

# THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

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**May 16 - 20, 2018**  
**Great Outdoors RV Resort**  
**Franklin, NC**  
**Hosts: Perrys and Mickeys**



The Great Outdoors RV Resort is located in a very scenic area of North Carolina, just north of Franklin on highway 441. It is nestled on the side of the mountains and has a beautiful setting. There are mountains all around with the park itself at about elevation 2200. This allows for cooler days and nights. The resort has new owners, Polly and Mike Gamblin. They were the perfect campground hosts. The Great Outdoors is one of our favorite parks and it was good to be back.

**Members Camping:** Perrys, Mickeys, Armstrongs, Birts, Browns, Carpenters, Crumps, Durrences, Virginia Jackson, Knowltons, Mathis's, Malins, Reeses, Ridenours, and Jack White.

**First Time Visitors:** Laurence (Larry) and Theresa Starr with her mother Mary arriving on Friday.

Five coaches arrived on Monday, five coaches arrived on Tuesday, and the rest came in on Wednesday, except Theresa and her mother arrived on Friday. The weather was thunder showers all week so most of the activity was inside and going to restaurants.

**Tuesday:** The Mathises rode over to Murphy to scout out the restaurants and things to do for our July rally. Several of us went to Motor Company Grill in downtown Franklin for lunch. Several went to a Mexican restaurant. After dinner the Carpenters, Browns and Reeses played fast track.

**Wednesday:** We woke up to rain and stayed in except for going to the Sunset Restaurant for lunch. That night we enjoyed pizza at our Meet and Greet. Polly came by the rally room and greeted everyone and invited us to a concert by Bob Trice and his wife in the rally room on Friday. Darlene Knowlton presented a prayer quilt to be given to Margie Alexander from our group. Margie was in and out of the hospital all week. They were trying to get her medicine regulated for A fib. Donna invited the ladies to a craft session in the rally room on Friday. Jack said we still needed host for Windermere Cove in Langston, Alabama. Ed asked to meet with the board, and the hosts for the September Rally, to make plans our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

**Thursday:** It was partly cloudy in the morning. Nineteen Mountaineers went to the Sunset Restaurant for a country breakfast. The September Committee went down to Dillard afterwards to look at the clubhouse and plan the celebration we are going to have on Saturday of that rally. We decided earlier to do a 50's and 60's Happy Days theme. This is to celebrate 25 years of existence as the Georgia Mountaineers.



That night 100% of our group went to Willys BBQ in Franklin and enjoyed a good meal. After returning to the campground two teams played fast track while several went to Jack's campfire. The threat of rain was heavy, but we braved it for a while. To show how dedicated we were, we sat under umbrellas and watch the fire until we gave it up. That was the only fire Jack was able to have all week.



**Friday:** Cloudy and rainy. Donna held her crafts shop in the rally room and every lady participated. They had a great time of fellowship and crafts, so some of the ladies requested they do this at the next rally in Cleveland. Ladies it will be on the agenda.

That afternoon some of the ladies got their hair cut and styled by Polly and they looked outstanding. That night we all went to Lucio's Italian Restaurant in Franklin and upon returning were entertained by singer Bob Trice. His singing was marginal, but his guitar playing was very good. The era of music was a little off for most of us.



**Saturday:** Cloudy and scattered showers in the morning. The morning was free but that evening we gathered at the rally room and enjoyed a cookout by the hosts having hamburgers and hotdogs. Of course, we had the sides with chips. Mike and Polly joined us and presented us with a delicious cake. They truly were great campground owners and host. This park was a substitute for Top of Georgia and we were not disappointed. Afterwards some played fast track, and a few went to the community fire at the office.



**Sunday:** We enjoyed coffee and pastries and then Wayne Mickey gave a great devotional on love. The group thanked our Hosts for a wonderful rally. We said our usual good byes and departed home. Ed reminded everyone to keep our sick members on our prayer list. He also asked that everyone join us in Cleveland next month.



**Patricia Durrence, Newsletter Editor**  
With Ed's help

PS. Some have requested that we keep the newsletter a little shorter, so we have tried to do that. Hope this is a little easier to read.

**REMINDERS:**

**June:** 13<sup>th</sup> thru 16<sup>th</sup> **Leisure Acres Campground.** Cleveland GA. Reservations Req. 888-748-6344. See <http://www.leisureacrescampground.com>

**Hosts: Knowltons & Durrences**

**July:** 18<sup>th</sup> thru 21<sup>st</sup> **Valley River RV Resort.** Murphy, NC. Reser Req. 828-385-4220. See <http://www.valleyriverrv.com>

**Hosts: Mathises & Phillips**

**August:** 15<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> **Windemere Cove RV Park.** Langston, AL. Reser Req. 256-228-3010. See <http://www.windemerecove.com>

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