

# THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

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**June 17 - 21, 2020**  
**Leisure Acres Campground**  
**Cleveland, GA**

**Hosts: Dorris & Ethel Carpenter**  
**Ed & Patricia Durrence**  
**Nick & Darlene Knowlton**



**Leisure Acres Campground** is located on Westmoreland Road a few miles south of Cleveland in a relaxed setting with both a small fishing lake and a creek. Many of the campsites are located along the creek bank. The clubhouse, which has been updated, has a large meeting room, nice kitchen, and grills outside. The Georgia Mountaineers have had a rally here almost every year since they were chartered in 1993. 2006 is the last year that was skipped. Since then all the rallies have been in the month of June. Needless to say, Leisure Acres has been our number one rally RV park.

**Members Camping:** Ken & Margie Alexander, Paul & Leann Appel, Ted & Martha Barrett, Hubert & Marsha Brown, Eldridge & Bobbie Cannon, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Bill & Linda Davis, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Jim & Janice Hamby, Virginia Jackson, Nick & Darlene Knowlton, Bill Lyles, Jerry & Irene McKellar, Wayne & Anne Mickey, Roy & Kathy Perry, Sam & Dottie Reese, Terry & Wanda Stephens, and Jack White. We regret that the Lemkes and Mathises had to cancel due to coach problems.



**Visitors:** Visitors were Dudley & Teresa Smith from Loganville, Larry & Mary Stivers from Cumming, Fred & Marianna Glantzbert from Kennesaw, and Julie Simpson from Simpsonville, SC. Dudley & Teresa attended the two previous unofficial Camp-Outs, the one in March at Milledgeville and last month in May at Ochlocknee. We hope you all had a good time, and we look forward to seeing you again in the future. We regret that Doug & Ginger Henry from Grayson and John Sakers & Fran Hogan from Acworth had to cancel. They have been trying to attend one of our rallies beginning with our March Rally at Milledgeville. But they are persistent and will surely attend one of our rallies down the road.

**Bob-Tailing:** Raymond & Donna Birt Bob-Tailed in for the Meet & Greet Wednesday afternoon and again Saturday morning for the Business Meeting. Ron & Belinda Agnew came in at various times and to play Hand and Foot in the evening. And Miriam Armstrong attended the Business Meeting Saturday morning.

**Early Arrivals:** The Barretts arrived on Monday morning to find the Carpenters, Browns, Davises, Knowltons, and Reeses already there after arriving on Sunday. The remainder of the day and Tuesday saw the arrival of the Durrences, Jackson, Lyles, McKellars, Miceys, Perrys, Smiths, Glantzbergs, Simpson, and White.

**Wednesday:** With the Meet & Greet on the Rally Agenda, most of the other attendees arrived and set up. Raymond and Donna Birt Bob-Tailed in to the Meet & Greet, where he welcomed all the attendees and introduced the Visitors. After that Ethel went over the



Rally Agenda and answered any questions. Afterwards most of the folks stayed around and caught up on old times and talked some with the Visitors. It took a while to catch up on the old times, as this was our first time seeing each other since the December Christmas Luncheon. Later some small groups went to various places for diner. On their return, there were games of Fast Track in the clubhouse and a small number of people around the campfire. Not much to write about relating to the restaurants, since there was



not much group involvement. Except for the Rally Agenda, trying to keep track of who all went where is like trying to herd a bunch of cats.



**Thursday:** The day began slightly overcast. Yours truly was up around 9AM and headed to Walmart. However, there was hardly any other activity in the campground. It seemed totally dead – no one was up and moving around. All the tow vehicles were parked in front of the coaches. It must have been a rough night. But folks begin to stir around 11:00AM, with them going to various places for lunch. Thursday's dinner was scheduled for Rib Country BBQ in Cleveland. I did not get back from Atlanta until around 5:45 and arrived as most everyone was finishing their desert of Blackberry Cobbler and Ice Cream. It appeared that all the attendees were there for dinner and it seem they all left with full tummies and a smile on their face.



**Friday:** The morning began partly cloudy, but was mostly sunny by 10:00AM. A few went various places for breakfast, but Bill Lyles organized a trip to the Smith House in Dahlonga for lunch. And those that did basically skipped dinner, since they had such a large lunch. A small group did go to El Sombrero in Cornelia for a dinner of Fajitas. After that, it was games of Fast Track in the clubhouse, but no campfire. The evening began with a light rain, but it ended early, however there was no campfire wood.



**Saturday:** Today was Business Meeting day and it began at 10:00AM. The main item of business was the election of the Nominating Committee. Those elected were Wayne Mickey, Sam Reese, and Leann Appel. So they have their work ahead of them to find candidates for the upcoming election in October. The afternoon was an early dinner in the clubhouse that began at 3:00PM. It was a catered event with Chicken Tenders, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, salad, and desserts. The food was very delicious and also plentiful.



**Sunday:** The morning's coffee in the clubhouse was accompanied by biscuits to order. Shortly after, the devotional was given by Devotion Leader Wayne Mickey. Afterwards it was time for goodbyes until next time, and most departed for home.



**Robert L. Richter Award:** Subject award recognition is for a chapter member who is responsible for the publication of the chapter's newsletter, chapter publications, or communications to the chapter and/or to the public regarding the chapter, its members, and events. For a number of years, officers of



our chapter have been asked why they did not nominate anyone for this award, that we had a great newsletter, and should submit a nomination. This past January, Raymond submitted a three page letter with 10 supporting pages, nominating Ted Barrett for the award. He received word back earlier this month that the award was awarded to someone else, and that he could submit again next year. There were eight nominations this year, with the selection made by the Executive Board. A copy of the nomination letter is posted at <http://www.georgiamountaineers.org/Newsletters/Robert L Richter Award Nomination.pdf>.

### **Special Events:**

**Durrences:** Ed and Patricia Durrence just celebrated 57 years of marriage on 2 June. They celebrated this special day with their boys and their families. Looking at their photo, they don't even look 57 years old. Congratulations on your 57<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!

**Mathises:** The week of 29 June to 4 July is very special to Karen and Jim Mathis. They get to celebrate Karen's birthday on 29 June, and this year will be her 75<sup>th</sup>. That is a milestone in the lexicon of many folks. June 30<sup>th</sup> is the date Karen retired from AT&T back in 2012, after 32 years of service. July 3<sup>rd</sup> is Jim and Karen's wedding anniversary, and this will be their 38<sup>th</sup>. And of course, July 4<sup>th</sup> is a great day celebrated by all of us. Not only do they get to celebrate those dates this year, but every year. So Happy Birthday to Karen and congratulations to her and Jim. May they have many more wonderful years to celebrate this special week.



**Election of Officers:** This is mainly targeted for our newer members, but applies to everyone. Our By-Laws require our chapter to elect a Nominating Committee in June of each year. The mission of the committee is find candidates willing to run for the various offices in our annual election in October. Once they find at least one candidate for each office, they usually do not look for anymore, although they have the option to do so. The candidates are announced at our August Rally and nominated at the election in October. The fact that the Nominating Committee has found candidates and will nominate them, does not mean the election process is over. The chapter has an open election. Regardless of whether selected by the committee or not, anyone can announce their candidacy for office and be nominated at the election in October. If you are interested in serving as a chapter officer, you can notify the Nominating Committee, or you can get someone to nominate you at the October Business Meeting. Our chapter does not run by itself. It takes and requires someone to serve in each of our officer positions to get the job done. So step up and serve – you might just enjoy it.

**One World Trade Center:** If you would like to take a trip to the top of the One World Trade Center, go to <https://www.youtube.com/embed/aDIN26yxbnw>.

**In Closing:** We still need Hosts for our Christmas Luncheon. Remember, you get to select the place, date, time, and which charity to support. And the restaurant normally does all the work. If interested, please contact our Wagon Master, Jack White. And, if you are interested in serving as a chapter officer next year, contact the Nominating Committee.

**Ted Barrett**  
**Newsletter Editor**

### **RALLY REMINDERS:**

**July:** 22<sup>nd</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup> **Spring Lake RV Resort.** Crossville TN. 877-707-1414.  
Address: 255 Fairview Drive, Crossville, TN See <http://www.springlakervtn.com>  
**Hosts: Newtons & Davises**

**August:** 19<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup> **Willow Valley RV Resort.** Rabun Gap GA. 706-746-0078.  
Address: 323 Yorkhouse Road, Rabun Gap, GA. See <https://willowvalleyrv.com>  
**Hosts: Emersons & Birts**

**September:** 16<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup> **Great Outdoors RV Resort.** Franklin NC. 828-349-0412.  
Address: 321 Thumpers Trail, Franklin, NC. See <http://www.gorvresort.com>  
**Hosts: Browns & Reeses**

**October:** 21<sup>st</sup> thru 24<sup>th</sup> **Palmetto Cove RV Park.** Cleveland SC. For reservations, contact Jack White. See <http://www.palmettocove.com> **Hosts: Mickeys & Perrys**

**November:** 18<sup>th</sup> thru 21<sup>st</sup> **Coastal Georgia RV Resort.** Brunswick GA. 912-264-3869.  
Address: 287 South Port Parkway, Brunswick, GA. See <http://www.coastalgarvresort.com>  
**Hosts: Cannons, Jackson, & White**