



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

Willow Valley RV Resort

August - 15-20, 2023

Hosted by: Rosenberrys and Phillips

Willow Valley RV Resort is Northeast Ga's newest luxurious campground. Located in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains just 2 hours north of Atlanta, Ga. and 2 hours south of Asheville, NC. Some of their amenities include, swimming pool with a wading area for younger children, playground, community fire pit, 6 private baths, laundry room and much more. The resort is set amidst NE Ga's awesome hiking trails, minutes to Lake Burton, Lake Rabun and Lake Seed, Vineyards, and lots of outdoor mountain adventures.

Members Attending

- Phillips, Scott & April **Hosts**
- Rosenberry, Larry & Connie **Hosts**
- Burr, Peter & Linda Kirby Burr
- Butler, Bary & Debra
- Carpenter, Dorris & Ethel
- Coulter, Bob & Frances
- Daniel, Wes & Mary Helen
- Durrence, Ed & Patricia
- Gardner, Nick & Joyce
- Jackson, Virginia
- Knowlton, Nick & Darlene
- Mason, Jim & Joanne
- Mickey, Wayne & Anne
- Sanders, Tommy & Teresa
- Simpson, Julie
- Underwood, George & Linda
- White, Jack
- Wright, Faylene
- Wright, Doug & Sherry



First Time Visitors

- Colanuono, Vicki - Stockbridge, GA
- Land, Lavender
- Morgan, Kevin & Sue - Woodstock, GA

Second Time Visitors

- O'Neal, Greg & Pawnee - **JOINED!!**
- Woodby, Kathleen - **JOINED!!**





Tuesday - Arrival Day - After greeting each other and settling in, our first arrivals all got together to chit chat and catch up on all the latest Mountaineer happenings. Several went to assorted local restaurants for dinner.



Wednesday - Meet and greet was held at 3 pm. The rally agenda was covered as well as the scavenger hunt that our hosts had arranged for us! There were even prizes! Everyone that completed the scavenger hunt had their names entered into a basket to draw from for prizes. We had till Saturday at 2pm to complete it. The prizes included an air fryer, a portable ice maker, a lunch/meal prep storage set, and a mason jar beverage set. Later in the evening, there was a campfire that many gathered around, while our Domino's players got together at the Underwood's coach. Our Fast Track players got together at the club house. The sunsets at Willow Valley are always amazing!



Thursday - There was a last minute schedule change and our brunch was held at 12 Spies Vineyards, which is just around the corner from Willow Valley RV Resort. Their first vines were planted in 2008 and the tasting room opened in 2012. They are a family winery and pride themselves on creating a welcoming and relaxing environment for customers to slow down, fellowship, and savor a good glass of wine. The property is beautiful and the views are magnificent! Our brunch consisted of a breakfast casserole, homefries, french toast, and fresh fruit.





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Friday - Free Day! Several folks drove over to Hiawassee to see the movie *Oppenheimer*. Some members went shopping, antiquing, and enjoyed our local dining options. We also had Mountaineers all over the park working on the scavenger hunt! There were 10 stops on the scavenger hunt. At each stop, there were different shaped hole punches to mark your score card. Everyone completed the hunt! Later, our super secret Georgia Mountaineer Fairies snuck around and decorated the Coulter's coach for their Anniversary!



Saturday - At 11 am the Ladies did "Crafts with Connie!" Connie Rosenbrerry put together a terrific bookmark craft for us. That evening, we had a spaghetti social at the clubhouse. That was a BIG hit!! There were very few leftovers and everyone said they enjoyed the scavenger hunt! Connie did the honor of awarding the prizes as one of our guests pulled the names out of the basket. .



Sunday - Wayne officiated our morning devotional. We enjoyed donuts from Ingles, said our "until next times" and closed out the week!! It was a great rally and we are all looking forward to the September Rally in Perry, Ga and Fair Harbor RV Park.





Reminder: Our December rally event will be Dec 6 -10 at River Rocks Landing in Gadsen, Al. There will be a club dinner on Dec 8 at the campground. This year's charity is a really awesome one! We are supporting St. Jude's Children's and Research Hospital in memory of our beloved Ted Barrett.

President's Message: 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 and nominated at our election in November. 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.

Announcements: The Nominating Committee has completed their job of finding candidates to fill the officer positions for next year. For the elected positions, these candidates will be nominated at the November Business Meeting. Remember, this is an open election and anyone wanting to compete can also be nominated from the floor. Thank you to those that have already agreed to serve next year.

The candidates for officer are:

- President: Wayne Mickey
- First Vice-President: Doug Wright
- Second Vice-President/Wagon Master: Fred Glantzberg
- Treasurer: Linda Underwood
- Secretary: Julie Simpson
- Newsletter Editor: April Phillips
- National Director: Scott Phillips
- Sunshine Reporter: Anne Mickey
- Sheriff: Faylene Wright
- Devotional Leader: Ethel Carpenter
- Webmaster: Julie Simpson
- Facebook Administrator: April Phillips

In Conclusion: If you 'd like a Georgia Mountaineers garden flag with your name on it, you can order them through Connie Rosenberry at: granberry@hotmail.com
Flags run about \$25.

Pro Tip: Please come join our Facebook page! You must be a member to join and the group is private. Only members can see what has been posted. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/278249073037729>