

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

**October 17 - 21, 2017
Spring Lake RV Resort
Crossville TN**

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: Ted & Martha Barrett, Hubert & Marsha Brown, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Doug & Terry Gibbs, Nick & Darlene Knowlton, Jim & Karen Mathis, Wayne & Anne Mickey, Scott & April Phillips, and Sam & Dottie Reese.

Visitors: First time visitors were Joe & Bonnie Portera from Crossville, TN. Third time visitors were Paul Shipley and friend Helga also from Crossville. Paul attended our Crossville Rally in October 2010 and Hiawassee in September 2011. Second time visitors were Steve & Joy Ridenour from Canton, GA. Steve & Joy joined the Mountaineers at this rally and we WELCOME you to our Chapter of FMCA.

Monday: Those arriving were the Browns, Carpenters, Durrences, second time visitors Steve & Joy Ridenour, and third time visitor Paul Shipley and his friend Helga. Not the greatest of weather to begin our rally as it was windy and rained off and on most of the day. Thus those arriving today pretty much stayed in the campground and took it easy.

Tuesday: Today saw the arrival of the Barretts and the Knowltons. Fall had certainly arrived – windy and much cooler. Definitely time to dress more warmly and get the jackets out of the closets. We visited with each other for a while before retreating to our motorhomes to rest and relax. For that individual that forgot to pack a jacket, a trip the Wally's world was in order. We car pooled to Cumberland State Park for our evening meal. It was good to sit around the table and catch up on the news as we leisurley dinned. Multi trips to the food and dessert bars were in order. We did not gather in the clubhouse that night. All were ready to just relax and rest from the days travel.

Wednesday: The official beginning day of the rally. Those arriving today were the Mathises, Micekeys, Phillips, Porteras, (first time visitors) and the Reeses . The much cooler and windy weather discouraged us from spending time outside for any length of time. We greeted our neighbors as they arrived and retreated inside until Meet and Greet time. The



Gibbs hosted a meal of Sloppy Joes with each attendee bringing a side item or dessert. We ate until we were too full to hold another bite. Afterward there two tables of Fast Track set up in the clubhouse. The ladies at one table and the gentlemen played at another. Others sat around and visited or returned to their coaches.



Thursday: Today we visited with each other in the campground and explored the town of Crossville and surrounding area. 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.



For the evening meal we gathered at Robo's Mexican Restaurant. Some had Fajitas for Two and were served a very large platter of delicious Fajitas. Afterward it was back to the campground for two tables of Fast Track again.

Friday: Still cool today but it did not deter us from continuing to explore the area. Again the weather outside did not lend itself to sitting outside and visiting. So another day of exploring was in order. That evening we caravanned to Lefty's BBQ Restaurant where the food was served family style. We had eaten there at a previous rally and the food and service was so good we were all for eating there again on this rally. And, it did not



disappoint. The Pulled Port and Smoked Chicken was very good. Afterward it was back to the campground. Some back to their coaches and others to the clubhouse for games of Fast Track or just visiting in the clubhouse.

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. Officer Installation will take place at the November Business Meeting in Gadsden. New members Steve & Joy Ridenour were welcomed to the Chapter.

That afternoon we gathered in the clubhouse to watch the football game between Georgia and Florida, while snacking on goodies contributed by everyone. I would be remiss if I didn't mention that Dorris brought some boiled peanuts. That is always a special treat to some of our members. Needless to say all the peanuts were consumed. We still had enough of the Sloppy Joes left from earlier in the week. Ted was recruited to grill hot dogs. Thus with the hot dogs and pulling out the Sloppy Joes, and the snack foods contributed by everyone, we had a half time feast. With the DAWGS being ahead, it made the food all that much better. And, there was more than enough food to feed all of us once again. During the



second half, some also played Fast Track while continuing to watch the DAWGS make mince meat out of the GATORS. They really stomped them with the final score 42 to 7 – GO DAWGS! It was a good ending to a wonderful day. While we did not actually help Jake Fromm capture his dinner, we certainly cheered him on.

Sunday: We awoke to snow flurries this morning. By 9:00 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 and chicken biscuits were hot and tasty and the coffee delicious on this cold morning. The devotional was given by our devotional leader Wayne Mickey. The Rally Hosts were thanked for a great job. And, all too soon it was time for goodbyes until next time.

Sightseeing Activities:

Places visited: The more popular places we visited this week included the Apple House, Mennonite Community, Roswell Mountain Lookout area, Muddy Pond, Simmons Cheese House, and the Cumberland Mountain General Store.

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 were elected during the Business Meeting and will be sworn in at the November Business Meeting when they will assume office at that time.

President - Ed Durrence
First Vice President – Raymond Birt
Second Vice President/Wagon Master - Jack White
Treasurer –Darlene Knowlton
Secretary – Donna Birt
Newsletter Editor – Patricia Durrence
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 – Harry Sasser
Sunshine Reporter – Anne Mickey
Devotional Leader – Wayne Mickey
Webmaster - Ted Barrett

Martha Barrett
Newsletter Editor

Rally Reminders:

November: 15th thru 18th **River Country Campground.** Gadsden, AL. Reser. Req. 256-543-7111. Directions: From junction of US-411 & US-278, go south on US-411 1.1 miles to River Road, go left 0.5miles to CG.

See <http://www.rivercountrycampground.com>

Hosts: Mathises

December: 7th 12:00PM **Christmas Luncheon at Smith House in Dahlonega, GA.**
Charity TBD

Hosts: Armstrongs & Birts