



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

May 15-19, 2019

**Great Outdoors RV Resort
Franklin, NC**

**Hosts: Several folks volunteered
throughout the rally to
schedule meals & activities!**



The Great Outdoors RV resort is located in a very scenic area of North Carolina with nicely landscaped sites. The resort has an excellent meeting room with two full kitchens, plus a large grill outside. Polly and Mike have really improved the resort since they took it over three years ago.

Members camping: Ken & Margie Alexander, Ted & Martha Barrett, Raymond & Donna Birt, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Don & Peggy Crump, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Jim & Janice Hamby, Virginia Jackson, David & Nancy Jones, Nick & Darlene Knowlton, Jim & JoAnn Mason, Jim & Karen Mathis, Wayne & Anne Mickey, Roy & Kathy Perry, Jack White, Doug & Sherry Wright, Greg & Rose Zaics; bobtailing in were friends of the chapter Ron & Belinda Agnew

Visitors:

First Time - Roy Cain & Lynne Day from Ball Ground, GA

Second Time - Gerald & JoAnn Marshall from Fayetteville, GA

Monday: Early arrivals were the Barretts, Birts, Jack White, Carpenters, Virginia Jackson, Marshalls, and Durrences. After setting up, several of us went to an early dinner at Fat Buddies where we enjoyed "fried mushrooms" and BBQ.

Tuesday: Dawn brought us a beautiful sunny cool day. The Birts, Carpenters and Durrences took a short walk around the campground enjoying the beauty of the flowers and chirping of the birds. More early arrivals were the Jones, Miceys, Perrys, Mathis, and first time visitors Roy Cain & Lynne Day. Around 4:30 several of us made our way to a Mexican restaurant where we enjoyed good time and great conversation. Back at the campground, several enjoyed the famous campfire with Jack in charge.

Wednesday: Another sunny, cool morning on Wednesday. Campers arriving were the Alexanders, Crumps, Hambys, Knowltons, Masons, Wrights, and Zaics. At 2:00, all gathered for the meet and greet where rally fees were paid, new agendas were handed out, and the group learned that a new vice president and a new treasurer would have to be elected. Anyone interested in either position should contact Raymond Birt or Ethel Carpenter, members of the nominating committee. During the meeting, a sheet was passed around for signing up to go to the different restaurants for dinner throughout the rally. On Wednesday night, most of the group went to the Sunset Restaurant and enjoyed a variety of home cooked meals. Back at the campground some started a game of fast track while others enjoyed the campfire.



Thursday: Another beautiful day in Franklin with the sun shining and the birds chirping. Several went to breakfast at the Sunset Restaurant while others went to Shoney's and some ate in. We had a free day to explore the area or just stay in and relax. At 5:00 we met at Fat Buddies for delicious BBQ and fried mushrooms (again!). We had a really large crown for the fellowship and good food. After dinner we returned to camp for games and campfire.



Friday: Woke up to rain, but by 9 the sun was shining brightly! We were in for another beautiful day. Friday was a leisure day where everyone did their own thing. Some drove to Dillard for some shopping while others enjoyed the sites around area. Dinner was at the Rockin' Rollie Pollies Restaurant in downtown Franklin where free dessert was included with a coupon. The apple crisp & ice cream was huge - enough for four people to share. Back at the resort, of course there was a campfire & games.

Saturday: The weather could not have been more perfect for a second day. At 11:00 a group of the ladies met for crafts with Donna. She had different silk flowers for us to adorn with jewels and funny faces. Fun time was had by all. Thanks Donna for all the planning of the ladies' activities. One group went to the Frogtown Market for a seafood lunch! For many of the group it was a quiet afternoon of relaxation at the campground. Our evening meal was a cookout of hamburgers and hot dogs by Ted and Martha. The rest of the group brought all the trimmings which consisted of baked beans, potato salad, congealed salads, Cole slaw, chips, tomatoes, chili and onions. Of course the desserts were out of this world with Darlene's homemade banana pudding, Virginia's pies, Polly's famous pineapple cake, a carrot cake, and a special "Happy Birthday Cake" for Ron Agnew for his 69th birthday which included the group singing happy birthday to him. Everyone enjoyed the relaxed meal eating and talking with each other. The night ended with a game of fast track and our last campfire.



Sunday: Another beautiful day to end our time together. We met at 9:00 for our departing devotional, donuts and coffee. Gerald & JoAnn Marshall joined the Georgia Mountaineers at the end of this, their second rally! Welcome to the Marshalls!

!!! RALLY REMINDER !!!

The next rally will be June 12th – 15th at Leisure Acres Campground in Cleveland GA. Hope to see you there!

Ethel Carpenter
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