

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

November 15 -- 19, 2017
River Country Campground
Gadsden AL
Hosts: Mathis



River Country Campground is located on the bank of the Coosa River and Black Creek Lake in Gadsden, AL. It is a large campground with three clubhouses and we were assigned the River Front Lodge as our clubhouse. There are several swings along the bank of the river to relax and swing your cares away. Most of the members had waterfront campsites and others were across from the clubhouse. The campground was busy putting up Christmas lights. But, they did not turn them on for us this year.

Members Camping: Ted & Martha Barrett, Raymond & Donna Birt, Hubert & Marsha Brown, Eldridge & Bobbie Cannon, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Virginia Jackson, Jim & Karen Mathis, Wayne & Anne Mickey, Nick & Darlene Knowlton, Roy & Kathy Perry, Scott & April Phillips, Sam & Dottie Reese, Harry & Linda Sasser, and Jack White.



Visitors: First time visitors were Bill & Beth Tumlin from Marietta. Visiting us for the second time were Joe & Bonnie Portera from Crossville, TN. Joe and Bonnie joined our chapter at this rally -- Welcome to the Georgia Mountaineers.

Monday: Arrivals today were the Barretts, Carpenters, Durrences and the Mathises. We were parked on the river side for the first time since we have been coming to this campground. From our front windshield there is a beautiful view of the river and colorful autumn leaves on the far river bank.



Tuesday: This afternoon there was plenty of action with the arrival of the Birts, Virginia Jackson, Knowltons, Perrys, Reeses, Jack White, and the Tumlins. It didn't take long before food was mentioned and Logan's Roadhouse was the chosen restaurant. It is located only a couple of blocks from the campground. Almost everyone feasted on the roasted peanuts before our orders were brought to the table.

Wednesday: We awoke to sunshine and brisk fall weather. The first thing yours truly saw out of the windshield this morning was two men in a bass boat with the man in the rear reeling in a bass near the dock in front of our coach. Those that arrived Tuesday were anxious to explore the area and get a head start on Christmas shopping. The Pottery Barn and K-Mart were the most popular since the toys were on sale. This was the perfect opportunity to purchase gifts for the charity we are sponsoring at the Christmas Luncheon. The baggage claim in Boaz was another destination. The official first of day of the rally saw the arrivals of the Browns, Mickeys, and the Porteras. We met in the clubhouse that



evening for Meet & Greet and enjoyed the Sloppy Joes and coleslaw prepared by our hosts. And each of us brought along a side dish or dessert. Needless to say, there was plenty good

food for us to enjoy that night. Afterward there was a campfire and games in the clubhouse.

Thursday: This morning Dean Woodruff, owner of Integrity RV Service of Douglasville, GA, treated all of us to breakfast at The Choice Restaurant in downtown Gadsden. He brought along staff member Gary Howard. After a leisurely breakfast, Dean introduced Gary and



addressed the group. Then he opened the floor for any questions. Naturally our group had some questions and all were answered by either Dean or Gary. Integrity RV has proven to be very reliable and many of our members have used their services over the years. Many thanks to them for supporting our Chapter. After breakfast, we went different ways, some back to the campground, some visited the Etowah Historical Society & Heritage Museum, while others explored the area or shopped. Also, Scott and April Phillips arrived today. For dinner, many went to Café 5 for steaks in the down town area, while another group went to Villa Fiesta for a Mexican feast.

Friday morning, the newly elected Officers had a meeting in the clubhouse to map out plans for the coming year. Lunch was on our own, so people went various places. Later in the afternoon, it was back to the clubhouse for a roundtable discussion of RV Maintenance and problems people have had along with tips and solutions. As usual, house batteries was an interesting topic. The discussion was moderated by Ted Barrett. Meanwhile some of



the ladies gathered in another area of the clubhouse for crafts led by Donna. Dinner tonight was at the Top O' The River where we enjoyed a very good seafood dinner. We were impressed at how fast the food was served considering how busy there were when we arrived. Afterward there were games of Fast Track and Hand & Foot in the clubhouse.

Saturday morning we gathered at the club house for sausage and biscuits prepared by "Chef Jim" prior to our business meeting. Bill & Jo Anne Lyles bob-tailed in to help out and attend the meeting. This was a first for having breakfast before the meeting and met everyone's approval. The Business Meeting began promptly at 10:00am. In addition to the normal reports, the large item on the meeting agenda was the Installation of Officers for the coming year. Ted did the swearing-in of the elected officers and then presented Ed Durrence the President's plates and the gavel, officially turning the meeting over to him. Ed made a few announcements and then officially appointed the non-elected officers before adjourning the meeting. The Officers for 2018 are as listed below:

Elected Officers:

President	Ed Durrence
First Vice President	Raymond Birt
2 nd Vice President/Wagon Master	Jack White
Secretary	Donna Birt
Treasurer	Darlene Knowlton
Newsletter Editor	Patricia Durrence
National Director	Doug Gibbs
Alternate National Director	Greg Zaic

Appointed Officers:

Sheriff	Harry Sasser
Deputy Sheriff	Patricia Durrence
Sunshine Reporter	Anne Mickey
Devotional Leader	Wayne Mickey
Webmaster & Recruiter	Ted Barrett



April 2018: 18th thru 22nd **Pine Mountain RV Resort, an RVC Outdoor Destination.** Pine Mountain GA. Reser Req. 706-663-4329. 8804 Hamilton Road, Hwy 27. Directions: From I-185 Exit 42 to US-27, go 8.5 miles, enter on the right. See <http://www.rvcoutdoors.com/pinemountainga> **Hosts: Gibbs**

May 2018: 16th thru 19th **Top of Georgia Airstream Park.** Helen GA. 14255 Highway 75N, Helen, GA. Reser Req. 706-878-3590. GPS coordinates: N34° 46' 12.6" -- W83° 44' 46.5" See <http://topofgeorgia.net> **Hosts: Perrys**