

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

**November 18 - 22, 2020
Coastal Georgia RV Resort
Brunswick GA
Hosts: Cannons, White, & Jackson**

The Coastal Georgia RV Resort is a great place to hold a rally. This was our tenth rally here and most everyone seems to really enjoy the area, especially the islands. The resort has done a lot of expansion with a new section which has a lot of Buddy campsites. All have concrete pads and complete hookups. However, the new Clubhouse was not completed, so we still used the large closed-in pavilion for all our activities.



Members Camping: Ted & Martha Barrett, Raymond & Donna Birt, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Eldridge & Bobbie Cannon, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Virginia Jackson, Jerry & Irene McKellar, Wayne & Anne Mickey, Scott & April Phillips, Sam & Dottie Reese, Jack White, Fred & Marianna Glantzberg, Jim & Janice Hamby, Nick & Darlene Knowlton, Paul & Leann Appel, Terry & Wanda Stephens, Dudley & Teresa Smith, Bill & Linda Davis, Roy Cain & Lynn Day, and Tom & Marilyn Phipps. Bill Lyles also Bob-Tailed in for the whole rally.



Visitors Camping: We welcomed Todd and CJ Johnson as first-time visitors. We also had two second time visitors, Tommy & Teresa Sanders and Wayne & Jane Scott. We truly hope you all enjoyed yourselves and we get to see you again.

Tuesday: We arrived at the Resort to be greeted by many of our fellow members: Ted and Martha Barrett, Sam and Dottie Reese, Jack White, Virginia Jackson, Dorris and Ethel Carpenter, Ed and Patricia Durrence, Nick and Darlene Knowlton, Jerry and Irene McKellar, Wayne and Anne Mickey, and Eldridge and Bobbie Cannon. We were invited to go out to dinner with them, but we had eaten a late lunch.

Wednesday: We saw the arrival of many other members: Scott and April Phillips, Dudley and Teresa Smith, Jim and Janice Hamby, and others. We had our Meet and Greet at the Pavilion. Everyone that planned to go on the Shrimp Boat excursion paid Bobbie for the trip. Bill Lyles was terribly busy collecting rally fees, plus it is time to pay our annual dues. Business taken care of, it was off to Ole Times Country Buffet. Most enjoyed full plates and several trips back to the buffet. Stomachs full everyone headed back to the Resort for an evening playing cards and banter. A fire was built in the fireplace for members to enjoy and a couple seemed to drift off for a brief nap.



Thursday: The day was cool and most stayed close to their coach. Others did some sight seeing in downtown historic Brunswick. The evening found us going around the corner to Zachry's Seafood and Steak restaurant. I think all enjoyed the food, especially the shrimp, nothing like local seafood. Back to the campground and more cards. Our fire was burning in the fireplace and friends were bantering and laughing.

Friday: The day started out a little cloudy but cleared up quickly. Most of the girls headed to the Pavilion for a craft class. Donna Birt had a holiday craft planned for us. It was a little more difficult than usual. It required designing your candy cane wreath. There was a lot of tying, gluing with glue guns and then picking out your decorations just so carefully. Of course, the chatter and laughing were going on constantly. Voilà!! There was our finished product, beautiful Candy cane wreaths. Great job, Donna. Dinner was sponsored by RV CLINIC. They provided BBQ catered in at the Pavilion. We also got to enjoy playing RV trivia. RV Clinic awarded prizes to Trivia winners and had drawings for door prizes. They have opened a RV facility which will be selling RV's, parts, and service. Then our groups broke out in games. Terry Stephens tried to get interest in a different



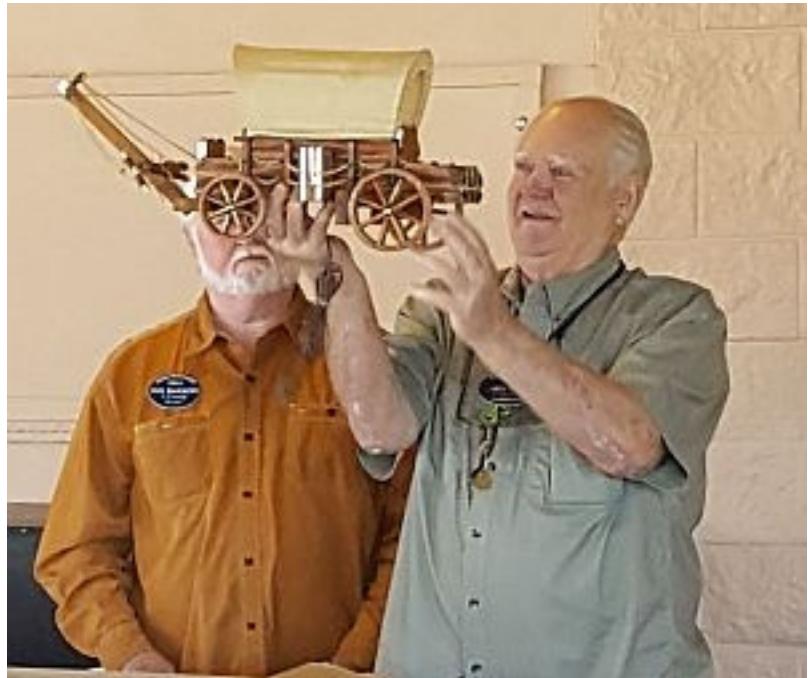
game. He had us playing 5card stud poker with \$1 lottery tickets. Confusing for some of us but a couple of others caught on quick. Never a dull moment when Terry's around.

Saturday: We had our November Business meeting in the morning. At this meeting, our new elected officers were installed for 2021. They are as follows:

President: Ted Barrett
1st Vice President: Wayne Mickey
2nd Vice President/Wagon Master: Nick Knowlton
Treasurer: Bill Lyles
Newsletter Editor: Leann Appel
National Director: Raymond Birt

After installation we moved forward to a motion made by Ted to change Standing Rules. We voted by a show of hands and the changes passed. Ted has sent an e-mail explaining in detail the changes. They are also on our website. Our retiring Wagon Master, Jack White, was celebrated at this meeting. Ted Barrett had searched for his gift since Jack hinted he would be retiring three years earlier. He finally found the Covered Wagon within six miles of his home. He presented Jack with the gift from the Mountaineers. We also recognized Raymond Birt for his past two years as our President. Raymond worked hard at his position to keep us all moving along. Thank You Raymond. He was presented with a Past President license plaque for the front of his coach.

Then we were off for our Shrimp Boat excursion. The participants scurried off to their coaches to grab a jacket and head to the Marshside Grill parking lot. We boarded the boat and what a wonderful trip. It was very educational. I saw fish most of us had never seen



before. Have you ever seen a Tongue fish? We did. Then most enjoyed a low country boil prepared by the ship's captain and staff. The whole group agreed that it was an awesome trip. Back to resort for a nap and then cards.



Sunday morning it was coffee, ham biscuits, sausage biscuits, chicken biscuits, and some breakfast pastries. Around 9:30 AM there was a devotional by Wayne Mickey. This was Wayne's last Sunday as the Devotional Leader. Ethel Carpenter will replace Wayne next year in this position. Thank you, Wayne, for your faithful service for the last three years. Then it was time to say our goodbyes and hit the road. See you at Christmas Luncheon December 9 at Unicoi State Park.

A Great Big THANK YOU goes to our Co-Hosts, Eldridge & Bobbie Cannon, Jack White, and Virginia Jackson.

HAPPY TRAILS

Just a note from your Newsletter Editor. Please bear with me while I learn the ropes. No pictures because I am still trying to learn how to insert them. I am open to all suggestions, if there is anything you would like to see in your Newsletter.

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Reminder:

March: 10th thru 13th FMCA's 102nd International Convention & RV Expo. Perry GA.

April: 14th thru 17th Riverbend Campground. Hiawassee GA. Reser Required by 1 March. 706-896-1415, 2626 Streak Hill Road, Hiawassee GA. See <http://www.riverbendcamping.com> **Hosts: Lyles, Jackson, & White**

May: 19th thru 22nd Noccalula Falls Campground. Gadsden AL. Reser Required by 18 April. 256-543-7412, 1600 Noccalula Rd, Gadsden, AL. See <https://www.noccalulafallspark.com> **Hosts: Phipps**