

GEORGIA FUNSEEKERS

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THE PRESIDENT SAYS:

Greetings, Fellow Funseekers!

There's been a LOT going on with the Funseekers this year, some of it good news and some of it not so good, but I hope to try to catch everyone up as best I can with what's been going on. To start with, as you may have read in past Newsletters, we have had some **really fun** rallies so far this year. And I sincerely hope that everyone who attended the June rally in Sevierville had a good time also.

There were fourteen RVs registered to attend, and two ladies, one current member and one alumni, who had planned to come and had made reservations for a local hotel. But as it frequently happens, something comes up and some cancellations had to take place.

Those members in attendance were the hosts, Bill and Ellen Guettler and cohosts Marty and Gail Loeffler; Don and Betty Mann; new members Richard and Brenda Hutson; Dale and Judy Anderson; Dave and Pam Schumacher; Steve and Yvonne Guettler and their son Josh (our wonderful grandson who was home from college for the weekend); Wayne and Wanda Hollenbeck; new members Harry and Gayna Joy; new members Raymond and Susan Baggarly; Joe and Jan Brannon from Griffin who are friends of Raymond and Susan; a couple from Murphreesboro, Tennessee, Joe and Flo Swanson, who also brought their son Adam and granddaughter Autumn; and Jim and Carol Howley from the Tampa area. The Swansons and Howleys had seen our list of Funseeker rallies in the FMCA magazine and called up and asked to attend. And as is our Funseeker tradition, we welcomed everyone with open arms.

It was really wonderful to have members Glenn and Doris Callaway come for our Saturday night dinner and get to visit. We had not seen them for a very long time. They were

actually staying at Anchor Down RV Park, not far from where we were, and they were able to drive over for the evening.

As I said, though, unfortunately bad things happen sometimes, and Grover and Wanda Bagley had also registered to attend but had to cancel due to his having had a really bad heart attack. And member Margie Davis fell and damaged her knees and other parts of her body and was unable to drive, so she and alumni Joan Rush had to cancel their hotel reservations and weren't able to attend.

We **really** missed all those who didn't get to come, and we sincerely hope that next time they will be able to attend whichever rally they want to so as not to miss all the fun.

You probably noticed that I have redone the front-page heading of this Newsletter and done away with the column on the right side of the front page which contained the Funseeker emblem and the list of officers. I did this in the hopes that some of you who have had trouble downloading the prior Newsletters will be able to receive it in the proper format. I understand some of you had been having a half-page blank on the front page in the prior ones, and perhaps some other problems. So maybe this new format will be better and easier to read, hopefully without the problems.

The Sevierville rally was due to begin on Friday evening, but several of us came in on Wednesday, some on Thursday, and the rest on Friday. Glenn and Doris Callaway invited us over to their campsite at Anchor Down for dinner on Wednesday evening, and we had a really good time. Doris had made homemade lasagna, and boy was it delicious.

On Thursday, several of us went out to an afternoon show at the Country Tonite Theater, and it was really something. We all had a lively time enjoying the comedy, music and dancing, and we went out to dinner afterwards.

There was a problem at the Sevierville rally in that **there were no kitchen facilities there**, not even a refrigerator, so we had to make alternate arrangements. So after happy hour at 5:00 p.m. on Friday evening we began dinner at 6:00 p.m. with a cookout of grilled hamburgers with all the trimmings, i.e., sliced tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, sliced Vidalia onions, baked beans, potato chips, lemonade and iced tea, and Klondike ice cream bars for dessert. Turned out pretty good!

After dinner on Friday, we played a rousing round of the Quarter Game that we have played many times before (what we Funseekers have jokingly called the “Screw Your Neighbor” game), but the club room was a bit small for everyone to fit in the way the tables had to be situated, which made it a little difficult with everyone at two different tables. We finally broke it up into two separate games, one for each table, but some players had to quit early so some moved over to the other table, and Judy Anderson finally won the whole pot!

Saturday morning we prepared blueberry pancakes and sausage on two large griddles, which were served with butter, syrup, cantaloupe and, of course, coffee and orange juice. The day was open for everyone to come and go as they pleased, and then we met back at the clubhouse, again at 5:00 p.m., for happy hour, followed by dinner at 6:00. This was a pot luck affair, with thick slices of hickory smoked ham as the meat course and all the wonderful side dishes brought by everyone, followed by three wonderful homemade cakes brought by Glenn and Doris. If anyone went away hungry that night, it was their own fault!

After dinner that Saturday evening, I did a short stand-up “comedy show,” which was my way of trying to get some laughs, since I had always heard that laughter is good for you. May even cause you to lose weight, since, according to my research, each belly laugh may cause you to lose 3 ½ calories! I was hoping we could all laugh ourselves skinny that night, but, you guessed it – I don’t believe it worked since we all ate so well at the dinner!

Finally, after my “comedy show,” our son Steve – known in the music world as Stevie G – graced us with a short concert, and we really enjoyed the great music. Our sincere thanks to Steve for his wonderful program! Bill and I are always so very proud of him, for his wonderful talent and his beautiful heart.

Sunday morning found us back at the club room at 9:00 a.m. to enjoy a light breakfast of cereal, bananas, strawberries, a variety of muffins, and of course the coffee and orange juice. It was a wonderful rally, and since everyone had a long way to go home, we didn’t stick around long after cleanup. But again, I want to thank everyone who came, and to let all those who couldn’t come know how much we missed them.

When Bill and I, and Gail and Marty, left the Two Rivers RV Park in Sevierville, we went on up to Williamstown, KY, to visit the Ark. We stayed two nights at a local campground, and had our tour on Monday. What an amazing piece of work, and it was so very educational.

We all really enjoyed it. Then we both stopped at the Holiday Travel Park in Chattanooga for an overnight stay, before heading on home on Wednesday.

I want to encourage everyone who can come to the next rally to go ahead and make your reservations ASAP, even though the time is a little further off than usual, since we do not have a rally in July. The August rally, to be held in Hiawassee, will be hosted by Dave and Pam Schumaker, instead of Bill and Kay Nienstedt. Bill will be having badly needed back surgery in August shortly before the rally, so they had to back out of hosting this time. Please keep Bill and Kay in your thoughts and prayers. She is trying to get over some serious health problems, also, but thankfully is beginning the healing process.

Speaking of health problems, several of our members who have had health problems include Grover Bagley, who I mentioned earlier had a very serious heart attack, and is now back at home. He was in a hospital in Macon for several days, then was sent to rehab for several days.

And I spoke with Sam Story on Saturday about how Angie is doing, and he said she is doing pretty good, is on a new treatment done by injection, but is not taking chemo and radiation right now. They are waiting to see how this treatment does. Pray all goes well with her, too. I have been unable to reach Gary and Laura Moore lately to find out how she is doing since her cancer treatments, but we all pray she is doing good also.

Now, **BACK TO BUSINESS!** As I said last month, we **must** start thinking about who will be our next elected officers for the new year. They must be installed at our annual meeting at the September rally in Milledgeville. But we still do not have a nominating committee to search for those who are willing to serve as officers.

Our current Bylaws Committee, consisting of Wanda Bagley, Jere Key, and myself, have been working on redoing our Bylaws to conform to FMCA Bylaws. But one thing we have discussed is not having individuals **elected** to serve on the Nominating Committee, but to have the current Executive Committee serve as the Nominating Committee. The Executive Committee consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director, Alternate National Director, and the Immediate Past President.

I believe this is a good way to conduct the business of finding new people to serve as new officers, and I believe we should proceed this way for now, despite the fact that our

Bylaws currently state that we must have an election to find members for the Nominating Committee, because we cannot find anyone willing to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Please email me and let me know your feelings on this. Perhaps we can go ahead with trying to find new officers that way, even though our current Bylaws do not have this. But if everyone is okay with this, we can change our Bylaws to accommodate this change when we vote on the new Bylaws at the September meeting.

And as I've said in prior Newsletters, please step forward and volunteer to serve as hosts for our rallies, and always ask a new member to cohost with you, so that they can learn the ropes. We still have no hosts lined up for the October rally, which has been moved from Bainbridge to Forsyth. As usual, all changes are listed in the Rally List on the last page of this Newsletter.

Since we have new hosts for the August rally, I'm sure they will be letting everyone know about the rally fee and other plans for that rally pretty soon.

I sincerely pray that all our members who are experiencing health problems are improving and will be able and willing to join us again real soon! And, of course, those who have lost loved ones or whose family or friends may be too far away, have our best wishes for their happiness.

And, of course, Bill and I wish each and every one of you a very special 4th of July! Our country has many problems, but there is no other country like it in the whole world!

FOOTNOTE: A special note TO YOU, FROM ME, taken from the Book of

Proverbs:

**“A faithful friend is a strong refuge, and anyone who has found one
has found a treasure!”**

THANK ALL OF YOU FOR BEING OUR FRIENDS!!!

Happy trails,

Ellen

RALLY SCHEDULE FOR 2019

(PLEASE NOTE: Please contact the hosts listed for info on each rally, and make your own reservations with each campground.)

July: NO RALLY -- RESERVED FOR FAMILY TRAVEL

Aug. 15 - 18: Riverbend Campground, 2626 Streak Hill Road, Hiawassee, GA
706-896-1415 www.riverbendcamping.com

HOSTS: Dave and Pam Schumacher

marcyschu@bellsouth.net
somervillepamela1@gmail.com

Sept. 20 - 22: Scenic Mountain RV Park, 2686 Irwinton Road, Milledgeville, GA
30161 478-454-1013 www.scenicmountainrv.com

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Betty Mann bettymann@bellsouth.net
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Oct. 18 – 20: Forsyth KOA, 414 Frontage Rd., Forsyth GA I-75, Exit 186.
478-994-2019

HOSTS: STILL NEEDED!

Nov. 15 – 17: Americus KOA at Brickyard, 1655 US Hwy. 280 E, Americus GA 31709
800-562-5805 americus@koa.com or koa.com/camp/amicus

HOSTS: Raymond and Susan Baggarly
rbsb8710@bellsouth.net
babesgoose@gmail.com

DECEMBER: Christmas Luncheon for Members and Alumni – LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

When making reservations, please indicate that you are with Georgia Funseekers to get rally rate. Each individual is responsible for obtaining cancellation policy.