

# THE MOUNTAINEER



## Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

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### March 15-19, 2022 Sugar Mill RV Park Ochlocknee, Georgia Hosts: Carpenters and McKellars

Sugar Mill RV Park is located just north of historic Thomasville, GA. Sugar Mill campground is a very laid back campground under the pine trees. It has some grass, azaleas, and dogwood trees with a well equipped clubhouse that we have the use of all week. We have free reign of the campground and clubhouse for the week. There is a lake on the property that has ducks. Welcome packets were handed out to each coach upon arrival that contained sightseeing and dining information about Thomasville that was provided by the Visitors Center of City of Thomasville.



**Members Camping:** Ted & Martha Barrett, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Larry & Penny Ebest, Fred & Marianna Glantzberg, Virginia Jackson, Jim & Joanne Mason, Jerry & Irene McKellar, Wayne & Anne Mickey, Scott & April Phillips, Ken & Denise Pleat, Sam & Dottie Reese, Larry &

Connie Rosenberry, Jack White, Doug & Sherry Wright.

**Visitors Camping:** No visitors this month.

**Bobtailing:** Needom & Linda Palmer of Pelham, GA bobtailed in for the Meet and Greet and also went to dinner with our group at Sonny's BBQ.

Fred & Marianna Glantzberg arrived on Tuesday the week before the rally as they were arriving from spending a month or more in Florida. On Friday, the McKellars and the Rosenberrys arrived. The Rosenberrys took a side trip to Orlando to visit family and came back on Tuesday in time for the rally to begin. They are beginning a three month trip out west from here. The Barretts arrived on Saturday.

**Sunday** brought the arrival of Jack White and Virginia Jackson as well as the Reeses. The Reeses are going down to Florida for an extended trip after they leave the rally.

**Monday** brought the arrival of the Mickeys, Pleats, Carpenters and the Durrences. The weather was pleasant for the start of a great week of camping. The Barretts and McKellars went to Seminole Wind for lunch. Following an afternoon of greeting and catching up on recent news, a group of 12 went to Sonny's BBQ in Thomasville for dinner. Ted & Martha went to Rancho Grande Mexican with Family for Dinner. Then it was back to the RV Park. Dorris & Ethel Carpenter and Jerry & Irene McKellar, and Sam & Dottie Reese went to the clubhouse to play Fast Track. With the arrival of eleven coaches, the pre-rally fun had begun. We are expecting 15 coaches total to arrive by Wednesday.

**Tuesday** was a rainy day. The arrivals today of the Phillips, Masons, and Wrights brought the total number of coaches up to fourteen with one more to arrive tomorrow. Ted & Martha Barrett have family in the area so they went to visit with family. Four couples went to Jonah's Fish & Grits in downtown Thomasville for dinner. I can't speak for everyone but I know the food there was delicious. That evening McKellars, Carpenters and Reeses elected to play Fast Track in the clubhouse.



**Wednesday** began with a nice day. Some people did local site seeing while others did shopping with lunch again in various places. The afternoon saw the arrival of the Ebests to give us a total of fifteen coaches at this Rally. At 2:30 PM there was a Meet & Greet at the clubhouse. Ted started the Meet and Greet by welcoming everyone. Ted introduced the visitors who bobtailed in for the afternoon. The hosts had copies of agendas and

restaurants and things to do for those that needed one. These were sent out ahead of time via email also. Irene McKellar and Ethel Carpenter also went over the rally agenda for the week. Then it was time for a snack of cookies, and bottles of water. At 5:30 pm 29 people met at Sonny's BBQ for dinner. They set us at one long table and served us rather quickly for a large group. Wayne Mickey gave the blessing before our meal. From all the feedback, everyone had a very good dinner. Back at the RV Park, it was again time for Fast Track and a fire. As the fire died down later in the evening, the day came to a close and everyone when back to their coach and turned in.



**Thursday** was St. Patrick's Day and a free day for everyone to do some site seeing or relax or whatever. The group spread out to various places for lunch and some went site seeing. A group went to Mr. Chick's in Cairo for lunch. It was a small local restaurant with good food. Ted & Martha Barrett met 13 family members at Mr. Chick for dinner. Scott and April Phillips went to Albany to get Jimmies Hot Dogs for themselves and several family members. April used to live in Albany so she knew how delicious they were. Wayne and Ann Mickey went to Panama City to visit relatives since they were this close. A group of 12 went to the Plaza for dinner. It was very good food. Back at the RV Park that night 3 couples played Fast Track and 2 couples played Mexican Train in the clubhouse. The ladies won

most of the games in Fast Track this week.

**Friday** was a rainy day with thunderstorms. Friday lunch was on your own so people scattered in different places to eat. I know 2 couples went to Chandlers for hotdogs, fries and strawberry cream cheese pies. Later in the day, 5:00 p.m. it was time to meet at the



Seminole Wind for dinner. We left the campground at 4:30 p.m. This was a seafood buffet as well as vegetables, salads, and desserts. It was pouring down rain and had been bad weather all day but 24 people braved the weather and met for dinner. Back at the campground, the evening was spent again with 3 couples playing Fast Track, but there was no campfire.

**Saturday** morning at 10:00 was a Business Meeting to elect a new Treasurer as the position



had come open. It was still raining off and on all day long. A couple of ladies braved the weather and went to Calico Arts and Crafts in Moultrie, GA. Lunch was on your own. Three couples went to Chandlers for Burgers, Hot Dogs, Fries and Strawberry Cream Cheese Pie. Later in the afternoon it was still raining hard at times, but it was back to the clubhouse for a potluck dinner. The rally fees provided KFC chicken and everyone brought a side dish or dessert to go with it. We had a variety of dishes and several cakes that were delicious. After dinner, 3 couples played Fast Track and 2 couples played Mexican Train. Some went back to the warmth of their coach and out of the rain. I think all prayed for the rain to end.



**Sunday** morning was a cool sunny day for travel. At 8:30 people started gathering in the clubhouse for coffee and sausage biscuits. Around 9:00 AM, we had a short devotional by Wayne Mickey. Then it was time to say our goodbyes, and except for 2 coaches staying over, hit the road on the way home or other places. **A Great Big THANK YOU goes to our Co-Hosts, the Carpenters and McKellars** for starting our camping season for this year. In closing, we want to thank the Palmers for bobtailing in and spending Wednesday afternoon attending our Rally. We hope you had a good time and will come back again. We also thank Sugar Mill RV Park for their hospitality. We realize the grass, plants, trees and we all need rain to survive, but this makes for messy rally days.

### **Announcements:**

The policy for making reservations with Palmetto Cove RV Park has changed. It is back with our Wagon Master for reservations. If you need to make reservations, make a change, or cancel, please email Fred Glantzberg at [Glantzberg@gmail.com](mailto:Glantzberg@gmail.com) or phone 678-906-9299.

Just a reminder, we still need hosts for the rally at Spring Lake RV Resort in Crossville, TN. on July 12 thru 16<sup>th</sup> and also at Murphy/Peace Valley KOA in Marble, NC on September 13 thru 17<sup>th</sup>. Also we still need someone to host the Christmas Party. If you have not hosted a rally in a while, just let Fred Glantzberg know and he will get you signed up. If you want to host the Christmas Party, you get to select the location.

### **RALLY REMINDER:**

**April: 12th thru 16th** Riverbend Campground. Hiawassee GA. 706-896-1415, 2626 Streak Hill Road, Hiawassee GA. See <http://www.riverbendcamping.com> Hosts: White, Jackson, & Birts

**May: 17th thru 21st** Noccalula Falls Campground. Gadsden AL. 256-543-7412, 1600 Noccalula Rd, Gadsden, AL. See <https://www.noccalulafallspark.com> Hosts: Simpson, & Wright, Faylene

**June: 14th thru 18th** Leisure Acres Campground. Cleveland GA. 706-865-6466, 3840 Westmoreland Road, Cleveland, GA. See <http://www.leisureacrescampground.com>

Hosts: Barretts, Ebests, & Glantzbergs