

# THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

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**June 12 - 15, 2019**  
**Leisure Acres Campground**  
**Cleveland, GA**

**Hosts: Ted & Martha Barrett**  
**and**  
**Jim & Janice Hamby**



**Leisure Acres Campground** is located on Westmoreland Road a few miles south of Cleveland in a relaxed setting with both a small fishing lake and a creek. Many of the campsites are located along the creek bank. The clubhouse has a large meeting room, nice kitchen, grills outside on the back side providing a great area for preparing meals for large groups – maybe even cooking a Low Country Boil!

**Members Camping:** Ted & Martha Barrett, Jim & Janice Hamby, Ken & Margie Alexander, Raymond & Donna Birt, Hubert & Marsha Brown, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Paul Holko, Virginia Jackson, David & Nancy Jones, Nick & Darlene Knowlton, Bill Lyles, Jim & Karen Mathis, Wayne & Anne Mickey, Sam & Dottie Reese, Jack White, and Greg & Rose Zaic.

**First Time Visitors:**

Gene & Nanette Truelove, Fuquay-Varina, NC  
Thomas & Sarah Moran, Gainesville, GA  
Bob & Mary Christofaro, Bogart, GA

**Guests:**

Paul & Beverly Stacy, friends of David & Nancy Jones  
Jeff & Cathy Bedford, friends of David & Nancy Jones  
Shannon Larson, granddaughter of Jim & Karen Mathis  
Cameron Curry, grandson of Greg & Rose Zaic  
Kale & Marla Durrence, son & daughter-in-law of Ed & Patricia Durrence  
Stan & Bailey Carpenter, son & granddaughter of Dorris & Ethel Carpenter

**Bob Tailers:** Roy & Kathy Perry, Harry & Linda Sasser, and Van & Miriam Armstrong.

**Sunday and Monday:** Early arrivals were Hubert & Marsha Brown, Sam & Dottie Reese, Raymond & Donna Birt, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, and Ed & Patricia Durrence. After taking a few minutes to set up and relax, we all headed to Glenda's for dinner. Glenda's is a favorite of the group from years past. We enjoyed great home cooking and fellowship.

**Tuesday:** Brisk air greeted us Tuesday morning but the abundance of sunshine warmed the day quickly. Tuesday arrivals included Ted & Martha Barrett, Jim & Janice Hamby, Paul Holko, Virginia Jackson, David & Nancy Jones, Bill Lyles, Wayne & Anne Mickey, and Jack White. Around 4:30 most of the group went to dinner at the Cottage House, another favorite restaurant in the area, where we enjoyed home cooking and were able to select from strawberry, chocolate, coconut or banana pudding. Back at campground we had a game of fast track (where the women won) but no campfire.

**Wednesday:** Woke up to a cool, cloudy morning with the temperature in the 50's. A great day began with all looking forward to the seeing the rest of the arriving Mountaineers and visitors.

At the Meet and Greet, Raymond welcomed everyone and then turned the meeting over to Ted Barrett to introduce our visitors. He also told the group the great news that he is cancer free as a result of God, prayers, good doctors, and Chicken soup from his favorite Mexican restaurant. Ted thanked the group for their continued support and prayers. We are so very thankful for his recovery. Ted went over the rally agenda with the group and asked for a count of how many were going to be at his famous Low County Boil so they could plan how much food to buy.

Dinner this evening was at Rib Country where Harry and Linda Sasser bobtailed in to join us. Everyone enjoyed the good food, fellowship, and excellent service. Once back at camp, we had a game of fast track and of course a campfire which was enjoyed by many. Dorris & Ethel had their son and granddaughter come up and spend the night.



**Thursday:** There was a gentle, cool breeze for most of the day. Several campers were up early walking dogs, others just walking, and others sleeping in late. Most campers spent the day eating out, site seeing or just relaxing at camp. Cameron, Greg & Rose's grandson, enjoyed the day catching several fish at the lake, but had to throw them back.



We met at the Cottage House for dinner and were glad to see Roy and Kathy Perry join us. Kathy told us that they had a wreck with their motor coach (someone hit them) and that it was in the shop. Glad to see they were not hurt. The Cottage House provided good food and another great time of fellowship. The strawberry pudding seemed to be the dessert of the night.

Back at the campground we enjoyed games of fast track as well as a campfire. The beautiful mountain weather was perfect for the campfire.

**Friday:** Waking up to a beautiful mountain backdrop and more cool temperatures, some of our campers went out for breakfast while others ate in. The weather was just right for site seeing, shopping or just relaxing by the stream. Raymond called a board meeting to discuss several things in advance of the business meeting scheduled for Saturday morning.

Ted and Martha started getting ready for the Low Country Boil around 4:30. By 5:30 we were enjoying the shrimp, sausage, corn, onions, and potatoes. David and Nancy Jones had several friends from their church join us, and we were excited to see Van and Miriam Armstrong join us for dinner. Along with dinner were several desserts including Virginia's famous homemade chocolate cake. It's always a special time when we can share a meal cooked by one of our own and leisurely mingle around for conversation and fellowship. After dinner was our beloved tradition of a campfire and more games!





**Saturday:** Great weather again this day and for the entire rally, how blessed we are! The day started at 10 am with a business meeting. After Raymond called the meeting to order, the main item on the agenda was the election of the Nominating Committee, which was Greg Zaic, Nancy Jones, and Bill Lyles. After the meeting we went our separate ways for lunch. Some spent the day visiting local sites and some just relaxing.

Jim and Karen's granddaughter, Shannon, also enjoyed fishing in the lake. She caught her first fish ever but had to return them back into the lake. Don't know who caught the most fish (Shannon or Cameron) but it was certain that they had a good time fishing and spending time with their grandparents. Several coaches left Saturday since Father's Day was the next day and family was expected at home. Ed and Patricia Durrence's son and daughter-in-law came up to visit and take Ed out to dinner in Helen. Most of the group went out to dinner at El Sombrero Mexican Restaurant in Cornelia.

Another sunset, another campfire and the last games of the week as our time together was drawing to a close for another month.



**Sunday:** "Father's Day" presented us another gorgeous day for all the dads in camp. Everyone met for coffee, pastries, devotion and good byes and wishes for everyone to have safe travels home.

Another big "thanks" to our hosts, Ted & Martha Barrett and Jim & Janice Hamby for a great week!

## **!!! RALLY REMINDER !!!**

The next rally will be July 17th thru 20<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday TRAV-L-PARK in Chattanooga. Look forward to seeing everyone there!

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