



The Mountaineer

Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers chapter of FMCA



June 24-27, 2004

Bald Mountain Park

Hiawassee, GA

Hello Mountaineers,

Luke & Linda Callas and John & June Huffman hosted The Georgia Mountaineers June rally at the Bald Mountain Campground from the 24th to the 27th.

Early arrivals came in Wednesday and started off with late lunch at the Georgia Mountain Restaurant. Then it was some bargain hunting and visiting. The rains came Wednesday afternoon but that didn't dampen spirits and the evening included some hot games of Hand & Foot.

Some got up early Thursday morning and returned to the Georgia Mountain Restaurant to start off the day with a big breakfast. Then the guys hit the Ace Hardware and cellular telephone store while the gals checked out Roosters and some other shops downtown. There were also some bargains to be had at the flea market. More card games Thursday afternoon were followed by hamburgers, baked beans and the trimmings. Klaus & Marga Beier were celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary and the event was observed with cake and candles.

Friday started off with more rain and breakfast at the Georgia Mountain Restaurant then we were off to tour Klaus & Marga Beier's home and admire his art and HO model train layout. After that we visited Yvonne Faulkner also in the Track Rock area. We gathered again at the campground and visited before venturing into North Carolina to tour Earle & Jean Seaverns new home on the lake and enjoy ice cream and cookies. Jean's daughter, Carol, helped the Seaverns host the crowd. On the way back to the campground Mountaineers checked out a new tent at Luke & Linda Callas's lot on the creek then enjoyed watermelon generously provided by Chuck & Allene Conner. Friday evening concluded with card games and dominoes.

President John Huffman called the business meeting to order at 9 a.m. Saturday and among items discussed were progress on the proposed by-law changes which are expected to be voted on at the July meeting, purchase of a tent to be used when other meeting facilities are not available and slate of officers for the coming year. The nominating committee's list: President, Willard Swanson; Recording Secretary, Elinor Wilson; Corresponding Secretary, Chuck Conner; Treasurer, Sue Swanson; Wagon Master, John Huffman; National Director, Vance Boring; Alternate Nat'l Director, Walt Gilson. New members inducted were Bob & Claire Jenkins of Blairsville, e-mail: bornfree@alltel.net.

After the business meeting we had lunch at Daniel's in Hiawassee and everyone was on their own for the afternoon. At 5:30 we met at Luke & Linda Callas's creekside lot for snacks and ice cream. We celebrated birthdays for Rachel Bargainnier, Chuck Conner and Don Hardison but cutting the cake was delayed a bit because for some reason they couldn't extinguish the candles. They kept re-lighting themselves.

Attending the rally were Charles & Rachel Bargainnier, Ted & Martha Barrett, Klaus & Marga Beier, Luke & Linda Callas, Chuck & Allene Conner, Don & Lois Hardison, John & June Huffman, James & Sara Ivy, Bob & Claire Jenkins (new members), Dave & Karen Reetz, Clarence & Doris

Sallee, Earle & Jean Seaverns, Willard & Sue Swanson and Herbie & Elinor Wilson. Bobtailing Friday were Vance & Phyllis Boring and Paul & Betty Ivy. Yvonne Faulkner joined us for lunch Saturday at Daniel's and guests were Joe & Lou Andrew, John Huffman's sister and her husband.

Sunshine Report--

Paul Ivy and Vance Boring up and around after heart surgery with stents installed and Dave Reetz is back and looking good. Sue Dupree had heart surgery with five bypasses.

Other concerns: Shirley Whitehead, stomach problems--Bob Ringwalt, back problems--Dot Ament, upcoming cataract surgery--Karen Reetz, undergoing tests--Lou Andrew, Linda Callas's sister, Marie--Earle Seaverns' son, Don.

We regret to report the passing of Ken Ament June 8.

This rally had to be among, if not the wettest yet for the Mountaineers but everyone cheerfully donned rain coats, popped up the umbrellas and made best of it.

2004 RALLY SCHEDULE (Note: Some dates may have changed)

JULY RALLY--14-17 RIVER VISTA MOUNTAIN VILLAGE - Dillard, GA - Make your reservations right away as this is the busy season and the campground only has a few spaces left. Phone 1-888-850-7275 Credit cards accepted: Discover, Visa, MasterCard, AMEX. Rally hosts will be the Bargainniers & Sallees. This is a campout for the grandchildren--bring 'em along. Those bringing children are asked to bring one of their favorite games and an inexpensive gift to share.

AUG RALLY--18-21 Twin Oaks, Perry, GA Make own reservations: 478-987-9361

SEPT RALLY--15-18 River Forks RV Park, Gainesville 770-531-3952 Make own reservations ONLY between July 15 & Aug 15 and remind them the location is Possum Trace.

OCT RALLY--20-23 Creekside RV Park, Pigeon Forge, TN 800-498-4801. Some sites set aside but reservations should be made now.

NOV RALLY--17-20 River Country, Gadsden, AL

DEC--10 Christmas Lunch at Kurt's Restaurant in Duluth, GA 11:30 a.m.-2p.m. \$20/person

Bob & Claire Jenkins, New Members



Klaus & Marga Beier's 54th Anniversary



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