

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

Palmetto Cove RV Park Cleveland, SC 16-20 October 2019



**Hosts: Wayne & Ann Mickey
Roy & Kathy Perry**

Members Camping: Ken & Margie Alexander, Raymond & Donna Birt, Eldridge & Bobbie Cannon, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Don & Peggy Crump, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Virginia Jackson, Nick & Darlene Knowlton, Wayne & Anne Mickey, Roy & Kathy Perry, Sam & Dottie Reese, Harry & Linda Sasser, Jack White

First Time Visitors:

Paul & Leann Appel – Dawsonville GA
Terry & Wanda Stephens – Dawsonville GA
Rod Dixon & Rosemary Hines – Hilliard FL

Second Time Visitors: Larry & Martha Winesett – Savannah GA



Palmetto Cove RV Park is located in Cleveland, SC. There is a spectacular view of the surrounding mountains from the campground. It is very well maintained. They have a nice pavilion with rocking chairs and a fireplace to use even during the rainy times. They have also upgraded the Wi-Fi and the kitchen area since our last visit. The people at the park were very welcoming and accommodating. They couldn't have been nicer to our group.



Early Arrivals: Sunday & Monday – Reeses, Mickeys, Carpenters, Durrences, Birts, Knowltons, Dixon & Hines

Tuesday: I don't know about you but it sure felt nice to wake up to temperatures in the 60's for a change. The weather was just right for greeting our arrivals for the day: Virginia Jackson, Perrys, Jack White, Appels, Stephens, and the Winesetts. Those already here went shopping, exploring and visited some of the local eateries. The day ended with a roaring campfire and a game of fast track.

Wednesday: The weather was cool and rainy but that didn't stop the other Mountaineers from arriving: Alexanders, Cannons, Crumps, and Sassers. The rain began around 5:00am and was expected to stop sometime during the morning hours. When it did, it turned into a beautiful sunshine day with a slight breeze due to a front moving through. The trees rained leaves as the winds moved in.



Perfect fall weather. Unfortunately Jack White had to leave. He received word that his house had caught fire this morning. He was calmer than I would have been after receiving this kind of news and we understand he did arrive home safely. We will definitely miss him this week. Our hosts fixed potato soup, chili, and desserts for our meet and greet this evening. As we gathered Raymond introduced our visitors and campground hosts. And as tradition goes, the guests were able to go through our chow line first. There was plenty to go around. Everyone enjoyed the meal. The evening ended with a campfire and a game of fast track. The weather was a little cool even sitting around the campfire so Donna Birt served hot chocolate to those sitting around the fire.



Thursday: Another beautiful fall morning with a little chill in the air just right for all our activities. The only planned activity for the day was having lunch at Aunt Sue's at 1:00pm. Most of the group went to lunch while some went other places to eat. The rest of the day was spent relaxing, touring the beautiful area and checking out some of the surrounding towns. The Alexanders, Durrences, and

Carpenters went to Asheville NC to eat at one of the restaurants Ken knew about. They bragged on their meal when they returned – well worth their trip. Raymond and Terry Stephens started another roaring fire that evening. We found out that Terry use to be a Boy Scout leader. He has had a lot of practice starting a fire. Terry and Wanda also shared they had fostered 20+ children during their time together. The kids return ever so often to

thank them for their efforts. Even though the fire was going strong, the temperature was still a little chilly. Donna served hot chocolate once again around the campfire along with an added treat – Biscoff cookie butter on graham crackers. Everyone who tried it seemed to really enjoy it. Six of the others enjoyed three games of fast track where the girls won 2-1. Temperatures were expected to be in the 40's tonight. Everyone bundle up!

Friday: The weather was a little cool but sunny which made for a perfect day for relaxing and exploring. Donna planned a craft activity for the ladies at 11:00am where we enjoyed making candy cane reindeer and mice. We had fun and enjoyed the fellowship. Bobbie and Dottie told the ladies about a couple of things we could expect next month in Brunswick. Destinations for the rest of the day included



Caesar's Head Visitors Center and Brevard NC. At Caesar's Head there is a beautiful view of the area below where we could see Palmetto Cove RV Park and a lake that is located half way down the mountain. After returning to the campground, we got ready to head to Big Boy's Country Cooking located in Marietta, SC. The Carpenters went to Gaffney to watch their granddaughter play volleyball. Another fire and games ended the day except this time Paul and Leann Appel wanted to learn to play fast track. After 2-3 individual



games with the Birts they seemed to be catching on. They said they really enjoyed playing the game. Hopefully they will return a second time so they can play again. It was noted that Harry Sasser was missing during dinner this evening. Linda said he has not been feeling very well since their arrival. Thinks it might just be a sinus issue. We hope Harry is feeling better by now.

Saturday: Another cool morning but expecting rain all day thanks to Tropical Storm Nestor. We held our business meeting where our officers for next year were nominated and elected. They will be sworn in at our November rally and assume their duties at that time.

Raymond Birt	President
Sam Reese	Vice President
Jack White	2 nd Vice President/Wagon Master
Donna Birt	Secretary
Bill Lyles	Treasurer
Ted Barrett	Newsletter Editor
Ed Durrence	National Director
Greg Zaic	Alternate National Director

After the meeting, campers went different ways. The Carpenters went back to Gaffney to watch their granddaughter play volleyball again. The Cannons went to Greenville to visit with their daughter and grandchildren. We met for our potluck dinner at 5:30pm where we enjoyed home cooking from collards to peach cobbler and everything in between. We have



a good group of cooks. Some of our attendees wanted their special recipes. One of our visitors asked if the recipes could be added to the newsletter. We didn't quite agree to that but Donna said if folks would send her their recipes, she'd be glad to type them and have Raymond distribute them to our group. After dinner the rain began. It seemed to get harder and harder throughout the night but it did not stop the campfire or the games of fast track. Our folks still know how to enjoy themselves even in the rain. Around 10:00pm the rain slacked off enough for us to get from the building to our RVs. Great night for sleeping.

Sunday: A couple of our folks left before breakfast because they had a long way to travel back to their homes. The others met at 9:00am for coffee, sausage gravy and biscuits and muffins. After gathering and eating, around 9:30am Wayne Mickey led us in our devotion. Before Raymond wished everyone safe travels, he welcomed our newest members – Larry & Martha Winesett. Always exciting to have new members join us! Afterwards it was time to say our goodbyes (even though a few stayed over until Monday).



Announcements: It's dues renewal time. Dues are \$6.00 per person and you can pay them at our November Rally in Brunswick. If not attending that rally, you can mail your check made out to the Georgia Mountaineers, to our Treasurer, Bill Lyles, at 5 Saddlehorn Drive SE, Rome, GA 30161. If you do not plan on renewing, please email Bill at dube.lyle44@gmail.com, and let him know so we don't keep sending you reminders. Based on our Standing Rules, unpaid dues are considered past due effective 1 December. So, please give this your attention.

Our Christmas Luncheon is on track to be at the Blue Willow Inn/Restaurant in Social Circle, GA. The date is December 11th, from 11:30am until 1:30pm. The charity will be the Putnam Christian Outreach program in conjunction with the local school counselors in Eatonton, GA. A requested Gift List is posted on our website Message Board. So get this event marked on your calendar and let's make it a big success. If you plan to attend, please notify our webmaster, so he can get you on the Attendees list.

Ethel Carpenter
Newsletter Editor

Upcoming Rallies/Events:

November: 13th thru 16th Coastal Georgia RV Resort. Brunswick GA. Reser Req. (912)264-3869. Directions: From I-95, Exit-29 west on US-82/GA-17 go 0.5 mile to GA-17/Ocean Highway, go left on Ocean Highway 0.3 mile to Martin Palmer Drive on the left, 0.6 mile to RV Park at the end of the road.

<http://www.coastalgervresort.com>

Hosts: Cannons & Reeses

December 11th, 11:30am – Christmas Luncheon, Blue Willow Restaurant & Inn, Social Circle, GA. 294 N. Cherokee Rd, - From I-20 – Exit 98 for GA-11 toward Monroe/Monticello.

<http://bluewillowinn.com>

Hosts: Birts & Masons

