter at this rally – Welcome to the Georgia Mountaineers.

Guests: Two sisters of Hubert Brown, Elaine Hill and Linda Horton, stayed in a cabin in Pine Mountain RV Resort and visited with us in the Activities Building for Pizza Dinner on Wednesday Night. They also ate with us at our scheduled activities Thursday and Friday also. They played Hand and Foot a couple of nights also. We enjoyed having them both as a guest.

Sunday: The Browns were the early birds for this rally and arrived on Sunday.

Monday: The day brought the arrivals of Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Jerry & Laura Eaves, Sam & Dottie Reese, Jerry & Irene McKellar, Jack White, and Mike & Anita Welborn. Eleven people went to the Oyster House for dinner. Fast Track games were played in the Activities Building with 4 guys playing each other and 4 ladies playing each other. The pre-rally fun had begun.

Tuesday: This day brought the arrival of three more coaches which included Dale & Sandra Lemke, Doug & Terry Gibbs and second time visitors Roy & Kathy Perry. This brought the number of coaches up to 11. Lunch for the hosts was at Green Tomato Buffet and then the hosts went shopping for food and supplies. Some people went sight-seeing while others stayed in the coaches out of the heat. A group of 9 people went to the Country Store in Pine Mountain for dinner. The group included: Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Jerry & Laura Eaves, Doug & Terry Gibbs, and Jack White. No games were played tonight due to the other RV group having the Activities Building for the night.



Wednesday: More coaches arrived today which were Don & Peggy Crump, Virginia Jackson, Nick & Darlene Knowlton, Bill & Jo Anne Lyles, Wayne & Anne Mickey, Mike & Kathie Newton, Jack & Millie O'Donovan, and first time visitors Ron & Karen Rush and Scott & April Phillips. This brought the number of coaches up to 20 with 38 people attending plus 2 guests. The rally officially began today at 2:30 PM where we had a meet and greet at the Activities Building. The visitors were introduced and welcomed by Ed Durrence. Jerry McKellar welcomed everyone and gave information about the agenda. Wayne Mickey gave thanks for the food. Then it was snack time on cookies, drinks, and water. It was time to chit chat and catch up with each other. Everyone seemed to enjoy the fellowship. At 5:30 we had Pizza from Fox's Pizza Den, Salad, and Ice Cream for dinner. At 7:30 we had two tables of Fast Track games in the Activities Building. Jack had a fire going in the fire pit with a good many in attendance.



Thursday: The morning started off cool in the low 60's but it quickly warmed up to the 80's. The morning was on your

own with people doing different things. At 1:00 we met for lunch at The Oyster House. A group of 36 people gathered for lunch and we filled up the room. Any more people and they would not be able to accommodate our group. Wayne Mickey gave the blessing for the food. The afternoon was on your own. Some went to the Antique Shops and others came back and took a nap. Others were relaxing outside in the shade. I saw a little wood carving being done and very good carving I might add. Later in the evening the fire pit was a scene for socializing. There were two tables of 6 for Fast Track games, a table of Hand and Foot and a card game of Golf and also Phase 10 going on in the activities building.



Friday: Lunch was on our own today. The Welborns found the Explorations in Antiquity Center/Biblical History Center in LaGrange today and brought back a brochure to share. Friday Dinner was at Crickets Restaurant in Pine Mountain with cars leaving the campground around 5:15. A group of 32 people enjoyed Crickets. The blessing was given by Wayne Mickey. We paused at Crickets after dinner to take a group photo and also get a photo of the visitors and guests even though one couple of visitors did not make it to dinner. In the photo is Left to Right: the Welborns, the Rushes, Hubert Browns sisters Elaine and Linda, and the Phillips. Please be sure to check out the Photo Gallery on the Georgia Mountaineers website to see all the photos. Back at the camp, there was a table of 6 for Hand and Foot, two tables of 6 for Fast Track and a game of Golf and also Phase 10 in the Activities Building. Jack had the campfire going and I heard they were also roasting marshmallows.



Saturday: A cool morning with a slight breeze blowing started off our morning. Virginia Jackson left today. Today was an on your own day to explore the area. Some walked around Pine Mountain while others hung out at the campground. We left the campground at 5:20 and met for dinner at San Marcos Mexican Restaurant. A group of 21 people gathered there. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. The Lemkes and Knowltons tried a restaurant called Hunters Pub in LaGrange. They highly recommended it for us to try at another time. It probably wouldn't accommodate a group, but individuals can try it on their own. It opens at 5 and is a very popular restaurant. After the meal, there was a fire in the fire pit and 2 tables of Fast Track games, Golf and Phase 10 card games played in the Activities Building.

Sunday: It was sprinkling rain off and on as we gathered at the Activities Building for coffee, and sausage & biscuits. Around 9:30 AM, we had a short devotional by Wayne Mickey. 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 Hubert & Marsha Brown and Jerry & Irene McKellar. We enjoyed the rally very much.

In closing, again we want to thank our **Visitors** and **Guests** for attending our Rally. We hope you had a good time and will come back again.



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

Editors's Note: Thanks to Irene, who did a great job preparing the newsletter this month.

Announcements: A great big Georgia Mountaineer **WELCOME** to our newest members Roy & Kathy Perry of Demorest, GA. We are looking forward to camping with you.

Our prayers go out to those of our group that are sick and had surgeries. Ted Barrett, Raymond Birt and Ken Alexander, Dottie Reese and are wished a speedy recovery. Get well soon!

We still need hosts for Top of Georgia in Helen on May 17-20, Valley River RV Resort in Murphy, NC, and Spring Lake in Crossville, TN. We are in need of someone to host the Christmas Party also.

RALLY REMINDER:

May: 17th thru 20th Top of Georgia Airstream Park Helen GA. 14255 Highway 75N, Helen, GA. Reservations Required 706-878-3590 GPS coordinates: 34° 46' 12.64" N -- 83° 44' 46.49" W See <http://topofgeorgia.net> **Hosts:**

June: 14th thru 17th Leisure Acres Campground. Cleveland GA. Reservations Required 888-748-6344. Directions: South-bound from Cleveland, From junction of US-129 and SR-115 S 3.8 miles to Westmoreland Rd, west 0.5 mi (L). Or North bound From Clermont N on US 129 to junction of US-129 and Westmoreland Road (2.8 mi N of Junction of US-129 and SR-254) W 0.5 mi on Westmoreland Road (L). See <http://www.leisureacrescampground.com> **Hosts: Durrences & Mickeys**

July: 12th thru 15th Valley River RV Resort. Murphy, NC. Reservations Required 828-385-4220 975 Regal Road. See <http://www.murphyakervresort.com> **Hosts:**