

# THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

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**September 19 - 23, 2018**  
**River Vista Mountain Village**  
**Dillard GA**  
**Hosts: Carpenters & Durrences**

Our September rally was held at River Vista Mountain Village RV Resort in Dillard, GA. This has been one of our favorite resorts to attend, since it has the facilities that will accommodate our needs. While we are here, we will be celebrating the 25th year of the Georgia Mountaineers existence. So far the weather has been wonderful.



**Sunday:** Virginia Jackson arrived at River Vista in the pouring rain.

**Monday:** Several more coaches arrived today including Donna and Raymond Birt, Jack White, Rose and Greg Zaics, Ethel and Dorris Carpenter, Darlene and Nick Knowlton, and Joy and Steve Ridenour. Some went out to dinner and some of us stayed in.

**Tuesday:** A few more coaches arrived which were Patricia and Ed Durrence, Miriam and Van Armstrong, Karen and Jim Mathis, Ann and Wayne Mickey, Kathy and Roy Perry, Linda and David Jones. Visitors: Linda and William Clementz. Some went exploring during the day and that night we went to dinner at Valley Café and Catering. Fun time was enjoyed by all. Games in the club house and fire with Jack.



**Wednesday:** Woke up to a beautiful day. The hosts prepared for meet and greet by setting up the club house for music and food. As the day wore on, others arrived. Carol and Larry Hilliard, Laura and Jerry Eaves, Margie and Ken Alexander, Linda and Harry Sasser, Peggy and Don Crump, JoAnn and Bill Lyles, Shirley and Fred Lee. Visitors: Martha and Larry Winesett, Frances and Frank Brown, and Jean Kangas (all the way from



Pennsylvania). We were excited to see some old Friends, Sue and Willard Swanson, join us for the rally. They stayed in one of the cabins.

We met at five o'clock for music, pizza and cookies. Everyone ate and enjoyed visiting and bidding on the silent auction items. After the greeting there were games of fast track and hand and foot in the club house while Jack had the fire going for others to enjoy.



**Thursday:** Woke up to another beautiful day. Several members went to the Rusty Bike Cafe for breakfast. As we were leaving the café, we walked passed a bakery window that had the best looking cinnamon roll ever. Needless to say, we went shopping. Today Dottie and Sam arrived completing the last of our rally coaches. Again many enjoyed the local area and checking out local restaurants. Tonight 37 of the group went to the Cupboard to eat. After dinner several couples played games in the club house



while others enjoyed the fire. Several people came by to bid on some of the items in the silent auction.

music. Thanks to all for their help in decorating. We closed the silent auction at 10:30 after much last minute bidding. Thanks to everyone's participation (suggesting, donating and buying) the silent auction was a great success. After a quick lunch, Ed, Dorris and Ethel headed to Ingles to buy groceries. Mission accomplished and final stop was to deliver the onions to Virginia to chop up. (she volunteered) Thank you, Virginia. Tonight the group enjoyed a good time





at Fat Buddies for bar-b-que and fried mushrooms. Games in club house and fire was going strong under the supervision of our Wagon Master, Jack.

**Saturday:** Another beautiful day for our 25th year celebration. We are looking forward to a fun day. People started gathering around one o'clock for the party. We were excited to see Ron Agnew, Ron and Doris Lewis, George and Rachel Moyers, and Willard and Sue Swanson come and celebrate with us. Nick, Dorris and Raymond were busy grilling hamburgers and hot dogs while others inside were getting everything else ready. Darlene brought in her beautiful cakes representing our 25 years. At 1:30 Elvis entered the building singing his "You Ain't Nothing but a Hound Dog" to everyone's delight. There were several ladies that came in poodle skirts (Virginia, Martha, Darlene and Joy). Then



there was Jack in Mel's diner while other fellows had on jeans and white tee shirts. Ed was dressed in a white sport coat with pink carnations.

During lunch, Ethel, Donna, Virginia, Martha, and Ed were busy making milk shakes and banana splits. After lunch Donna led the group in trivia questions about happenings in the 1950's. Then we were entertained by a video showing some of the entertainers in the 50's. Jack, Steve (Elvis) and Karen entertained everyone with their rendition of the "twist." A good laugh was had by all. Later Patricia, Donna, Shirley and



Virginia were the Chordettes singing "Lollipop." As the program was drawing to a close, we all stood while Elvis sang his famous "American Trilogy". Ed announced that there would not be a program at six since we ran out of ice cream. Games and fast track and fire enjoyed.



**Sunday:** Met for coffee and goodies. Wayne gave the devotion, said our good byes and left for home.

***Ethel Carpenter***  
***Substituting Newsletter Editor***

**Editor's Notes:** I want to **thank** Ethel for writing the text of our newsletter this month. Without being there, I have tried to associate Jack's photos to where they belong. From the looks of things, the group had a great 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary. Certainly wish that Martha and I could have been there. As for River Vista Mountain Village, this rally is probably the sunset rally for our chapter being there. The RV park has implemented some future expensive policy changes regarding rallies, that are prohibited to our chapter returning.



I also want to **thank** the Ridenours for stepping up and hosting our Christmas Luncheon. Like last year, it will 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. In case you forget, I will post the requested Gift List on our website Message Board. **This was a huge success last year, so let's make it that way again this year.**

I hope all our Visitors enjoyed the rally and will come again. And for Frank & Frances Brown, who joined at this rally, **WELCOME** to the Georgia Mountaineers.

**Announcements:**

Next month at Palmetto Cove we will have our election of officers for next year. The candidates put forth by our Nominating Committee are listed below. Remember, this is an open election and anyone can be nominated from the floor.

**Candidates for Elected Positions:**

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

**Appointed Positions:**

Sunshine Reporter	Anne Mickey
Sheriff	Harry Sasser
Devotional Leader	Wayne Mickey
Webmaster	Ted Barrett

**Rally Reminders:**

**October:** 17<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>nd</sup> **Palmetto Cove RV Park.** Cleveland SC. 521 Table Rock Road. Reservations required with Jack. 864-836-6221. See <http://www.palmettocove.com>  
**Hosts: Mickeys & Perrys**

**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**