

# GEORGIA FUNSEEKERS

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## SEPTEMBER 2019

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### **THE PRESIDENT SAYS:**

#### **Greetings, Fellow Funseekers!**

The calendar says it's now Fall, but judging by the past several weeks of this unseasonably HOT weather, I'm beginning to wonder if maybe we skipped Fall and Winter and went right on into next Summer! Sure could use some rain, too! But perhaps this all means that Winter, when it finally does arrive, will be a long drawn-out affair this year, and that probably we'll just skip Spring and just go right on into next Summer. Who knows?

Anyway, sure hope everyone enjoyed their Summer this year, and now that schools are back in session, and all the football games are going on, and the myriad other things that constitute our Fall season, we can start to look forward to a nice holiday season going forward.

As you all know, we held our annual meeting at the September rally just past, which was held at Scenic Mountain RV Park in Milledgeville. We had 14 coaches registered, but for various reasons, two of them had to cancel, however 12 is still a nice group. Those attending were Bill and Ellen Guettler, Grover and Wanda Bagley and their guest Ann, Gail and Marty Loeffler, Don and Betty Mann, Bryan and Nina Douglas, Rich and Brenda Hutson, Butch and Judy Cassady, Steve and Yvonne Guettler, John and Pam King, Russ Hagberg, Larry and Carole Hilliard, and Jere and Marion Key, who unfortunately had an accident on the way to the RV park when someone rear-ended them, and they had to stay in a nearby motel. But they weren't injured, so that was a God-given blessing. Now they have to get the RV repaired!

At the meeting, which was held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, Vice-President Betty Mann acted as our Secretary since Wanda Hollenbeck, our real Secretary, along with her husband Wayne, was at a family function in Iowa during that time. I understand they're back home now and had a really nice time on their trip.

Alternate National Director Jere Key gave a very informative presentation of the annual FMCA meeting, held in Minot, North Dakota, which he attended in my place. He explained the reasoning for the FMCA dues increase, just instituted at that meeting, having to do with retention of the FMC Assist benefit provided with our membership in FMCA. Our sincere thanks go out to Jere for his attendance and his very thorough report.

Also, among other things, it was discussed to have all members print off their own new Membership Directory after Wayne has gotten it prepared, instead of him and Wanda purchasing supplies and going through the hassle of putting together and mailing out a copy to everyone. This seemed like a good idea. I talked with Wayne since the rally, and he has agreed that we can give it a try, and that those who are unable to download it can be sent a copy upon request.

At the end of the meeting, we installed our officers for the upcoming year, consisting of Ellen Guettler as President; Scott Herrick as Vice President/Rally Master; Wanda Hollenbeck as Secretary; Wanda Bagley as Treasurer; Ellen Guettler as National Director; and Jere Key as Alternate National Director. After the swearing-in ceremony and conclusion of the meeting, the campground manager had us all together and made a picture, which they will display in their office and at the clubhouse.

The RV park furnished a hot dog and hamburger cookout for Friday evening, and the officers brought the sides and dessert. It was really good, and it went along nicely with the entertainment they had that evening, which was what they called a "blues" singer. That evening some of the Funseekers attended a nearby auction and came away pleased with their purchases.

Saturday morning we feasted on sausage and scrambled eggs, along with sausage gravy and biscuits, juice and coffee. The day was open for visiting or sightseeing or whatever was everyone's preference. Several of us wanted to take the trolley ride offered by Milledgeville, since it is a very historic place, but unfortunately, it was already almost sold out. But some of

us did visit the historic Governor's house, since Milledgeville is one of the oldest capitals of Georgia, before it was moved to Atlanta.

Even though the RV park had another cookout on Saturday evening, we didn't participate, and the officers furnished the Saturday evening meal, which consisted of barbecue, baked beans, cole slaw and potato salad, a fruit tray, tea and lemonade. For dessert, Rich and Brenda Hutson furnished a beautifully decorated sheet cake in celebration of their 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and we all enjoyed pieces of cake with ice cream. Needless to say, we all wished the Hutsons a happy anniversary and presented them with a card from their Funseeker family.

Again, as they had done on Friday night, the RV park furnished Saturday evening's entertainment, but this time with a band who did country music, and we all brought our own chairs and listened to music under the stars. The band was quite good and we all enjoyed it, until it got a little too cool to stay out there, so some of us left a little early, although the cool that came in each evening felt really good, compared to the heat of the day.

Along with the usual juice and coffee, Sunday morning breakfast consisted of homemade (by Betty) breakfast breads, one banana and one walnut, plain and blueberry mini bagels, plain and strawberry cream cheeses, yogurt, bananas, and leftover fruit from Saturday evening's dinner. Needless to say, it was a great send-off for everyone.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** The **October rally coming up** will be a **NO-Host rally**, which is one where everyone comes to have fun, play games, or whatever the choices are, and just enjoy each other. No plans have been made for activities or meals, so perhaps one evening we can have a potluck dinner. There are plenty of restaurants around also. If anyone wants to go sightseeing or some other activity, it is your choice, and you can invite others to go if you want to. No-host rallies are always lots of fun!

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**Also**, the November 2019 rally plans are coming along, and it will be hosted by Raymond and Susan Baggerly, along with co-hosts by Bill and Ellen Guettler. Current plans from Raymond and Susan are:

HELLO FUNSEEKERS,

Raymond and I spent a very nice weekend in Americus at the Brickyard Plantation KOA Campground. This trip was to make arrangements for our upcoming rally Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. Their rally rate is \$30 per night and it was great working with the owner, Debra Sykes.

First I would like to say there is plenty to do in the area for those who are able to come early or stay late. The campground has a wonderful place for us to gather, inside the Hayes House or outside around a large fire pit called the Man Cave. They will also provide a pancake breakfast if we have a minimum of 10 RV's. So please go ahead and make your reservations so they can plan on that breakfast.

We checked out a couple of restaurants for us all to eat at on Saturday night. We also have the names of a couple more the locals recommend. We'll let you know when the decision has been made. Friday night we'll have barbeque, buns, and a variety of sauces. We will send out a request for sides and dessert as we get nearer to our date.

So All, Please mark your calendars and make your reservations. Be sure to mention you are with the Georgia Funseekers to get the rally rate and be parked with our group. We've already reserved the best spots for our group.

The rally rate will be \$10 per person, or \$20 per couple, and please mail your check to Raymond and Susan Baggarly at 417 Tallulah Drive, Griffin GA 30223. Email address is babesgoose@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there!

Raymond and Susan Baggarly, Hosts

Bil and Ellen Guettler, Co-Hosts

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**IMPORTANT!!** Our new Vice President/Rally Master, **Scott Herrick**, has already put together a list of our proposed rally sites for most of next year. Please see the last page of this, as well as all future, newsletters to see all the great places he has lined up for us to visit next year. The November rally site for next year is still being sought.

**Also**, I am pleased to tell you that several people have already volunteered to host at several of the sites for next year. As always, I urgently request that you go ahead and choose

the one you would like to host and then let me or Scott know, so that I can add your names to the list. The sooner you volunteer, the easier it is to get the site you prefer!

**Those who have already volunteered for next year are:**

1. Scott and Clare Herrick for the Bainbridge rally in March;
2. Grover and Wanda Bagley, co-hosts John and Pam King, for the April rally in Gulf Shores, Al.
3. Steve and Yvonne Guettler, and co-hosts Bill and Ellen Guettler, have volunteered for the June rally in Townsend, TN.
4. Don and Betty Mann, along with co-hosts Bryan and Nina Douglas, have volunteered to host the August rally in Chattanooga.
5. The officers, as usual, will host the September rally in Brunswick.

So, we still need hosts for February, May, and October, and when the space is finalized, hosts will be needed for November. Please see the new rally list at the end of this newsletter for dates and places.

And, as usual, we will not have a rally in January nor July. However, we did schedule a February rally this year, unlike the past several years, and it will be held in Charleston, SC.

And, as I've said many times before, if you would like to host a certain time of the month than what is listed, please let it be known. There may be a campground that you would like to use that isn't available the third weekend, maybe a different weekend of the month than the third weekend like we normally do, or if you would prefer to choose a rally site and change from the one listed, please let that be known. We are a very accommodating group, and we will try our best to meet your needs and expectations!

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**Now, on to other news:** I am pleased to tell you that our Treasurer, Wanda Bagley, has received dues from 30 members so far for our upcoming year. Here's hoping that she will be receiving everyone else's dues in the very near future. Unfortunately, we have, as of this point in time, lost three members, due to various reasons.

**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 need your RSVP no later than December 19, so that I can let the restaurant know a head count.** Sure hope all of you plan to come!

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Now, as, I've stated many times before, if you would prefer to host a rally, but perhaps it needs to be on a different weekend other than the third weekend of each month, please let us know so we can try to accommodate your wishes. Sometimes a campground that you may wish to use might 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!

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.

**FOOTNOTE: Forgive your enemies; nothing will annoy them more.**

– John Mason

**Happy trails,  
Ellen**

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**REMAINDER OF RALLY SCHEDULE FOR 2019**

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

**Oct. 18 – 20:** Forsyth KOA, 414 Frontage Rd., Forsyth GA I-75, Exit 186.  
478-994-2019

**HOSTS: NO-HOST RALLY!**

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

**HOSTS:** **Raymond and Susan Baggary**  
[rbsb8710@bellsouth.net](mailto:rbsb8710@bellsouth.net)  
[babegoose@gmail.com](mailto:babegoose@gmail.com)  
**Bill and Ellen Guettler**  
[billguettler@gmail.com](mailto:billguettler@gmail.com) [grammyguettler@gmail.com](mailto:grammyguettler@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.**

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**RALLY SCHEDULE FOR 2020**

- Feb. 1 – 15:** Charleston KOA, Charleston SC. 843-7971045
- Mar. 19 – 21:** Flint River RV Park, Bainbridge GA. 229-246-5802.  
**HOSTS:** Scott and Clare Herrick  
[deskjock@mchsi.com](mailto:deskjock@mchsi.com)  
[genielady@mchsi.com](mailto:genielady@mchsi.com)
- Apr. 16 – 18:** Island Retreat RV Park, Gulf Shores, AL. 251-967-1666.  
**HOSTS:** Grover and Wanda Bagley  
[GCB31008@gmail.com](mailto:GCB31008@gmail.com)  
[wanda31008@gmail.com](mailto:wanda31008@gmail.com)  
John and Pam King  
[jkroadracer@yahoo.com](mailto:jkroadracer@yahoo.com)  
[pamelaresidential@yahoo.com](mailto:pamelaresidential@yahoo.com)
- May 14 – 16:** Cecil Bay RV Park, Cecil GA. (for Daylily Festival in nearby Adel)  
**HOSTS:**
- June 18- 20:** Big Meadow Family Campground, Townsend TN. 265-448-0624.  
**HOSTS:** Steve and Yvonne Guettler  
Bill and Ellen Guettler  
[billguettler@gmail.com](mailto:billguettler@gmail.com)
- JULY:** No rally scheduled – reserved for family time
- AUG. 13 – 15:** Holiday Travel Park, Chattanooga TN. 706-891-9766.  
**HOSTS:** Don and Betty Mann  
[bettymann@bellsouth.net](mailto:bettymann@bellsouth.net)  
Bryan and Nina Douglas
- SEPT. 17 – 19:** Coastal Georgia RV Park, Brunswick GA. 912-264-3869.  
**HOSTS:** Club Officers (Listed below)  
  
Ellen Guettler  
[billguettler@gmail.com](mailto:billguettler@gmail.com)

**Scott and Clare Herrick**  
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**Wanda Bagley**  
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**Jere Key**  
[jerekey3627@bellsouth.net](mailto:jerekey3627@bellsouth.net)

**OCT. 15 – 17:** Leisure Acres Campground, Dahlonega GA. 706-865-6466.  
**HOSTS:**

**NOV. 12-14:** **TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER**

**DEC.:** **MEMBER / ALUMNI CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER.**