

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

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**Palmetto Cove RV Park
Cleveland, SC**

**Hosts: Wayne & Anne Mickey and
Roy & Kathy Perry**



Palmetto Cove RV Park is located at the base of Slicking, Coldbranch, and Reedy Mountains, all on the southern tail end of the Appalachian Mountain chain in South Carolina. On the southern side is the South Soluda River, a beautiful clear water stream with a rocky bottom and some white water rapids. As such, the park is situated in a very rustic and beautiful mountain setting. Except for the interior paved roads, the campground is just one big green grassy field with a few rows of hookups.



Members Camping: Ted & Martha Barrett, Raymond & Donna Birt, Eldridge & Bobbie Cannon, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Fred & Marianna Glantzberg, Jim & Janice Hamby, Virginia Jackson, Nick & Darlene Knowlton, Jerry & Irene McKellar, Wayne & Anne Mickey, Roy & Kathy Perry, Tom & Marilyn Phipps, Sam & Dottie Reese, Julie Simpson, Dudley & Teresa Smith, Jack White, Frank & Cathy Williams, and Doug & Sherry Wright. On top of those, Bill Lyles Bob-Tailed in for most of the rally.

Visitors: Tommy & Teresa Sanders from Conyers GA, Wayne & Jane Scott from Canton GA, Paul & Sharon Barnhardt from Spartanburg SC, and Hal & Conda Hudson from Kings Mountain NC. Hopefully all our visitors had a good time and will come again and join our chapter. I have been corresponding with Tommy off and on since early in 2015, and after five years they finally showed up at one of our rallies and brought some friends with them. It is rewarding to finally meet him and Teresa, and their friends. Plus, Tommy & Teresa and Wayne & Jane have reservations for our November Rally in Brunswick and they are bringing along another couple, Todd & CJ Johnson from Hiram, Georgia

Guests: Also attending were Charlie & Cathy Steed from Carrolton. They were guests of the Sanders and Scotts and attended in a 5th Wheel. The three couples are members of a Good Sam chapter. Also, Bill Lyles brought his sister, Mary Garrett with him. It was a pleasure to get to meet her. Maybe he will bring her again.

Sunday: Normally, Sunday is the first day of arrival for any of our attendees. However, the Mickeys came in on Saturday to make sure everything was setup and ready for the rally. The next day saw the arrival of the McKellars, Knowltons, Carpenters, Glantzbergs, Sanders, Scotts, Steeds, and Reeses. The weather was a great day for travel and everyone set up with no problems. With eight coaches there, they had enough for a game of Fast Track in the clubhouse and a campfire that evening.

Monday: It was another great weather day for traveling with six more coaches arriving. The Perrys, Durrences, Wrights, Jackson, Barretts, and Birts all arrived by mid afternoon. With thirteen coaches present, a



mini pre-rally was in progress. A group of eight went into Pickens and had dinner at the Burning Brick Tavern. Their specialty is sandwiches, but they also had some very tasty potato soup and fried mushrooms. Others stay home and ate in their coach, and some grilled steaks under the pavilion. In the evening there were double games of Fast Track and another campfire with more enjoying the warm fire in the cooler night air.

Tuesday: Looks like a good week of weather for our rally, as the day began with another blue sky and only a small chance of rain in the forecast for the remainder of the week. More arrivals today included the Barnhardts, Hudsons, Smiths, and Williams. Jack and Virginia went shopping at Hamricks in Greenville. The Barretts found a Mexican restaurant only 12 miles away in Marietta. Other attendees went sightseeing and ate at various places. Sight seeing trips were mainly driving some of the nearby mountain roads. It included visits to Bald Rock and Caesars Head State Park, both have scenic lookouts over the valley below. For dinner a group of eight went to Monte Alban in Marietta while others had another grilling session in the pavilion. This time it was chicken, pork, and shrimp. There were more games of Fast Track in the clubhouse and a nice warm roaring campfire at the pavilion warded off the cool night air. The night was game one of the World Series, but I don't think anyone cared.



Wednesday: It did not get quite as cool Tuesday night and the day began with a blue sky that turned partly cloudy by mid day. The morning included more sightseeing for many. And during the day, the remaining attendees, the Cannons, Hambys, Phipps, and Julie Simpson dribbled in by mid-afternoon, all in time for the Meet & Greet. Raymond opened the Meet & Greet with a welcome and Ted introduced the

Visitors & Guests, giving a little five year history of his communications with Tommy Sanders. Wayne then went over the Rally Agenda. It was good to see those we had not seen in a while and also to meet the Visitors. Dinner was prepared by our hosts and served in the clubhouse at 5:00PM. It was a feast of Chili Con Carne and Potato Soup, along with sides and cake for dessert. It seemed that everyone enjoyed the meal and with six or so crock pots of food,



there was plenty for all. After dinner, it was more games of Fast Track in the clubhouse and Jack had another roaring fire in the pavilion fireplace. As the sun when down, there were beautiful pink clouds following the sun set. Frank brought his guitar with him and played and sang for those enjoying the warmth of the fireplace. It was a very pleasant evening.

Thursday: The day began as partly cloudy and as folks begin to stir, there was more talk of going sightseeing and some went into Greenville shopping, with Hamrick's being a main target. Dinner was at the Gatehouse in Pickens and consisted of a very large selection of food served cafeteria style. In the evening there were more games of Fast Track and a campfire. However, with the Presidential Debate scheduled to begin at 9:00PM, many left early to go watch the debate.



Friday: We had another beautiful day in the mountains. It began with clouds hanging over or covering some of the mountain tops, but cleared them by noon time. Today was an open day except for Crafts with Donna at 11:00AM. After crafts, it was sightseeing time again with lunch and dinner various places. About a half mile from the campground, it seems that every time Martha and I were



returning, we saw an albino Gray Squirrel foraging on the side of the road. They are not to be confused with White Fox Squirrels, as the color of Fox Squirrels can run from white to black and many colors in between. White Gray Squirrels are true albinos.



Saturday: The morning was Business Meeting time, mainly for the purpose of electing officers for next year. The list of officers below were nominated and elected. They will be sworn in at

our November Rally and assume their duties at that time.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Ted Barrett	President
Wayne Mickey	First Vice President
Nick Knowlton	2 nd Vice President/Wagon Master
Julie Simpson	Secretary
Bill Lyles	Treasurer
Leann Appel	Newsletter Editor
Raymond Birt	National Director
Greg Zaic	Alt National Director

After the meeting Eldridge Cannon talked to the group about a possible Shrimp Boat Excursion at the November Rally. It sounded very good and the decision was to pursue it to see if there was enough interest to put it on the rally agenda.



After that it was off to various places for lunch, with a small group going to Monte Alban in Marietta. To their surprise, they found Fried Mushrooms and Fried Green Tomatoes on the menu. Imagine that -- Fried Mushrooms on a Mexican Restaurant menu. And they were delicious, maybe even better than Fat Buddies! For dinner it was a host prepared spaghetti dinner. Again, a very, very delicious meal, and there were more than one that probably ate too much. After dinner Travis Leeman, a representative from SkyMed, give a presentation on their insurance program. Then it was time for more games of Fast Track in the clubhouse and another roaring fire at the pavilion. As the fire died down, it began to rain and rained off and all most of the night.



Sunday: We awoke to very cloudy weather with a 100% chance of rain in the forecast. However, the rain held off for everyone to make it to the clubhouse for coffee and some delicious home made muffins of various flavors. Plus, the coffee was very good. Hats off to our Rally Hosts, they did a



great job. Following breakfast, Wayne gave a short devotional. Raymond adjourned the rally with a big round of applause for our Rally Hosts. And again, as with all our other rallies, it was time for goodbyes until next time.

Announcements:

Dues: It is 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 111 Ridgeview Road, Talladega AL 35160. 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.

Christmas Luncheon: Our Christmas Luncheon is set for Wednesday, 9 December at 11:30AM, with the buffet being served at 12:00 noon. The location will be Unicoi State Park Lodge in Helen. We will have the banquet room all day, so you are welcome to come a little earlier and chat and mingle before lunch. We can also stay later in the afternoon than we normally have in the past. And, there will be a Santa Clause game after lunch. The price is \$18 per person, plus tax and gratuity. After the buffet, our hosts have planned a game of Dirty Santa with a \$10 limit on the prizes. The charity this year will be the Community Helping Place in Dahlonega. We have supported them a few years before and they have been most appreciative. Their website is www.communityhelpingplace.org and more details regarding gifts will be provided later. For those driving from a distance, the lodge is offering a room discount price of \$89 per night. The discount code for the \$89 price is 09609. Plus they also have a campground that is supposed to handle large RV's, but from those having visited the campground, it has not been recommended for larger rigs.

Ted Barrett
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RALLY REMINDERS:

November: 18th thru 21st Coastal Georgia RV Resort. Brunswick GA. Reser Required. 912-264-3869. See <http://www.coastalgarvresort.com> Hosts: Cannons, Jackson, & White

December: 9th 11:30 – Until Christmas Luncheon. Unicoi State Park Lodge. Supported charity is Community Helping Place in Dahlonega. Hosts: Appels & Stevens