



The Mountaineer

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Stone Mountain RV Park

Stone Mountain, GA

Hello Mountaineers,

Willard and Sue Swanson hosted our May rally at Stone Mountain RV Park highlighted by good eating spots and not one, but two light shows on Saturday.

The first "lightning show" was compliments of Mother Nature midday Saturday and she even threw in a water feature. We were sitting out under the trees enjoying some good conversation when the rumble of thunder started in the distance and quickly moved too close for comfort. Everyone headed for shelter and the heavens opened. The rains came and lightning crackled around the campground. We found out later that five homes in nearby Stone Mountain were hit by lightning and one was severely damaged by the resulting fire. Phyllis Boring, Connie Gallagher, Betty Gilson and Martha Barrett were stranded at the main part of the park when the storm came and the water taxi didn't have enough room for them on its last run. It was Joe Gallagher to the rescue as he drove over to pick up the stranded quartet.

Early arrivals at the rally had lunch on their own Wednesday and split up for an evening meal at Ruby Tuesdays and Applebees. Thursday night Cecil and Anne Etheredge bobtailed in to join the group for dinner at Rockfords. Charles and Rachel Bargainnier bobtailed to join us for Friday lunch at Stone Mountain Park's Commons restaurant and there was a huge piece of chocolate cake with ice cream for Linda Callas's and Willard Swanson's birthdays. They shared. The evening meal on our own was followed by some good card playing when Luke Callas's daughter and granddaughter, Nancy Kirkland and Erica delivered a big chocolate cake for Linda who shared it with all. Breakfast Saturday was at the Bread Basket where Phyllis Boring took on the job of watering the thirsty flowers at the table. Then it was lunch on our own for those who still had room and Saturday night was pot luck. We were all lucky--and there was more chocolate cake! What great food. Some rode the water taxi to see the laser show while a handful stuck around and played Hand & Foot.

Attending the rally were: new members Ted & Martha Barrett, Vance & Phyllis Boring, Luke & Linda Callas, Walt & Betty Gilson, Don & Lois Hardison, John & June Huffman, Forrest & Virginia Jackson, Clarence & Doris Sallee, Earle & Jean Seaverns, Willard & Sue Swanson and Herbie & Elinor Wilson. Bobtailing were Cecil & Anne Ethridge Thursday and Charles and Rachel Bargainnier on Friday.

From the business meeting: Linda Callas, Connie Gallagher and Willard Swanson were appointed to a committee to investigate possible changes to our by laws to allow for earlier

elections so officers' names will be current in FMCA publications rather than a year behind. Information will be sent later. Vance Boring, Joe Gallagher and Walt Gilson were appointed to the nominating committee.

Problems and RVing just seem to go hand in hand. Joining the "locked out club" were the Gallaghers. Last lock out was in Elberton last fall. Only other problem reported was the Sallees who struggled with an ailing transmission but Luke and Linda Callas followed them on up 400 to make sure they'd get home.

The June rally location has been changed from Thomasville to Bald Mountain Campground, 3540 Fodder Creek Rd; Hiwassee. 706-896-8896. Reservations should be made as soon as possible. If 15 or more rigs sign up we earn a 15% discount AND we can come in two days early at no extra charge. Sounds like a deal.

JULY RALLY--

July 14-17 RIVER VISTA MOUNTAIN VILLAGE - Dillard, GA - Phone 1-888-850-7275 Credit cards accepted: Discover, Visa, MasterCard, AMEX. Rally hosts: Bargainniers & Sallees. This is a campout for the grandchildren--bring 'em along.

Meet our new members, Ted & Martha Barrett — and Herbie & Elinor sporting a new set of wheels.

