



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

April 17-20, 2019
Scenic Mountain RV Park, Milledgeville, GA
Hosts: Raymond & Donna Birt
Co-Hosts: Jack White & Virginia Jackson



Scenic Mountain RV Park and Campground is a 112 acre gem hidden in the hills south of downtown Milledgeville, Georgia. The park offers many features including a club house, a fenced dog run, and a pavilion, nature hiking trails, six fishing ponds and views across the hills of historic Milledgeville GA.

Members Camping: Ken & Margie Alexander, Ted & Martha Barrett, Raymond & Donna Birt, Hubert & Marsha Brown, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Don & Peggy Crump, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Virginia Jackson, David & Nancy Jones, Fred & Shirley Lee, Dale & Sandra Lemke, Bill Lyles, Johnny & Kathy Martin, Jim & Karen Mathis, Jerry & Irene McKellar, Wayne & Anne Mickey, Scott & April Phillips, Roy & Kathy Perry, Sam & Dottie Reese, Harry & Linda Sasser, Jack White, Doug & Sherry Wright.

Visitors Camping:

First time visitors:

Frank & DeNeal Emerson from Villa Rica, GA
Tom & Tricia Trip from Canton, GA
Ron & Linda Castor from Canton, GA
Gerald & Jo Ann Marshall from Fayetteville, GA
Charley McCarthy & Fall Quattlebaun from Savannah, GA

Second time visitors:

Fred & DeLynn Kelley from Richmond Hill, GA
Jim & Barbara Armstrong from Macon, GA
Jim & Joanne Mason from Dunwoody, GA
Tom & Joy Moore from Tybee Island, GA

Sunday early arrivers were Ted & Martha Barrett, Hubert & Marsha Brown, Virginia Jackson, Dale & Sandra Lemke, Sam & Dottie Reese, Scott & April Phillips and the first time visitors they invited, Frank & DeNeal Emerson.

Monday arrivers were Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Bill Lyles and Jerry & Irene McKellar. Dinner locations included Mexican and Ruby Tuesday's. Back at the campground, Jack had the famous campfire underway for all to enjoy.

Tuesday arrived as a cool, windy morning with plenty of sunshine. Several more coaches arrived including Raymond & Donna Birt, David & Nancy Jones, Jim & Karen Mathis, Wayne & Anne Mickey and Roy & Kathy Perry. After setting up and resting a while, seventeen of the group went to Ruby Tuesday's for dinner. Back at camp there were games in the club house and the campfire outside!

Wednesday was another beautiful day. The rest of the coaches expected for this rally arrived which consisted of 17 more coaches (of the 30+ expected). Ron & Belinda Agnew who were bobtailing also arrived on Wednesday. The meet and greet began at 2:00 in the club house with hosts Raymond, Donna, Jack and Virginia making us all feel welcome! It was great to see old friends and greet new friends in our first outing of the year. Ted introduced our first and second time visitors.



After the meet and greet, everyone headed to Georgia Bob's BBQ in historic downtown Milledgeville. Our group filled the restaurant where we enjoyed a variety of entrees. Just down the street was an ice cream shop that many of us could not pass by!



Thursday provided us another beautiful day. It was a free day to see the sights around Milledgeville which included trolley tours, and tours of the Governor's Mansion and the Brer Rabbit museum. Many of the members enjoyed these activities while others enjoyed a relaxing day at the campground. Most of the group went to dinner at Captain D's. Not just any Captain D's, mind you. Their dining room easily accommodated our large group, they had real silverware and a server brought hot, good hushpuppies to our tables during dinner. A real surprise! The evening activities were as expected, games in the club house and a campfire. The weather reports for overnight were for storms that were still in Alabama Thursday evening.

Friday brought us clouds and wind with rain expected starting at 9 am. The rains came and were mostly gone by noon. Another round of heavy rain came through about 1:30. We count ourselves lucky as many areas in Georgia experienced significant flooding. On the agenda for the day was a visit to the Birt's lake home. By 2:30, we had sunshine as we gathered at Raymond & Donna's lovely home on Lake Sinclair for time for fun and fellowship. We were treated to a spread of sub sandwiches with all the trimmings and desserts of all kinds. A few went fishing and rumor has it that someone caught a big fish.



Thanks Raymond & Donna for sharing your lovely home with us!

Arriving back at the campground after relaxing, eating and fellowship, we learned that Doug Wright had taken Sherry to the hospital because she was having heart attack symptoms. Later in the weekend, we were all relieved to learn that she did not have a heart attack and at the time thoughts were that maybe she was having gall bladder issues.

The wind was quite strong Friday evening and prevented us from our traditional evening campfire but there were multiple games of fast track in the club house.

Saturday: We woke up to a cool morning and an all cloudy sky. The Carpenters woke up to find their coach neighbor, Ken Alexander being taken to the hospital in an Ambulance, also with heart attack symptoms. Donna Birt stayed with Margie at the hospital until Ken's daughter and son-in-law could get there. They brought Ken's brother with them who drove the motor home back to Demorest. Last report is that while having heart related issues, Ken did not have a heart attack.

Crafts were originally scheduled for 11:00 a.m. but due to Donna being at the hospital most of the morning, crafts were postponed until 1:00 p.m. The crafts were bunny rabbits and Easter baskets. The ladies who attended enjoyed a crafty and fun afternoon with Donna.



A couple games of fast track and Hand and Foot were played from 11:00 - 1:00.

Being Easter weekend, several coaches departed early to be home for Easter. Dinner Saturday evening was at Down South Seafood in Sparta, GA. Approximately 20 coaches were represented for dinner. It was very good food. Later that evening the wind died down and Jack was able to have a camp fire which many attended. The McKellars had their son Christopher and grandson Colt McKellar visit from Acworth, GA and camped in a tent.



EASTER Sunday began with a beautiful blue sky and sunshine. The campground hosted an Easter Sunrise Service. Around 8:30 a.m. Mountaineers began to make their way to the clubhouse for coffee. Breakfast consisted of a choice a sausage, bacon, country ham or

biscuit and gravy from Bojangles, orange juice, and milk (selected from a menu in advance). We also each had a BoBerry Biscuit, compliments of Bojangles.

Congratulations and welcome to Jim & Barbara Armstrong and Jim & Joanne Mason, both couples joining the Mountaineers after this, their second rally! After the devotional by Wayne Mickey, it was time to say goodbyes and all but a few coaches hit the road. A few campers stayed until Monday and enjoyed the Easter lunch hosted by the campground.



!!! RALLY REMINDER !!!

The next rally will be May 15th thru 18th at the Great Outdoors RV Resort in Franklin, NC. Hope to see you there!

Ethel Carpenter
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