

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

**July 28 - 1 August, 2021
Spring Lake RV Resort
Crossville TN**

**Hosts: Jim & Janine Williams, Faylene Wright,
and Ted & Martha Barrett**



Spring Lake RV Resort is a lovely, peaceful campground, nestled in the trees with a small lake in the middle, just four miles north of I-40. It has two clubhouses. The one we have used at each of our rallies is located on the back side of the lake. It contains a nice kitchen. Best of all the room is large enough to set up lots of tables. An added plus is a reading area as well as a TV. Now for a history lesson on Crossville. Crossville was developed at the intersection of a branch of the Great Stage Road, which connected the Knoxville area with



Tennessee with Kentucky and later extending south to Chattanooga. These two roads are roughly paralleled by modern US-70 and US-127 respectively. Around 1800, an early American settler named Samuel Lambeth opened a store at this junction, and the small community that developed around it became known as Lambeth's Crossroads. The store was located at what has become the modern intersection of Main Street and Stanley Street just south of the courthouse. By the time a post office was established in the 1830s, the community had taken the name of Crossville.

Members Camping: Ted & Martha Barrett, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Larry & Penny Ebest, Jim & Janice Hamby, Dennis Joyce Horcher, Virginia Jackson, Jim & Joanne Mason, Roy & Kathy Perry, Tom & Marilyn Phipps, John Sakers & Fran Hogan,

Julie Simpson, and Jack White. Bill Lyles and his sister, Mary Garrett, stayed at a local motel and Bob-Tailed in to events. It was great to see Dennis & Joyce back as members. They had been members for many years before and then went Fifth Wheeling for a while, before getting back into a motorhome. Our original Attendees List had quite a few more who planned on attending; but as time got closer, we had a lot of cancellations. Some for health reasons, some for coach repairs, and some for other reasons. Hope everyone that had to cancel is either OK, have your coach repaired, or whatever reason you missed has resolved itself. One thing for sure, you were missed at the rally.

Visitors: First time visitors were Johnny & Linda Dunaway from Hawkinsville. Second Time visitors were George & Linda Underwood from Byron. George & Linda attended our May Rally at Gadsden and joined our Chapter at this rally -- Welcome to the Georgia Mountaineers!

Monday: With a forecast of thunder showers between Ellijay and Crossville for Monday, we left a day early and arrived on Sunday around noon and the Underwoods arrived later in the day. As mentioned last month about labor problems with the restaurants, it soon became apparent that Crossville is in no better situation. Sunday Brunch at Shoney's began with a long line of folks trying to check out and no hostess to seat us. And the next day we went to Hardee's for breakfast biscuits and ordered sausage, egg, and cheese. We were served biscuits with no sausage and had to wait forever for them to brew some decaf coffee. But we made it back in time to see the arrival of the Williams, Simpson, Wright, Ebests, White, Jackson, Durrences, and Carpenters. They all set up between heavy rain showers. Our pre rally had begun. Most of the group went to the Vegas Steak House for dinner. Again, the lack of adequate restaurant help surfaced. Since some restaurants were closed, as a result, the Vegas Steak House was full; but we did find seating in the bar area. We arrived at 5:30PM but did not get back to the campground until around 8:00PM. It took a long time to place our orders, to get our food, and even longer to get our checks. Since it was late, there were no games or a campfire that night.

Tuesday: Cumberland Mountain General Store was the main destination for Jack White and Virginia Jackson as well as Tom and Marylyn Phipps. The afternoon saw the arrival of the Perrys, Phipps, Masons, Hambys, Horchers, and Bill Lyles and Mary. Supper was at various restaurants with a small group going to Romo's Mexican Restaurant. That evening the world stood still, as Jack White declared it was too hot for a campfire. Thus the Barretts patio became the gathering place for the evening. It was a relaxing time as we sat around and just visited. It was an opportunity for us to talk about old times and catch up on what we had done since the last rally.



Wednesday: There were no planned events this morning. Most folks went sight seeing on their separate ways. Our last arrivals were John Sakers & Fran Hogan and Johnny & Linda Dunaway. The rally officially began at 2:30PM when we gathered in the clubhouse for the Meet and Greet. Light snacks of nuts and chips & dip were served along with colas or water. The Visitors introduced themselves and Jim went over the Rally Agenda. We were on our own for the rest of the afternoon and dinner. Evening found us back at the clubhouse playing games or gathered outside around a campfire. Yes, a campfire in July. Granted it was a small one, but Campfires are a year round tradition with the Georgia Mountaineers.



Thursday: The Cumberland Mountain General Store was a major visiting destination of many of the Mountaineers today. We all know there are many hard working people. And some of them carry that effort to their eating also. After a feast on large Cheese Burgers, smoked Bologna Burgers, French Fries, and Onion Rings, the ultra large Banana Split was next. It is amazing what Jim and Jack can do when they set their mind to it. They were not the only ones to demolish a huge a Banana Split, but did not get caught by the camera. Some other attractions included Book Sellers, where you can buy used books at reduced prices. For those that like to read, it is always nice to find these shops near the campgrounds where we are staying.



The following week is what is referred to as the **600 Mile Flea Market**. It runs along highway US-127, and there were

many tent markets already in place with advanced vendors and customers. For those that like browsing flea markets this provides a good opportunity to cruise through the area to stop and shop for miles.

The Las Vegas Steakhouse was our destination for the evening meal. The turnout was good and in spite of the restaurant being busy, with reservations service was good all things considered. The food was good and at a valued price. Then it was back to the campground where there were games in the clubhouse, some chose to just relax in their motorhomes, others enjoyed a small fire at the fire pit. It's never too hot for the Mountaineers to have campfire.

Friday: The Military Museum was one of the places visited and enjoyed today. Some went out for breakfast while others had a light lunch. For the evening meal we gathered at Romo's Mexican Restaurant. Maybe it was just me, but considering how busy they were, the service and food was good. On our return to the campground we again chose to gather in clubhouse, at the fire pit, or back to our motorhomes to just kick back and relax.

Saturday: Many stayed in the campground today visiting and relaxing as tonight was BBQ at the clubhouse. Pulled Pork and Chicken was provided by Lantana Lucy's, plus there were two racks of Baby Back Ribs left over from Cleveland. All of the BBQ was very good. The ladies prepared side dishes or desserts to accompany the BBQ. We have a lot good cooks, so as usual there were plenty of delicious dishes to enjoy. If anyone when home hungry, it was their own fault. And there was some



cases were the hard workers were at it again, so they certainly did not go home hungry.

Sunday: That morning we gathered for coffee, juice, and sausage and chicken biscuits from Hardee's. Breakfast was followed by a short devotional by Ethel Carpenter before parting for home. Thank you Ethel! It was then time for Good-Byes, thus ending another very pleasant week visiting with the Georgia Mountaineers.



Many **THANKS** to our Rally Hosts, Jim & Janine Williams and Faylene Wright. They did a GREAT JOB!

Martha Barrett
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RALLY REMINDERS:

August: 18th thru 21st **Willow Valley RV Resort.** Rabun Gap GA. 706-746-0078.
323 Yorkhouse Road, Rabun Gap, GA. See <https://willowvalleyrv.com>
Hosts: Birts & Wrights

September: 15th thru 18th **Valley River RV Resort.** Marble NC. 828-385-4220.
65 Old Tomotla Road, Marble NC. See <http://www.valleyriverrv.com>
Hosts: Williams, Frank & Cathy, Jackson, & White

October: 20th thru 23rd **Palmetto Cove RV Park.** Cleveland SC. Don't call the RV
Park, email our Wagon Master or President. 521 Table Rock Road, Cleveland,
SC. See <http://www.palmettocove.com> **Hosts: Mickeys & Perrys**

