

GEORGIA FUNSEEKERS

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THE PRESIDENT SAYS:

Greetings, Fellow Funseekers!

With no rally being held this month, therefore no rally to report on, I will just jump right in on all the member and rally news, as I know it right now.

One important item I must mention right up front is this: Our chapter dues are \$30 per year, and they must be paid by September 1, in order for you to be able to vote at our annual business meeting coming up on September 21st. So please send your dues soon, and mail your check to Wanda Bagley, our Treasurer, at 122 Springcrest Way, Byron, GA 31008.

Our next rally, coming up in August, is to be held at River Bend Campground in Hiawassee. We have been to this place before for rallies, and we always have a great time. Some of us will be going in on Wednesday, some on Thursday, and probably some on Friday. There is further information about this rally further down in this newsletter. So far, we have 12 RV's registered, and unfortunately one who had to cancel. If you're interested in coming to that rally, you still have time to register with the campground and then let the hosts know you're coming.

WRITE-UP ABOUT THE AUGUST RALLY FROM RALLY HOSTS

The August 2019 rally will be held August 15 – 18 at Riverbend Campground in Hiawassee, Ga. Please make your reservation ASAP and be sure to tell them you are with the

Georgia Funseekers when you make your reservation. The hosts are Dave and Pam Schumacher and co-hosts are Bill and Ellen Guettler.

The rally fee is \$15 per person, or \$30 per couple, and a check should be mailed to Dave Schumacher at 1070 Treadstone Lane, Powder Springs, GA 30127, at your earliest convenience.

The following is a proposed schedule for the weekend:

Thursday: This is not normally a set day as part of our usual rallies, but the campground will furnish a fish fry for our group that night, and our group will furnish French fries, coleslaw, and corn on the cob to go with the fish and hushuppies. I believe the time will be 5:30 p.m.

Friday: No group activity has been scheduled for during the day, but here is a list of some spots to visit on your own: Lake Chatuge; Bell Mountain; Hamilton Gardens at Lake Chatuge; High Shoals Falls; Brasstown Bald; and ArtWorks Artisan Center.

Friday p.m. – We are planning on going to dinner at **5:30 p.m.** at Brother's At Willow Ranch located at 6223 Highway 76 West, Young Harris, GA 30582. This is an American cuisine, and can accommodate vegetarian. In order to book the banquet room, we will need to know ASAP if you will be joining us. Back at the clubhouse after dinner, games of different kinds to be played.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – Breakfast at the clubhouse. Biscuits, sausage gravy, hard-boiled eggs, fresh fruit, coffee, and juice will be served. Please bring your own plates, bowls, utensils and cups.

Saturday afternoon – We have been notified that David Goldhagen, the glassblower artist that we had originally planned to visit, will not be at his studio on the weekend that we will be in Hiawassee. For those interested, however, his gallery will be open to view his work and make any purchases. We are now planning to visit the John C. Campbell Folk School located at 1 Folk School Road, Brasstown, NC 28902, which is about 30 minutes' drive from the campground up U.S. Route 64.

The school was founded in 1945 to nurture and preserve the folk arts of the Appalachian Mountains and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a national historic district in 1983. The Folk School has week-long and weekend classes year-round in traditional and contemporary arts. We will meet on Saturday, August 17th, at 2:30 at the Craft Shop and

can split into groups of 5-7 people to visit the classes being held, which includes basketry, blacksmithing, woodcarving, weaving, and spinning wheel, as well as several others. Some of you may decide to sign up for a class in the future!

Saturday 5:30 p.m. – We will meet at the clubhouse for grilled chicken patties, oven-roasted potatoes, mixed stir-fry vegetables, dinner rolls, and iced tea. Dessert will be birthday cake and ice cream to celebrate August birthdays, including Dave Schumacher! Please bring your plates, utensils, and cups. After the meal, we will be playing Yahtzee.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. – Breakfast at the clubhouse, different kinds of biscuits from local restaurant, fresh fruit, coffee, and juice. Please bring your own plates, utensils and cups.

Any questions, please contact Pam Schumacher at 678-458-9474 or somervillepamela1@gmail.com.

Everyone, please wear your name tags so all new members and/or visitors will be able to get acquainted easier!

As you are all aware, the Bylaws Committee has been working on redoing our Bylaws in order to conform to FMCA. I have forwarded them out to everyone and have received approval from 21 members, out of our current roster of 35. On August 1st, I will be forwarding our newly revised Bylaws to FMCA for their review, approval or disapproval, and I expect to be able to do a final vote on the new Bylaws at our annual business meeting in September.

Another important note about the annual meeting: We will be electing new officers at that meeting, and we must have a slate of those willing to serve selected by then. **Those currently serving and who have agreed to stay on** are: Wanda Hollenbeck as Secretary, Wanda Bagley as Treasurer, myself as National Director, and Jere Key as Alternate National Director.

Therefore, we will need to elect a President and a Vice President. It is my understanding that under our current Bylaws, I cannot be reelected as President, and Betty Mann is unable to stay on as Vice President due to prior commitments.

I will be glad to serve as Vice President/Rally Master for next year, if everybody is okay with that, but we still need a President-elect.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, our currently serving officers are functioning as our Nominating Committee right now. I hope this will result in an easier way to find nominations. **Please prayerfully consider running for an office.** Your club needs you!

For your information, since I am unable, as National Director, to attend the FMCA Governing Board meeting in Minot, ND, next month, Jere Key, as our Alternate National Director, will be attending this very important meeting in my place. There are several items to be discussed and decided at that meeting concerning your membership benefits, etc. I'm sure Jere will give us a full report following the meeting.

Please make your reservations ASAP for the September rally in Milledgeville (see info on last page) in order to come to our annual meeting and participate.

Now for updates on some of our members: As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, Grover Bagley, is now progressing very nicely with his rehab following his heart attack. He is getting along okay, but had a setback on Friday, July 19. He has several doctor appointments and we hope that getting his potassium, etc., regulated again will have a good result.

I have recently talked with Linda Brady, and she says that she and Steve are doing pretty good, except for a couple of things. She has begun to have a kidney problem. Steve is now seeing a new doctor for his prostate cancer problem, and hopes to have a good result with him. Her good news was, though, that they have had their first great-grandchild, born prematurely, but doing pretty good, and also that they will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary in September.

I have had word from Laura Moore that she is doing good following her cancer treatments. But they stay busy, as everyone does, with family doings, plus she still works some too. Susan Baggaly has had throat surgery recently, to try to correct a problem that occurred last year when she had a tube down her throat for 18 days while she was in a coma, but she is progressing nicely now, according to Raymond.

As most of you know by now, Dave Schumacher's mother passed away recently, and they have been in Wisconsin for the past couple of weeks for the services and other things that they had to take care of. Also, I have just learned that Sally Koether's father has been

diagnosed with untreatable cancer, and so they have had to cancel their reservation for the August rally. I hope everyone knows that we always grieve with our Funseeker family members, and wish them our best in their trying times.

As always, we send all our members and their families our very best wishes and prayers for good health and happiness. If you would, please let me know of any member who has news to report, and I will gladly pass it along in future newsletters.

We still do not have hosts for our October rally! As you can see on our rally list at the end of this newsletter, that one will be held at the Forsyth KOA. Some of our new members should be able to host this one, and I'm sure you would have some help with it from those who have hosted before. Please let it be known that you want some help so we can jump right in.

Also, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: I have reserved space for us to have our Christmas Member/Alumni Luncheon. It will be held at **11:30 a.m., on December 21, 2019**, at Silver Bay Seafood Restaurant, 5425 N. Henry Blvd., Stockbridge GA 30281. (678) 782-7342. I will be keeping a list of those who RSVP to me, and I hope we will have a really good turnout.

As usual, all changes to our rally list are on the last page of this Newsletter. It will soon be time to come up with our list of rally places for next year, so if you have any preference, or know of a good place to hold a rally, please let me know and I will gladly pass it along to our new rally master for next year, whoever that winds up being.

Also, as I've stated many times before, if you would prefer to host a rally, but perhaps it has to be on a different weekend than the third weekend of each month, please let us know so we can try to accommodate your wishes. Sometimes a campground may not be available on the third weekend, or you may already have a commitment for the third weekend. We are an accommodating group of folks, so we'll work with you!

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.

**FOOTNOTE: Today is the oldest you've ever been, yet the youngest you'll ever be.
So, enjoy this day while it lasts, and make it special!**

**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.)

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

HOSTS: OFFICERS:

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Betty Mann	bettymann@bellsouth.net
Wanda Hollenbeck	whollen241@gmail.com
Jere Key	jerekey3627@bellsouth.net

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 21, 2019: Christmas Luncheon for Members and Alumni – **11:30 a.m., to be held at Silver Bay Seafood, 5245 N. Henry Blvd., Stockbridge GA 30281 (678) 782-7342**

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