

# THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

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**June 14 - 18, 2017**  
**Leisure Acres Campground**  
**Cleveland, GA**

**Hosts: Ed & Patricia Durrence**  
**Wayne & Anne Mickey**



**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 and a good area for cooking a Low Country Boil.

**Members Camping:** Van & Miriam Armstrong, Ted & Martha Barrett, Hubert & Marsha Brown, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Don & Peggy Crump, Bruce & Judy Diaddigo, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Virginia Jackson, Nick & Darlene Knowlton, Dale & Sandra Lemke, Wayne & Anne Mickey, Roy & Kathy Perry, Sam & Dottie Reese, Harry & Linda Sasser, Jack White, Doug & Sherry Wright, and Greg & Rose Zaic.



**Visitors:** Visitors were Danny & Faye Holt from Dawson and Scott & April Phillips from Dallas. This was Scott & April's second visit and they joined our Chapter.

**Guests:** Patricia & Marvin Voyna with grandchildren Collin & Audrey Fiene.

**Bob-Tailing:** Mike & Anita Welborn bob-tailed in on Thursday.

**Monday:** Those arriving today were Ted & Martha Barrett, Hubert & Marsha Brown, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, and Ed & Patricia Durrence. 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 this rally. We greeted each other as we arrived. Virginia and the Barretts went to lunch at Glenda's where they enjoyed a great salad. The Durrences, Browns, and Carpenters ate at the Soda Café. The Durrences and Carpenters joined the Alexanders at the Cottage House for diner. The Carpenters and the Browns played Fast Track that evening, while the rest of us just kicked back and rested in our coaches.

**Tuesday:** We were a quiet group this morning, taking our time to get out and about. The afternoon saw the arrival of Van & Miriam Armstrong, Don & Peggy Crump, Bruce & Judy Diaddigo, Danny & Faye Holt, Nick & Darlene Knowlton, Dale & Sandra Lemke, Wayne & Anne Mickey, Roy & Kathy Perry, Scott & April Phillips, Sam & Dottie Reese, Marvin & Patricia Voyna, Jack White, Doug & Sherry Wright, and Greg & Rose Zaic with grandson Cameron. More went to dinner at the Cottage House for the second evening in a row. And that night there was a campfire going long before dark. It attracted almost everyone that was not in club house playing Fast Track.

**Wednesday:** The Soda Shop located on the Square was again a popular place for lunch today for those that arrived earlier in the week. The Soda Shop located on the Square was again a popular place for lunch today for those that arrived earlier in the week. It didn't seem long before it was Meet and Greet time in the clubhouse where we formally welcomed the visitors and to visit with each other once again. Ted and yours truly were thrilled to be attending a rally for the first this year. Then it was time to dig into the pizza and ice cream the hosts arranged



for the evening meal. Darlene surprised us with a large dish of banana pudding she had made herself. Needless to say it quickly disappeared. Afterward, there were two tables of Fast Track set up with one for the men and one for the women. It was quiet as could be at one table and plenty of chatter at the other table. Anybody have a guess as to which table was quiet? For the benefit of the others, Jack had a fire going behind the coaches bordering on the creek. We enjoyed the grandchildren, Cameron, Collin and Audrey at the campfire. Skies were threatening for a while but it never rained and many gathered around to chat and enjoyed visiting once again.

**Thursday:** Today was out and about for almost everyone. Some cruised around the area, a few visited Baby General and others visited the shops in Dahlonega. Another couple visited the Gold Museum. We all met at the Cottage House for dinner that evening. The food was served cafeteria style with generous servings and delicious desserts. Many lingered over the meal visiting with each other. Then back to the campground to meet in the clubhouse to play Fast Track, gather around the campfire, or just relax in their coaches. There was one arrival, Harry & Linda Sasser; plus, Mike & Anita Welborn Bob-Tailed in for most of the day.



**Friday:** In the morning all went about daily chores around our campsites, walking around visiting our neighbors and planning the day's events. The Corner Grill was a drawing point for some for lunch today. The vegetables served there were said to be great. Others stayed close and visited until it was time to dine at the Western Sizzlin. Our hosts arranged for us to be seated in the large private dining area. This allowed us to be seated off to ourselves



where we had a great time together. It also made it way too easy to make more trips to the

salad, food, or dessert areas. Plus we had a very friendly and efficient server. Back at the campground there were soon games of Fast Track in the clubhouse and campfire by the creek, between the Phillips' and Barretts' coaches.

**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 Ed Durrence, Don Crump and Dorris Carpenter. We went in different directions for lunch. Some ate in their motorhome while others went out to various places. A tour of the local wineries was a draw for one couple. The campground has a good fishing pond and this year it was popular with many of our members.

Both the adults and grandchildren caught fish throughout the week. Word was one husband and wife had some competition going between them and it seems the wife caught the most fish (at least for one day). Several car loads were hungry for barbeque and Brunswick stew served at the Bar-B-Q Shack near Toccoa, about 45 miles from the campground. In the evening, there were again two tables of Fast Track in the clubhouse and the last campfire of the rally down by the creek.



**Sunday:** We gathered in clubhouse to enjoy the pastries, coffee, and orange juice while visiting with each other. The devotional was given by Devotion Leader Wayne Mickey. Hosts Ed & Patricia Durrence and Wayne & Anne Mickey were thanked for a great job. With goodbyes until next time, we departed for home.

**In closing:** We want to welcome Scott & April Phillips to the Georgia Mountaineers. And, we need officers for next year – so contact the Nominating Committee.

**Martha Barrett**  
**Newsletter Editor**

**Announcements:** We still need Rally Hosts for our October Rally in Crossville.

## **RALLY REMINDER:**

**July:** 12<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup> **Valley River RV Resort.** Murphy, NC. Reser Req. 828-385-4220. See <http://www.valleyriverrv.com> **Hosts: Eaves & Gallaghers**

**August:** 16<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup> **River Bend Campground.** Hiawasse GA. Reser Req. 706-896-1415. See <http://www.riverbendcamping.com> **Hosts: Alexanders & Zaics**

**September:** 13<sup>th</sup> thru 16<sup>th</sup> **Brickyard Plantation Golf Club & RV Park.** Americus GA. Reser Req. 229-874-1234. RV park is approx 7.5 miles east of Americus on US-280. See <http://www.brickyardgolfclub.com/RVPark.htm> **Hosts: Gibbs & Newtons**

**October:** 25<sup>th</sup> thru 28<sup>th</sup> **Spring Lake RV Resort.** Crossville TN. Reser Req. 877-707-1414. Directions: I-40, Exit-322 onto Peavine Road/TN-101, north 3.7 miles, turn right on Fairview Drive go 1/4 mile. See <http://www.springlakervtn.com> **Hosts:**

**November:** 15<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> **River Country Campground.** Gadsden, AL. Reser. Req. 256-543-7111. See <http://www.rivercountrycampground.com> **Hosts: Mathis & Lyles**