

GEORGIA FUNSEEKERS

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THE PRESIDENT SAYS:

Greetings, Fellow Funseekers!

WOW! It seems this year is just screaming by, because here it is time for election of officers for our new year, which starts October 1. **We will be installing officers during our meeting at the September rally in Milledgeville, coming up in just a couple of weeks. We will be holding the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on September 21 at the clubhouse there at Scenic Mountain RV Park.** Please make your reservations **ASAP** to come to that rally, and, as usual, you can find the relevant information about it on the last page of this newsletter. We need everyone who can come to that rally to be there to effectively have a quorum for the meeting.

As noted in a recent email I sent out, **THERE WILL BE NO RALLY FEE** FOR this September rally. So please come and let your voice be heard and have a fun time with us.

The Funseekers have just completed our August rally, held in Hiawassee, and there will be a write-up from Pam and Dave Schumacher, hosts of the rally, further down in this newsletter. It was a great rally, with one major exception. It was very hot, and the air conditioner in the clubhouse wasn't working very well. We spent a lot of time outdoors in the shade where it was cooler and usually had a nice breeze blowing, and this allowed us a great chance to visit with everyone. When I returned the clubhouse key to the office upon checkout, I advised them of the serious problem with the air conditioning, and the guy said they would get on it that week.

There were 14 coaches attending and it was noted that we haven't had such a nice large group in a long time. Those who attended the rally were: Dave and Pam Schumacher as hosts, Bill and Ellen Guettler as cohosts, and Grover and Wanda Bagley, Raymond and Susan Baggarly, Rick and Jenny Gilbride, Wayne and Wanda Hollenbeck, Scott and Clare Herrick, Harry and Gayna Joy, Marty and Gail Loeffler, Don and Betty Mann, Joe and Jan Brannon, along with three guest couples, Brian and Nina Douglas, Gerald and Penny Howard, and Hugh and Denise Mitchell.

The Douglasses and the Howards have joined the Funseekers already, either at the rally or a day or two since, and we are hoping the Mitchells will soon be our newest member. We had such fun with everyone, and really enjoyed greeting our current members and meeting the new ones, and having the chance to spend some quality time with everyone.

Bill and Kay Nienstedt, who were originally scheduled to host the August rally but had to bow out due to Bill's back surgery, drove down from their home in Ellijay on Saturday afternoon for a visit with the group, and it was really great to see them. I believe I had mistakenly told everyone Bill had had knee surgery, but it was back surgery he had. Kay was the one who had had knee surgery earlier. But they are both doing really good, and hopefully they will be able to come to a future rally real soon. We were so fortunate and grateful to Dave and Pam for stepping up to host in their place, and Bill and I were happy to serve as cohosts to help out. What a great group of people we have in this club!

WRITE-UP ABOUT THE AUGUST RALLY FROM HOST PAM SCHUMACHER:

The August rally was held August 15 – 18 at Riverbend Campground in Hiawassee, Georgia. The hosts were Dave and Pam Schumacher and co-hosts were Bill and Ellen Guettler. The rally was well attended with a great turnout of 14 coaches, which included club members as well as our guests.

The Hiawassee area is very scenic with the combination of the lakes and the mountains. The campground operators held a fish fry for our group on Thursday evening in the pool pavilion. Many couples sat outside following the meal catching up with old friends and making new friends.

No group activity was scheduled for Friday, but a list of some spots to visit on your own was provide by the hosts. On Friday evening, everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner at Brother's At Willow Ranch, located in Young Harris, GA. The restaurant gave us excellent service and would certainly receive a recommendation from me. When we returned to the campground, a few of our members enjoyed a dip in the pool at the campground.

Saturday morning breakfast was held at the pool pavilion with biscuits, sausage gravy, hard-boiled egg, fresh fruit, coffee and juice being served. On Saturday afternoon, a small group of couples traveled to the John C. Campbell Folk School located at 1 Folk School Road, Brasstown, NC, to visit the classes, which included basketry, blacksmithing, woodcarving, weaving and spinning wheel, as well as several others. The Craft Shop at the school housed beautiful and unique items available for purchase and made by local artists, many of whom also teach at the school. Later on Saturday, the evening meal was prepared by the hosts and co-hosts at the pool pavilion and consisted of grilled chicken patties, oven roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, dinner rolls, tea and lemonade. Dessert was birthday cake and ice cream to celebrate August birthdays, including Dave Schumacher and two other club members. Everyone joined together to sing Happy Birthday! After the meal, a few club members had a friendly but competitive game of Joker.

On Sunday morning we met at the pool pavilion for breakfast sandwiches, fresh fruit, coffee, and juice. We all shared our goodbyes and best wishes for safe travels.

On a personal note, Dave and I want to thank Ellen and Bill for their help during our first time at being the hosts. It's a little scary and some extra work, but we urge other club members to join together and host a rally in the future. We were overwhelmed by the gratitude we received from our members and guests and we were happy to see that everyone had a great weekend.

Now, on to other news: I am pleased to tell you that our Treasurer, Wanda Bagley, has received dues from 21 members so far for our upcoming year. Here's hoping that she will be receiving everyone else's dues in the very near future.

A couple of weeks ago I sent out an email ballot for election of our slate of officers for the new year, and I have received back 14 replies. **I would ask that everyone who has not**

voted yet to please email or snail mail back their ballots to me quickly, so I have them for our September meeting. Or if you're coming to the rally, you may fill out your ballot at the rally prior to the meeting. In any case, we must have the ballots prior to the meeting so they can all be counted and then we can install the new slate of officers at the meeting.

Our Executive Committee, which consists of the officers currently serving, have functioned this year as our Nominating Committee, even though that is not what is in our current Bylaws. But it was impossible to find anyone to be elected to serve on a real Nominating Committee, as stated in our current Bylaws, so we had to take a different route, and let our Executive Committee serve that function. And this is how we have put it in our new Bylaws awaiting approval from FMCA.

Also, we were unable to enlist anyone else to serve as President for next year, so I have volunteered to serve **one more year**, even though that also is not in our current Bylaws. But we didn't see any other way to have a full slate to vote on.

I am extremely grateful to Scott Herrick for volunteering to serve as our new Vice President/Rally Master for the upcoming year. He will do a great job and has already begun to look for places for us to visit next year!

I want to send my sincere thanks to Jere Key, our Alternate National Director, for attending the recent FMCA meeting in Minot, ND, in my place. Upon receiving his email report about the Governing Board meeting there, I forwarded it to everyone. As I asked in that email, please print yourself a copy and keep it in your club file. Lots of good information in that report! Again, our thanks to Jere for a job well done!

OUR BYLAWS COMMITTEE, appointed at last year's annual meeting, consisting of Wanda Bagley, Jere Key, and myself, have put together a new set of Bylaws for our club, as you are all aware, and I have forwarded them on to FMCA for their review and approval. However, I received back an email from FMCA that their committee that does the reviews has completed their term of service for the year, and that the new committee taking over will be in charge of that. So I guess we will just have to wait and see what we find out from the new committee, and then go from there. Now that the Minot meeting is over is when they will appoint their new committee.

Most of our former members, and our current members who have been in the club for a while, may remember a couple who used to be in the Funseekers, named Dennis and Sheila Collett. I'm sure you will recall that Dennis died some years ago, and is buried at Arlington. But I recently received word that Sheila died recently, on August 17, while we were in Hiawassee, and it is my understanding that she will be taken to Arlington also. Our prayers and sympathies go out to their family.

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. **Or, I guess we can just let this one be a NO-HOST rally,** where we all can just get together and have a grand time. No-host rallies are always lots of fun!

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 venues 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, Scott Herrick. Or you can just contact Scott directly.

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: Get rich quick! Count your blessings!

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.)

Sept. 20 - 22: Scenic Mountain RV Park, 2686 Irwinton Road, Milledgeville, GA
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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/americus

HOSTS:

Raymond and Susan Baggarly

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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.