

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

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Coastal Georgia RV Resort
Brunswick GA
Hosts: Agnews and Carpenters



The Coastal Georgia RV Resort is a wonderful place to hold a rally. This was our seventh rally here and most everyone seems to really enjoy the area, especially the islands. Last year they added vinyl enclosures on the pavilion, which helps out a lot against the late Fall wind. In the summer they are removed. Mr Perry, the owner, has begun construction on an addition to the resort. He is expanding and adding another section south of the pavilion. This new area is suppose to serve as a rally center, complete with an air conditioned and heated clubhouse. This is a nice, clean, beautiful resort, so if you are ever in this area, Coastal Georgia is just off I-95 Exit-29.

Members Camping: Ron & Belinda Agnew, Ken & Margie Alexander, Van & Miriam Armstrong, Ted & Martha Barrett, Hubert & Marsha Brown, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Eldridge & Bobbie Cannon, Don & Peggy Crump, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Doug & Terry Gibbs, Nick & Darlene Knowlton, Jim & Karen Mathis, Jerry & Irene McKellar, Dave & Donna Porter, Sam & Dottie Reese, Harry & Linda Sasser, Willard & Sue Swanson, Jack White, and Sam & Dottie Wright.

Visitors Camping: First Time Visitors were Ben & Tina Moyer from Valdosta and Dennis & Joanne Geiser from Hahira. It was nice meeting you and we hope you had a good time. Second time visitors were Bill & Jo Ann Lyles from Rome and Dale & Sandra Lemke from Dawson. The Lyles and Lemkes joined our band of merry Mountaineers – welcome to our Chapter of FMCA, the Georgia Mountaineers.



Monday saw the arrival of the Barretts, Carpenters, Durrences, Knowltons, and the Swansons. The Agnews and Lyles arrived on Sunday. Following an afternoon of greeting and catching up, it was off to Captain Joes for dinner. We were in a room by ourselves where a son of one of the owners was our server. He was very entertaining with his deer hunting stories. As normal in such a setting, we lingered over our meal and enjoyed time with each other. After dinner, it was back to the campground to admire the unusually large supermoon, enjoy games in the club house, or just kicking backing in our coaches. Note, the moon had not been that close to earth since 1948 and will not be that close again until 2034.

Tuesday was a beautiful day. Those arriving were the Armstrongs, Browns, Geisers, Mathises, McKellars, Reeses, and Jack White. That evening some went to the Ole Times Country Buffet, a place where it is very tempting to eat too much. Back at the campground we gathered in the pavilion where Jack had a good fire going in the fireplace. Soon there were tables of Fast Track and Hand & Foot underway. Others gathered around the fireplace in the pavilion and just enjoyed each others company.

Wednesday was a repeat of another gorgeous fall day with lots of sunshine and moderate temperatures. Those arriving were the Alexanders, Cannons, Crumps, Gibbs, Lemkes, Moyes, Porters, Sassers and Wrights. Those arriving earlier in the week sought new places for lunch. Willie's Wee-Nee Wagon was highly recommended for its sandwiches. Some visited the islands, some chose biking, one couple went to Savannah; others stayed near the campground or went out for lunch. At 3:00 PM we gathered at the pavilion for the Meet & Greet to officially kick off the last rally for this year. What a great turnout! With 23 coaches, this was the largest rally we have had this year. We munched on an assortment of cookies as we visited with each other. The hosts went over the agenda and announcements were made on various subjects. Afterwards, most stayed on a while to greet the visitors and visit with everyone. Those just arriving went back to finish setting up their campsites and to rest a bit. Soon it was time to return to the pavilion for "Pizza Night." We remained in the pavilion afterwards to play games and for those that did not play, they enjoyed visiting around the fire in the fireplace.



Thursday, another day with lots of sunshine and moderate temperatures, beckoned us “up and about early.” The majority headed to either St Simons or Jekyll Island to explore for the day. Fort Fredericka, Christ Church, and an estate sale, were areas some explored on St Simons Island. Others enjoyed seeing what changes have occurred on Jekyll since our rally here last year. Word is there are now more small shops with reasonable prices and the Jekyll Island Hotel Lobby is an



interesting place to visit. And for the ladies, they now serve afternoon teas during the week. The day flew by. Then it was off to the Ole Times Country Buffet for dinner that evening. Back at the campground we split up. Some went to the game room, since it was much warmer in there, to play either cards or board games. At one Fast Track table it was said “women can’t win.” Ladies hang in there, winning will just be much sweeter when it does happen. Surely you will be back on **track** soon. Others went to the pavilion and gathered around the fireplace for an evening of conversation.

Friday some continued exploring the areas around Brunswick today while others biked or visited within the campground. By far, the most exciting was those that opted for a Dolphin tour from Jekyll Island. The water were warm and calm and there lots of dolphins swimming within easy sight of the boat including a mother and baby swimming together. To their surprise it soon became adult rated. It seems when the water is warm enough it encourages adult behavior. Thus they witnessed the mating of a pair of dolphins. The agenda for dinner was the Ole Times Country Buffet, where there were plenty of options from which to choose. Then back to the campground for games or to gather around the campfire.

Saturday morning it was rise and shine for the Business Meeting at 10:00 AM. Changes to the Standing Rules were approved permanently implementing the set Rally Fee. And Dorris Carpenter administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected officers. The sign up sheet for hosting rallies next year was passed around. The sign up sheet will also be at



the Christmas Luncheon. We were on our own then until meeting at Crabdaddy's Seafood Grill on St Simons Island for dinner. Many stayed in or near the campground until mid afternoon then toured more of St Simons Island until time for dinner. Back at the campground, the game room was in full mode with everyone enjoying the games. It was the last time many will be together until next year, so all were making the most of it. A fire was lit in the pavilion, but there were few takers. Just too cold of a night to really enjoy it.



Sunday morning it was coffee and sausage biscuits at the pavilion. Around 9:15 AM there was a devotional by Ethel Carpenter. This was Ethel's last Sunday as the Devotional Leader. Wayne Mickey will replace Ethel next year in this position. Thank you Ethel for your faithful service for the last two years. Then it was time to say our goodbyes, except for a few staying over, and hit the road on the way home. **A Great Big THANK YOU goes to our Co-Hosts, the Agnews and Carpenters.** In closing, we want to thank our Visitors for attending our Rally. We certainly enjoyed meeting you and enjoyed your visit with us. **Bill and Jo Anne Lyles and Dale & Sandra Lemke, WELCOME to the Georgia Mountaineers.**

Martha Barrett
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Rally Reminders:

December: 7th Christmas Luncheon -- Smith House, Dahlonega, GA. \$15.99 each plus tax and 18% gratuity. Charity: The Community Helping Place Hosts: Longs

March: 15th thru 18th Hilton Head Island Motorcoach Resort. Hilton Head Island, SC. Reser Req. 800-722-2365. 133 Arrow Road. Directions: I-95 Exit 8 (Rt 278) East onto Hilton Head Island (approx 22 miles). Continue straight in left lane onto Cross Island Parkway (toll road 278). Turn left at second light after toll booth onto Target Road. Go one block to end of road and turn right onto Arrow Road. Resort is immediately on left. See <http://www.hhimotorcoachresort.com> Hosts:

April: 19th thru 22nd Pine Mountain RV Resort, an RVC Outdoor Destination. Pine Mountain GA. Reser Req. 706-663-4329. [8804 Hamilton Road, Hwy 27](http://www.rvcoutdoors.com/pinemountainga). Directions: From I-185 Exit 42 to US-27, go 8.5 miles, enter on the right. See <http://www.rvcoutdoors.com/pinemountainga> Hosts: Barretts & McKellars

May: 17th thru 20th Top of Georgia Airstream Park. Helen GA. 14255 Highway 75N, Helen, GA. Reser Req. 706-878-3590. GPS coordinates: 34° 46' 12.64" N -- 83° 44' 46.49" W See <http://topofgeorgia.net> Hosts: