

# THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

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**September 18 -21, 2019  
Windemere Cove RV Park  
Langston, AL**

**Hosts: Bill Lyles  
Scott & April Phillips**



Windemere Cove is a lovely RV park located in Langston, AL on the banks of Guntersville Lake. Located in northern Alabama, it is a short drive from Birmingham AL, Atlanta GA, Chattanooga TN, Guntersville AL, and Scottsboro AL. Park personnel were very accommodating. Everyone seemed to have had a good time.

**Members camping:** Bill Lyles, Scott & April Phillips, Ted & Martha Barrett, Raymond & Donna Birt, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Jerry & Laura Eaves, and Nick & Darlene Knowlton,

Karen Mathis bobtailed in to be with us. (They are still waiting on their new RV tires.)



**First time Visitors:** Bill & Linda Davis, Sopchoppy, FL; Frank & Cathy Williams, Monroe, GA; Dean & Carol Spivey, Trenton GA; Charles & Toni McDowell, Atlanta, GA

**Second time Visitors:**

Frank & Deneal Emerson, Villa Rica, GA



**Sunday & Monday:** Early arrivals included Knowltons, Barretts, Bill Lyles, Phillips, Birts, Williams.

**Tuesday:** Another hot day for the arrivals of Carpenters, Durrences, Emersons, Davis. Several of the group went to the Docks to enjoy a seafood dinner while others went to 50 Taters in Scottsboro AL.



**Wednesday:** We finally got a break in the heat and woke up to a beautiful sunny day. We are expecting the rest of our group today. Karen Mathis, Eaves, Spiveys. The Meet & Greet began at 2:30pm. Raymond welcomed everyone and then asked Ted to introduce our visitors. Dean & Carol Spivey were not able to attend the entire rally due to the recent death of Carol's mom. But they planned to bobtail

in for lunch on Friday. The meeting was then turned over to Bill Lyles to go over the agenda for the week and to pass around the signup sheet so we could indicate which activities we choose to participate in and which restaurants we plan to attend. After the meeting we sat around and enjoyed getting to know our visitors as well as friends. We never have the same folks attend the rallies each month. It's always a nice surprise to see an old friend as well as our new friends at each rally. At 5:00pm we went to Wintzell's Oyster House in Guntersville AL. They had all kinds of food to enjoy; however, the majority seemed to enjoy the seafood the most. I saw a lot of empty plates afterwards (and a few carry out boxes). That must mean everyone liked it. Back at camp a few participated in a game of fast track.

**Thursday:** Another cool morning. The heat wave was still at bay. It was breezy and the temperature was in the 70's. The breeze made it feel a little like fall. Some of our friends went sightseeing while others just stayed in the park for a day of relaxation. We are leaving at 4:00pm going to Bama Bucks a unique eating place just south of Boaz, AL we needed to be there by 5:00 pm. The uniqueness of the restaurant was there were live animals in the surrounding area back behind and along the sides of the restaurant (thus the wild game menu at this place). Folks got to see a camel, a bull, several deer, a large bison, and other game animals. (Some even saw big foot hiding in the woods.) Some folks ate a bison burger, bison lasagna, bison ribeye and the grilled elk steak. The others ate regular food. Both the service and the food were very good. After we returned to camp fast track and a campfire were on the agenda.





**Friday:** Another beautiful cool day. We were scheduled to go to a local restaurant called 'Homecoming Cafe' which serves fresh vegetables. Everything is also cooked fresh. When we arrived at the café there were about 50 motorcycles in the parking lot. It was a sight to see that many motorcycles in one place. At first there was a panic as to whether or not we

were going to be able to carry out our plan, however, the restaurant was expecting us so our tables were already reserved. The Spiveys (First time Visitors), bobtailed in for lunch. We found out later the group of motorcyclists were participating in an annual event whereby they ride the Trail of Tears route to honor those who had traveled (and suffered) before them. They were there from all over the southeast portion of the U.S. The rest of the day was spent sightseeing, going to Payne's Drug Store in Scottsboro AL, for a banana split and ice cream, and shopping at Unclaimed Baggage (also in Scottsboro AL) for bargains. Around 6:30pm we met at the club house for ice



cream with lots of trimmings. Everyone seemed to enjoy their time spent eating and visiting for a while. Afterwards there was one table of fast track that ended with the girls winning 2 out of 3 games. There was also a camp fire where it was discovered we had a talented guitarist in our group. Frank Williams, one of our first time visitors, has been playing the guitar for several years so when asked, he entertained the group with his guitar playing and

singing. It was also discovered that Deneal Emerson (our second time visitor) is part of her church's choir and she likes to sing so she joined in and sang with Frank as he played. One of the songs he played was unchained melody. Scott and April Phillips arrived just in time to hear their special song. April's daughter had sung that song at their wedding. It brought back special memories. Thus we an end to another pleasant day at Windemere Cove.

**Saturday:** The weather was nice and cool this morning which made it great for early walking. Bill Lyles gets up and walks about 4-5 miles every morning. Today is a 'do what you want' but also get ready for our pot luck spaghetti dinner tonight. Everyone looks forward to our





dinners. Donna had a craft project for the ladies. We made pine cone angels that we can hang on our Christmas trees. We had fun and luckily no one got burned with the hot glue guns. April was the most competitive since she made two angels (I think he said one was a girl and one was a boy). The rest of the day was spent relaxing and watching football. Dinner was at 5:30pm. There were several different

pots of spaghetti and meatballs. It's always nice to see and taste the many talents of the good cooks we have in our group. We also had salads and of course, yummy desserts. Good fellowship followed. One game of fast track and a lot of Georgia football watching took place.

**Sunday:** Our last day of camping was met with a cool sunny day. (Temperature in the 60s) We met at 8:30am for our last get together for coffee and biscuits served with chocolate or sausage gravy. Before our devotion by Raymond, Frank Williams played and sang "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me". Raymond announced that Frank and Deneal enjoyed us so much they joined our group. Welcome! We thanked our hosts again for a job well done and said our good byes and most people started home.



Hope to see you in October at Palmetto Cove in Cleveland SC!

Ethel Carpenter

Newsletter Editor

## **RALLY REMINDERS:**

**November:** 13<sup>th</sup> thru 16<sup>th</sup>. Coastal Georgia RV Resort. Brunswick GA. Reser Req. 912-264-3869. <http://wwwcoastalgarvresort.com> **Hosts:** Cannons & Reeses

**December: Christmas Luncheon.** Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am, Blue Willow Restaurant, Social Circle GA. **Hosts:** Birts & Masons

Looking forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming rallies