

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

August 17-21
Willow Valley RV Resort
Rabun Gap, GA

Hosts: Scott & April Phillips
Jim & Joanne Mason

Willow Valley RV Resort is located just south of the historic community of Rabun Gap off Yorkhouse Road. It is a relatively new RV park that opened early in 2019. The owners have completed an expansion of about 20 more campsites since that time. It is in a very nice relaxed setting on the valley floor with mountains on each side. Rabun Gap takes its name from the Blue Ridge Mountain pass in which it is situated. It is a farming community due to the flat topography in the river valley of the natural gap.



Members Camping: Raymond & Donna Birt, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Mike & Pat Freeman, Fred & Marianna Glantzberg, Jim & Janice Hamby, Virginia Jackson, Nick & Darlene Knowlton, Johnny & Linda Dunaway, Wayne & Anne Mickey, Larry and Connie Rosenberry, Tommy & Teresa Sanders, Gene & Nanette Truelove, Jack White, Doug & Sherry Wright. We had a few cancellations for health reasons. We wish everyone a quick and full recovery.

First time visitors: Barry & Debra Butler (Friends of the Phillips) from Rome GA and Wes & Mary Helen Daniel from Gainesville Ga. Wes & Mary have already made reservations for our rally next month in Murphy.

Arrivals: The Phillips, Carpenters & Knowltons arrived on Sunday. Durrences, Jackson, White & Butlers arrived on Monday

Tuesday: Today's arrivals were: Birts, Miceys, Wrights & Trueloves. No planned activities today for dinner so a few families went to Mama G's in Clayton, while others

had dinner in their coach. Afterwards several sat around the campfire to catch up on things.

Wednesday: Arrivals were: the Hambys, Rosenberrys and Sanders. Jack and Raymond are always looking for a good meal for breakfast. They started their day off at Veronica's. They must have liked it the last few times we've been there. No dinner plans again this evening so a few more returned to Mama G's. Must have been pretty good they all kept coming back with enough leftovers for another day.



Thursday: Last to arrive was the Dunaways. Our agenda for day included a Brunch at the Cannon Family Farm. Kurt Cannon is the Phillips' homebuilder. The menu was very



tasty with French toast casserole, hash brown casserole, fruit, and a quiche. Everyone ate until they could eat no more. It was a very scenic place to hold such an event. April said they had a request to do it again next year if available. Dinner plans for evening included Bella's

restaurant in Clayton and La Cabana Restaurant in Dillard.

Friday: It was a free day. No scheduled plans. Several visited the surrounding sites while others stayed at their coach and relaxed.



Saturday: At 11:00 am Donna had a craft at the clubhouse. She started with a paper thanksgiving plate and asked everyone to remember what they were

thankful for. Next came a turkey with feathers, and lots of fall leaves to glue to the plate. The ladies wrote on the feathers the different things for which they were thankful. (Believe it or not several of them included



their husband.) Donna is always amazed at the creativity of our ladies. Look at the pictures on Shutterfly to see the results. Dinner this evening was Pot Luck. The fried chicken came from Ingles and of course our members brought great vegetables and wonderful deserts.

Sunday: We gathered for a light breakfast of coffee, and assorted donuts from Ingles. This was followed by a short devotional given by Wayne Mickey. Then it was time to say our goodbyes until next time.

Most of the weather during the week was cool in the morning and mostly no rain during the day. Jack was able to have a fire pit almost every night. No games in the clubhouse until Friday evening, a few played Dominos. I think this the first rally that I have attended that no one played Fast track.

President's Message: 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 November. 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 our election in November. 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 November. 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 November 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.

Announcements: The Nominating Committee has completed their job of finding candidates to fill the officer positions for next year. For the elected positions, these candidates will be nominated at the November Business Meeting. Remember, this is an open election and anyone wanting to compete can also be nominated from the floor. Thank you to those that have already agreed to serve next year.

The candidates for officer are:

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| Wayne Mickey | President |
| Doug Wright | First Vice President |
| Fred Glantzberg | Second Vice President/Wagon Master |
| Julie Simpson | Secretary |
| Linda Underwood | Treasurer |
| ----- | Newsletter Editor |
| Betty Duncan | National Director |
| Raymond Birt | Alternate National Director |

Appointees are:

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| Anne Mickey | Sunshine Reporter |
| Faylene Wright | Sheriff |
| Ethel Carpenter | Devotional Leader |
| Julie Simpson | Web Master |
| Wayne Mickey | Recruiter |

In Closing: We want to again THANK Willow Valley RV Resort for their great customer service, friendly attitude, and making us feel very welcome at their RV park. It is on the 2023 Rally Schedule. Several members made reservations for next year while there. A heartfelt gratitude to the owners and work campers – you do make a difference.

**Interim Newsletter Editor
Raymond Birt**

Aug: 16th - 20th Willow Valley RV Resort. Rabun Gap GA. 706-746-0078, 323 Yorkhouse Road, Rabun Gap GA. See <https://willowvallevrv.com>

Hosts: Masons & Phillips

Sept 13th – 17th Murphy/Peace Valley KOA. Marble NC 800-562-9382. 117 Happy Valley Road, Marble NC.

See: <https://koa.com/campgrounds/murphy> **Hosts:**

Oct 18th – 22nd Palmetto Cove RV Park. Don't call the RV Park; email our Wagon Master or Wayne Mickey, 521 Table Rock Rd, Cleveland SC.

See <https://www.palmettocove.com> **Hosts: Micekeys & Perry**

