



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

**September 15-19, 2021
Murphy/Peace Valley KOA
Marble, NC**

**Hosts: Frank & Cathy Williams
Jack White & Virginia Jackson
Ted & Martha Barrett**



Murphy/Peace Valley KOA is located just north of Murphy off US-19. The RV park has been improved since we were here last in 2012. Many of its campsites back up to the Valley River in a peaceful setting. The Murphy Casino is only about a mile south of the RV park. And the beautiful drive north on US-19 is very scenic.

Members Camping: Ted & Martha Barrett, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Johnny & Linda Dunaway, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Larry & Penny Ebest, Fred & Marianna Glantzberg, Jim & Janice Hamby, Virginia Jackson, Roy & Kathy Perry, Tom & Marilyn Phipps, Larry & Connie Rosenberry, Julie Simpson, Georgia & Linda Underwood, Jack White, and Faylene Wright, with Bill Lyles Bob-Tailing in each day.

Visitors: We had only one visiting couple this month, Gary and Carolyn Hildreth of Banner Elk, NC. Actually, the Hildreths are full timers who enjoy camping 365 days a year. Hopefully, if they are going to frequent this area, they will come back and join our Chapter.

Early Arrivals: The Hildreths, Carpenters, and Durrences arrived on Sunday and were there to meet those coming in on Monday.

Monday: Arrivals were the Barretts, Glantzbergs, Faylene Wright, Julie Simpson, and the Underwoods. Today was a beautiful fall day. George and Linda Underwood graciously invited some of the early bird arrivers to their campsite for burgers and trimmings. The food was delicious and appreciated, but best of all was just the sitting around and sharing experiences and enjoying the friendships with each other.

Tuesday: Arrivals were Virginia Jackson, Jack White, Johnny & Linda Dunaway, and Larry and Penny Ebest. The morning began with a very heavy fog. It delayed the Barretts from getting an early start on an amazing sight seeing trip. But off they went around 11:00AM.

The trip included a ride down the 10 mile stretch of the Ocoee River, a trip up to Oswald Dome, and a return trip via the Cherohala Skyway. They did not make it back to the campground until around 5:00PM, but brought back some amazing scenic pictures. A small group went to the Downtown Pizza place for dinner and had a good selection off their pizza buffet and salad bar. Later there was a good attendance around the campfire, and the tall tales took front and center.

Wednesday: This was the first official day of the rally. And first on the agenda was the Meet and Greet at 2:00 PM at the pavilion. Ted welcomed everyone and introduced our Visitors. Then Jack went over the agenda for the week. Also displayed were some clothing items by Penny Ebest that she had printed with the Georgia Mountaineers logo. And several of the campers ordered some Polo and T-Shirts. Ted

also displayed the Jackets and Polo Shirts with the embroidered logo on them. There was a short break after the Meet & Greet and it was time for Pizza that was delivered 15 minutes early. Even though many had the pizza the evening before, it did not hurt their appetite for more. The pavilion was a nice place the pizza dinner and if anyone left hungry, it was their own fault. During dinner it began to rain and continued on into the night. Amazingly, there was no one sitting around a campfire with umbrellas.

Thursday: With the rain over, many folks went sightseeing various places. There are several scenic routes to take around Murphy and Andrews. Some went back to the Casino for the second and third time. But there were no large winnings announced. Others just spent the day in the campground visiting, or spending some quiet time in their motorhomes; or sitting down by Valley River watching the water run by. The Barretts went on a photo journey up



Nantahala Gorge and Ted did a Trip Update about the gorge. Diner that evening was at Chevelles in Murphy. We caravanned there from the campground and were assigned to an area just large enough to seat us all at two long tables. A lot of folks ordered burgers, but there were several other items off the menu also. After dinner there were games in the small game room joining the campground office and a small group around the campfire

Friday: The day began very cool as it had been all week. The mountains are a great place to visit due to the very cool weather as compared to the rest of the South. There were more sightseeing trips during the day. But by supper time, the group caravanned from the campground to Comfort Grub just south of Murphy for the evening meal. This was a very different restaurant with a flare of the Southwest on their menu.



We had a room to ourselves and most everyone enjoyed their food. This would be a great place to return to try different items on their menu. Game playing this night was at the Underwood's coach with a very small group around the campfire.



Saturday: More sightseeing was on the day's agenda, while others just stayed in the campground. For dinner it was Pulled Pork BBQ from Rib Country and pot luck sides and dessert. There are a lot of very good cooks in our membership, and the food was delicious. It began to rain again and therefore no campfire

Sunday: All good things must eventually come to an end, and so it was with this rally. We met early at the pavilion for coffee and pasties, had a short devotional, said our Goodbyes, and were on our way home for most. The Barretts and Whites stayed over until Monday.



In Closing: We want to thank Murphy KOA for their great customer service, friendly attitude, and making us feel very welcome at their RV park. So much so, that our Wagon Master added it to next year's Rally Schedule and many made reservations before leaving.

**Martha Barrett
Newsletter Editor**

RALLY REMINDERS:

October: 20th thru 23rd Palmetto Cove RV Park. Cleveland SC. Don't call the RV Park, email our Wagon Master or President. 521 Table Rock Road, Cleveland, SC. See <http://www.palmettocove.com>
Hosts: Mickeys & Perrys

November: 17th thru 20th Coastal Georgia RV Resort. Brunswick GA. 912-264-3869, 287 South Port Parkway, Brunswick, GA. See <http://www.coastalgarvresort.com>



Hosts: Reeses & Lyle

December: Christmas Luncheon -- 8 Dec 2021, at the Smith House in Dahlonega. Make your plans now.

