

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

August 14 -17, 2019 Two Rivers Landing RV Resort Sevierville, TN



**Hosts: Greg & Rose Zaic
Dorris & Ethel Carpenter**

Two Rivers Landing RV Resort is a luxury RV Resort nestled along the banks of the beautiful French Broad River located in the peaceful green valley of Sevierville, Tennessee. It is an exclusive luxury RV resort with amenities just minutes from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge and Cade's Cove. You can spend your days hiking in the mountains, driving to one or more of the many lookout points located in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park where you will behold some of the most beautiful panoramic views in all of America's Appalachian mountain range. You are only minutes away from 300 factory outlet stores, an array of dining possibilities, and Dolly Parton's very own theme park, Dollywood. An exclusive resort environment has been created at Two Rivers Landing RV Resort by combining 25 riverfront and 30 river view luxury RV sites, the living waters of the French Broad River, big mountain skies,



panoramic views
and fiery sunsets



found only on Sevierville, TN. Sevierville TN is located in Sevier County TN. The county takes its name from John Sevier, the first governor of Tennessee who played a prominent role during the early years of settlement in the region. Since its establishment in 1795, the county seat has been situated at Sevierville, the eighth-oldest

city in Tennessee. Sevier County contains the highest point in Tennessee, Clingmans Dome, which rises to 6,643 feet along the county's border with North Carolina. With the creation of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in the early 1930s, the future of Sevier County (within which lies thirty percent of the total area of the national park) changed drastically. Today, tourism supports the county's economy.

Members Camping: Jim & Barbara Armstrong, Ted & Martha Barrett, Raymond & Donna Birt, Hubert & Marsha Brown, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Virginia Jackson, David & Nancy Jones, Nick & Darlene Knowlton, Gerald & Jo Ann Marshall, Jim & Joanne Mason, Wayne & Anne Mickey, Roy & Kathy Perry, Sam & Dottie Reese, Jack White and Greg & Rose Zaic.

Visitors: We had a first time visitor, George Sakmar, Brooks, GA. Plus we had second time visitors Roy Cain and Lynne Day from Ball Ground GA. **Roy and Lynne joined our chapter while at this rally. Welcome to the Georgia Mountaineers.**



Bob-Tailing: Bill Lyles stayed at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel since his RV was being repaired.

Sunday and Monday: Early arrivals included the Barretts, Joneses, Reeses, Carpenters, Birts, Durrences, Marshalls, Mickeys, Knowltons, Zaics, Browns, and George Sakmar.

Tuesday: Additional arrivals on this day were the Perrys, Jack White, Virginia Jackson, Roy Cain and Lynne Day, and Bill Lyles.



Wednesday: The final folks to arrive were the Masons, Armstrongs, and Hambys. The group met at 2:30pm for the Meet and Greet. Raymond welcomed everyone and Ted introduced our guests George Sakmar and Roy Cain and Lynne Day. Greg went over the rally agenda for the rest of the week. A sheet to sign up for the restaurants and activities was sent around the group so the hosts could notify how many would be attending. They also sent around a sheet for members to sign up to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to our Saturday night

pot luck dinner. There were lots of things to do in the area such as going to shows, sightseeing, shopping, and eating at many nice restaurants. Most of the group went to Corky's BBQ for dinner, while others went to the Old Steak House to eat. Good fellowship was enjoyed by all. Unfortunately the club house was not ideal for games at night and we could not have an outside campfire.

Thursday we woke up to another beautiful day (although still a little hot) looking out on the peaceful river. The weather was too hot for exploring the area. Our schedule for the day included eating at the Old Mill restaurant in Pigeon Forge. Greg arrived early at the restaurant to put our name on the list. We ate at 2:30pm. Both the food and service were great. After lunch several members toured Cades Cove, a beautiful area for seeing wild animals and how people lived long ago. Lots of activities to fill your day. Several members went shopping in the quaint shops that surrounded the Old Mill restaurant while others returned to camp for a nap.



Friday was another beautiful sunny day on the river. At 10:30am the group went to the Smoky Mountain Coach Works for a tour. The tour included seeing the different areas where the work was done from flooring, lighting, electrical, and even furniture. They let us tour a couple of the RV's where they had replaced the floors and cabinets. Afterwards more exploring the area, shopping (lots of tennis shoes – Skecher's in the Tanger Outlet Stores was having a sale) and several enjoyed the knife store located next to the campground. Around

5:00pm we were off once again to the Applewood Restaurant for dinner. The porches were full of people but since we had reservations we went right in.

After dinner the group went back to the campground and either enjoyed the calm of the river or a couple of fast track games. (Some of us even saw deer and a bald eagle on the opposite shore of the river from the campground.)

Saturday was another hot sunny day for exploring, shopping or just relaxing by the river at the campground. Most of the ladies spent the day deciding what to bring to for our pot luck dinner later that evening. We gathered at 5:30pm where the menu consisted of fried chicken, field peas and okra, lima



beans, corn, potato salad, deviled eggs, congealed salad, veggie tray, baked beans, cakes, pies, and cookies. Many commented that it was the best meal of the week. (I think everyone agrees we do have great cooks in our group.) Everyone enjoyed the food and



fellowship. After dinner we had two games of fast track at Ed and Patricia's coach.

Sunday brought sunshine and blue skies. Everyone was getting ready for our last get together before leaving for our travels home. We met at 9:00am for biscuits and coffee and devotion. Lots of good byes and wishes for safe travels home. Another successful rally.

Announcements: The Nominating Committee released the names of their candidates for next year's officer positions. They are:

Raymond Birt	President
Sam Reese	First Vice President
Jack White	2 nd Vice President/Wagon Master
*-----	Secretary
Bill Lyles	Treasurer
Ted Barrett	Newsletter Editor
Ed Durrence	National Director
Greg Zaic	Alternate Nat'l Director
Dottie Reese	Sunshine Reporter
Harry Sasser	Sheriff
David Jones	Devotional Leader
Ted Barrett	Webmaster

***NOTE:** If you are interested in volunteering to be the Secretary for our chapter, please contact Bill Lyles, Greg Zaic, or Nancy Jones.

RALLY REMINDERS:

September: 18th thru 21st Windemere Cove RV Park. Langston AL. 10174 Co Rd 67, Langston, AL. Reser Req: 256-228-3010. <http://www.windemerecove.com>

Hosts: Lyles & Phillips

October: 16th thru 19th Palmetto Cove RV Park. Cleveland SC. 521 Table Rock Road. Reser Req. Don't call the RV park, email our Wagon Master.

<http://www.palmettocove.com>

Hosts: Mickeys & Perrys

November: 13th thru 16th. Coastal Georgia RV Resort. Brunswick GA. Reser Req. 912-264-3869. <http://www.coastalgarvresort.com>

Hosts: Cannons & Reeses

December: Christmas Luncheon. Wednesday, December 11th, 11:30am, Blue Willow Restaurant, Social Circle GA.

Hosts: Birts & Masons

Looking forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming rallies!

Ethel Carpenter
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