

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

June 16 - 20, 2021
Leisure Acres Campground
Cleveland, GA

Hosts: Miriam Armstrong - 706-473-4176
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Leisure Acres Campground is located on Westmoreland Road a few miles south of Cleveland in a relaxed setting with both a small fishing lake and a creek. Many of the campsites are located along the creek bank. The clubhouse, which has been updated, has a large meeting room, nice kitchen, and grills outside. The Georgia Mountaineers have had a rally here almost every year since they were chartered in 1993. 2006 is the last year that was skipped. Since then all the rallies have been in the month of June. Needless to say, Leisure Acres has been our number one rally RV park.

Members Camping: Ken & Margie Alexander, Ted & Martha Barrett, Raymond & Donna Birt, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Fred & Marianna Glantzberg, John & Tina Hopper, Virginia Jackson, Wayne & Anne Mickey, Tom & Marilyn Phipps, John Sakers & Fran Hogan, Julie Simpson, Jack White, Frank & Cathy Williams, Doug & Sherry Wright, and Greg & Rose Zaic with their grandson Cameron. Bob-Tailing in were Miriam Armstrong and Bill Lyles for the whole rally. Plus Harry & Linda Sasser and Roy & Kathy Perry also made an appearance or two.



Visitors: First Time Visitors were Ken & Denise Pleat from Brunswick GA, Mike & Pat Freeman from Gainesville GA, and Gary & Dianne Spence from Midville GA. Second time visitors were Gene & Nanette Truelove from Fuquay-Varina NC, Jim & Janine Williams from

Marietta GA, and Faylene Wright from Cloudland GA. All of our Second Time Visitors joined our chapter -- Welcome to the Georgia Mountaineers. This brings our total membership up to 51 coaches.

Early Arrivals & Monday: After a week of it raining everyday, the clear blue sky made it a pleasure for the short drive over to Leisure Acres today. When we, the Barretts arrived, we found the Carpenters, Durrences, and Glantzbergs had arrived on Sunday. Other Monday arrivals were Virginia Jackson, Jack White, and the Zaics. It was a beautiful day and great to be camping again. Later the Glantzbergs, Virginia Jackson, Jack White, and the Barretts met at Rib Country for the evening meal.

Tuesday arrivals were Miriam Armstrong, Raymond & Donna Birt, Julie Simpson, Doug & Sherry Wright, Gary & Dianne Spence, and Faylene Wright. For sight seeing, the Carpenters drove to Clarksville and visited the Antique Car Museum and some antique shops. The Zaics, accompanied by their grandson Cameron drove to Helen and visited the Antique Mall and the Museum. Some dined at the Cottage House for their evening meal, while others went for Mexican. In the evening there was a small campfire behind the Glantzberg's coach.



Wednesday arrivals were Ken & Margie Alexander, Wayne & Anne Mickey, Tom & Marilyn Phipps, Ken & Denise Pleat, Mile & Pat Freeman, Gene & Nannette Truelove, Jim & Janie Williams, and John & Tina Harper. Earlier in the day, the nearby town of Dahlonega, was one of the areas visited today. Attractions there included a museum, an antique store; and for those with a sweet tooth, a visit to the candy store was a must before returning to the campground. We gathered in the



clubhouse at 3:00PM for the Meet and Greet, (the official start of our June Rally). Ted welcomed everyone and went over the rally agenda. He then introduced the visitors and asked each one to tell us a little about themselves. Then, for the visitors, he named a few restaurants in the area they might want to try out while in Cleveland. Dinner was on your own, but around 20 or more went to the



Cottage House and enjoyed a fine meal from their cafeteria style eating. Back at the campground there were games in the clubhouse and a large gathering around the campfire.

Thursday: Arrivals today were John Sakers and Fran Hogan. They were scheduled to arrive on Wednesday, but had a little coach trouble. More sight seeing today included a visit to the Old Sautee Store and nearby covered bridge. The only thing on the agenda today was a meal at the clubhouse at 5:30PM.



Smoked Baby Back ribs and Chicken Wings were the main course. Ted had smoked them at home a couple of days before coming to Leisure Acres. The ribs filled the oven in the clubhouse, but they were soon up to temperature. Members were asked to



bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. This resulted in a great feast for everyone. The Baby Back Ribs were a big hit. After dinner some returned to the clubhouse for games, some gathered around the campfire, while others chose to spend a quiet evening in their motorhome.



Friday: It has become a popular tradition that on Friday mornings the ladies that are interested, gather in the club house where Donna always has the makings for a new craft. Donna Birt is very creative and thoroughly enjoys sharing her ideas and creations with others. This month's project was Mason Jar decorations and featured lights in a pint jar. Donna had a good attendance and looked like everyone was happy with their creation.



For dinner, it was **Low Country Boil** time. A good many pitched in to help, with a group of at least 10 under the shade tree shucking corn. Others worked in the kitchen cleaning potatoes, peeling onions, cutting up the sausage, or whatever was needed. The pot was

huge and it took almost an hour to bring the water to a boil. At 4:30PM Ted began adding the ingredients. One by one they all went into the pot. By 5:30 all the Mountaineers had gathered in the clubhouse. Various desserts were provided by the members. Fred said the blessing and it was feast time. I believe it is safe to say that everyone left with full tummies. The Low Country Boil has become a tradition when Ted and Martha are Rally Hosts, and will most surely be on the Rally Agenda for 2022. In the evening it was more



games in the clubhouse and another campfire. With rain in the forecast for Saturday and Sunday, this would be the last campfire of the rally.



Saturday: Today was Business Meeting day and it began at 10:00AM. The main item of business was the election of the Nominating Committee. Those elected to the committee were Wayne Mickey, Julie Simpson and, Fred Glantzberg. The task of finding candidates for the upcoming election in November is now in their court. They are required to turn in their list of nominees no later than the August Rally. Another Business Meeting item was the election of a Wagon Master. Fred Glantzberg had been appointed as Acting Master earlier in the year and he was elected to permanently fill the position for the remainder of the year. Also, it was announced in the meeting that our Executive Board has decreased the cost of Annual Dues to \$1 per person until further notice.

After the Business Meeting a small group drove over to Helen to have lunch at the International Café. It serves what many consider the very best Rueben around and also a scrumptious Camel Rider. Based on the amount of people in Helen, it looks like their



tourism business is booming again. The river was full of tubers floating along in the cool water. For dinner it was off to Rib Country for most. Not everyone had BBQ, as they have a varied menu to choose from. It rained in the evening so there was not campfire to enjoy.

Sunday: Sunday morning coffee and biscuits did not have a full rally attendance as some left on Saturday to beat the storm front that was to hit the area Saturday afternoon and linger on into the next day. It also appears some may have just slept in. But the sausage, egg, & cheese and the ham, egg, & cheese biscuits from the Corner Café were delicious. There was enough for some to have two and they disappeared. They were a great compliment to the coffee. Wayne Mickey gave another one of his meaningful devotionals and then it was time to say our Good Byes, pack up, and head home. Thus, another great rally came to a close.



A Note about the Election of Officers: This is mainly targeted for our newer members, but applies to everyone. Our By-Laws require our chapter to elect a Nominating Committee in June of each year. The mission of the committee is find candidates willing to run for the various offices in our annual election in November. Once they find at least one candidate for each office, they usually do not look for anymore, although they have the option to do so. The candidates are announced at our August Rally. The fact that the Nominating Committee has found candidates and will nominate them, does not mean the election process is over. The chapter has an open election. Regardless of whether selected by the committee or not, anyone can announce their candidacy for office and be nominated at the election in November. If you are interested in serving as a chapter officer, you can notify the Nominating Committee, or you can get someone to nominate you at the November Business Meeting. Our chapter does not run by itself. It takes and requires someone to serve in each of our officer positions to get the job done. Serving as an officer can be rewarding. So step up and serve – you might just enjoy it.

Martha Barrett
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RALLY REMINDERS:

July: 28th thru 31st **Spring Lake RV Resort.** Crossville TN. 877-707-1414, 255 Fairview Drive, Crossville, TN. See <http://www.springlakervtn.com>
Hosts: Williams, Jim & Janine, the Barretts, and Faylene Wright

August: 18th thru 21st **Willow Valley RV Resort.** Rabun Gap GA. 706-746-0078, 323 Yorkhouse Road, Rabun Gap, GA. See <https://willowvalleyrv.com>
Hosts: Birts & Wrights

September: 15th thru 18th **Valley River RV Resort.** Marble NC. 828-385-4220, 65 Old Tomotla Road, Marble NC. See <http://www.valleyriverrv.com>
Hosts: Williams, Frank & Cathy, Jackson, & White

