

# THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

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**October 17 - 21, 2018**

**Palmetto Cove RV Park  
Cleveland, SC**

**Hosts: Wayne & Anne Mickey and  
Roy & Kathy Perry**



**Palmetto Cove RV Park** is located at the base of Slicking, Coldbranch, and Reedy Mountains, all on the southern tail end of the Appalachian Mountain chain in South Carolina. On the southern side is the South Soluda River, a beautiful clear water stream with a rocky bottom and some white water rapids. As such, the park is situated in a very rustic and beautiful mountain setting. Except for the interior paved roads, the campground is just one big green grassy field.



**Members Camping:** Ken & Margie Alexander, Ted & Martha Barrett, Raymond & Donna Birt, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Don & Peggy Crump, Jim & Janice Hamby, Virginia Jackson, David & Nancy Jones, Nick & Darlene Knowlton, Bill & Jo Anne Lyles, Wayne & Anne Mickey, Roy & Kathy Perry, Sam & Dottie Reese, Steve & Joy Ridenour, and Jack White.

**Visitors:** Louis & Karen Holladay from Newnan, GA. They fit right in with our group and must have had a good time as they have reservations for next month's rally at Coastal Georgia RV Resort. Hopefully they will join our chapter at that time.

**Monday:** According to our Attendees/Reservations List, today was to be the first day for arrival of anyone. However, the Barretts and Mickeys got off to an early start and arrived Sunday. This left the remaining Monday arrivals, the Carpenters, Knowltons, Ridenours, and Jack White to arrive during the day. There was not much sight seeing accomplished and no organized group trip to a local restaurant. It appeared that most everyone just took the day and evening to rest up. Rain had been in the forecast, but the day remained just partly cloudy and on into the evening.



**Tuesday:** The day began partly cloudy and remained that way until late afternoon. Sight seeing trips were mainly driving some of the nearby mountain roads. It included visits to Bald Rock and Caesars Head State Park, both have scenic lookouts over the valley below. The Barretts even wound up in Hendersonville, North Carolina and were able to choose between three Mexican restaurants for lunch. The day also saw the arrival of the Perrys, Birts, and Holladays.



For supper, a group of 12 went to Aunt Sue's Country Corner restaurant. About the time they were placing their orders, a heavy rain began and continued throughout their meal. A break in the rain allowed everyone to make it to their autos and back to the campground. Not long after getting back, Jack had a roaring fire going in the pavilion fireplace. The fire created a special warmth in contrast with the sound of the rain on the metal roof. It was a great way to close out the day before returning to our coaches for the evening.

**Wednesday:** It rained off and on all Tuesday night, quitting around day break in the morning. The rain was followed by an overcast to partly cloudy day. Don't know if it was the weather or the peaceful setting of the campground, but not many folks got up and around until the afternoon. A little after noon the remaining attendees began arriving. They included the Alexanders, Crumps, Hambys, Jackson, Jones, Lyles, and Reeses. After everyone setup, it wasn't long before Meet & Greet time in the clubhouse. Raymond welcomed everyone to the rally,





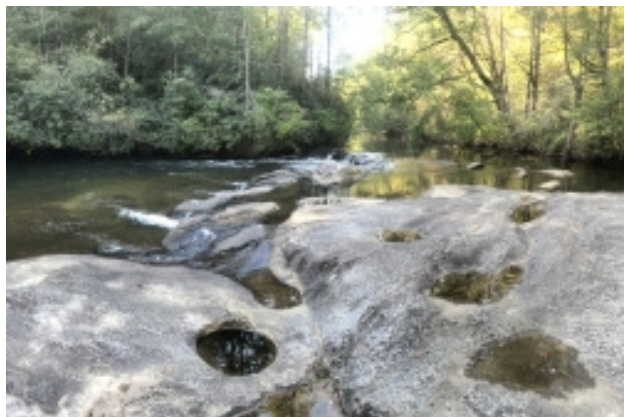
made a few announcements, and Wayne gave a blessing for our food. Our hosts had prepared large pots of Chile Con Carne and Potato Soup, along with some sides and desserts. It is amazing how little food was left in those large pots after everyone had finished eating; and it was very, very good. Later Jack had another warm fire going in the fireplace and a few gathered in the game room for Fast Track. More logs had to be added to the fireplace as the temperature dropped considerably after darkness fell.



**Thursday:** The morning brought a beautiful blue sky with a wisp of cirrus clouds. It also brought a large drop in temperature with it being down to 45F. It was very good day for sight seeing and many took advantage of the nice weather. Lunch was a late one at 1:00PM and was at Aunt Sue's, one of the few restaurants close to the campground. This is large rustic and popular place to eat. The food was very good, but the restaurant was also very



busy and some time passed before we were served. Back at the campground many of us visited the old cemetery in the woods a few yards behind the office. While there were many graves, only two had **marked** headstones, and they dated back to the early 1800's. The other graves were just marked with plain rocks with no inscriptions. We also walked through the woods down to the South Soluda River. It is a beautiful clear water stream with some white water from passing over many of the large rocks on the bottom. Many of us had planned on eating supper at Farmhouse Tacos in Travelers Rest, but due to the late lunch decided we could skip supper. So Jack had an early fire going around 5:00PM and later there was a game of Fast Track in the game room.



**Friday:** We awoke to another beautiful cool day. It was again a good day for sight seeing and lunch in various places. In the afternoon some had returned for Donna's Craft Shop in the clubhouse. Later it was nap time until a fabulous dinner of Manicotti, a salad, and very good sides dishes. All was prepared by our hosts. If you have never had Manicotti, look it



up on the Internet as there are some very good video recipes there. In addition to the host prepared meal, there were some desserts brought in by the other attendees. It makes one hungry again just writing about it. After dinner, Jack had another roaring fire going in the pavilion fireplace and games in the game room. While sitting around the fireplace makes it a little more difficult to get warm than a fire pit, it does have the advantage in that the smoke goes up the chimney instead of following you around the pit when the wind shifts.

**Saturday:** The morning brought a change in the weather with an overcast sky and some rain sprinkles. A few went to the breakfast buffet at Aunt Sues, but were back in time for the morning Business Meeting. The main purpose of the Business Meeting was the election of next year's officers. The list of officers below were nominated and elected. They will be sworn in at our November Rally and assume their duties at that time.

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| Raymond Birt          | President                                   |
| Steve Ridenour        | First Vice President                        |
| Jack White            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Wagon Master |
| Donna Birt            | Secretary                                   |
| Treasurer             | Darlene Knowlton                            |
| Newsletter Editor     | Ethel Carpenter                             |
| National Director     | Ed Durrence                                 |
| Alt National Director | Greg Zaic                                   |

After the meeting it was off to various places for lunch, except for those that went to the breakfast buffet, it looked like they stayed in and skipped lunch. In the afternoon a check outside revealed most folks were back at their coach with some dumping and partially preparing the coaches for the next day's departure.

**Sunday:** We awoke to very good weather for our return trip home – it was beautiful blue skies. Our Rally Agenda for this morning was Coffee and Breakfast Casseroles. Not being a real casserole type of person, I figured I would go enjoy the coffee and sample some of the casseroles. But, in this case the term casseroles was loosely applied – it was Quiche. Our hosts had prepared three different quiches. One was sausage and cheese, one was ham and cheese, and one was sausage, grits, and cheese. We have had some very good breakfasts before, but this one is right there on top. Not only were there quiche, also on the table were some fruits, pastries, and other things. Plus, the coffee was very good. Hats off to our Rally Hosts. Following a great breakfast, Wayne gave a short devotional on do we know when God is speaking to us. Raymond adjourned the rally with a big round of applause for our Rally Hosts. And again, as with previous rallies, it was time for goodbyes until next time



**Announcements:** It is dues renewal time. Dues are \$6.00 per person and you can pay them at our November Rally in Brunswick. If not attending that rally, you can mail your check made out to the Georgia Mountaineers, to our Treasurer, Darlene Knowlton, at 5645 Bridle Glen Drive, Sugar Hill, GA 30518. If you do not plan on renewing, please email Darlene at [darknowlton@yahoo.com](mailto:darknowlton@yahoo.com), and let her know so we don't keep sending you reminders. Based on our Standing Rules, unpaid dues are considered past due effective 1 December. So, please give this your attention.

Our Christmas Luncheon is on track to be at The Smith House in Dahlonega. The date is 6 December from 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM. The charity will again be the Community Helping Place, Inc in Dahlonega. A requested Gift List is posted on our website Message Board. So get this event marked on your calendar and let's make it a big success. If you plan on attending, please notify our webmaster, so he can get you on the Attendees List.

Also a point that needs to be addressed is the wearing of our name tags or badges. Our badges are to be worn during the official days and times of our rallies. Our rallies officially begin on Wednesday. That means if you arrive on Tuesday, then when you exit your coach the first time on Wednesday, each attendee should be wearing their badge. If you arrive on Wednesday, once you register and get setup, you then should have your badge on. Badges are to be worn until you depart on Sunday morning or any other day if departing early. And don't forget to wear your badge to our Christmas Luncheon.

The Executive Board had a meeting Friday morning. The subject of the meeting was allowing towables to be included in our membership. Our By-Laws state we are a motorhome chapter and any change/amendment to our By-Laws requires a 65% approval vote. This subject was discussed back in June at the Cleveland Rally and a straw vote was



taken. Based on the results of the straw vote and interface and feedback with various members over the past few months, the Executive Board voted not to bring the subject up for vote and continue with our current By-Laws as written.

**Ted Barrett**  
**Newsletter Editor**

**RALLY REMINDERS:**

**November:** 14<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup> Coastal Georgia RV Resort. Brunswick GA. Reser Required.  
912-264-3869. See <http://www.coastalgarvresort.com> Hosts: Cannons & Birts

**December:** 6<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 2:00PM Christmas Luncheon at Smith House in Dahlonega, GA.  
Supported charity is Community Helping Place in Dahlonega. Hosts: Ridenours

