

# GEORGIA FUNSEEKERS

**The President Says**

**September, 2009**

Hi there Funseekers. Yup – it is still me. Thanks (I think ☺) for re-electing me. This last year went so fast. While it was a pretty good year for our club, we did have a lot of members and family members who have gone through some pretty rough times. One thing that was reinforced by this is how caring our group is. The support in this club is amazing!

Our Dillard rally was great. There will be a write up below. Even though we had some rain, we had a good turn out and it was fun. When Mike and I got home we discovered among our “stuff” a small baggie with some name tags, a couple of forks and spoons and a can opener. If this is yours, just let me know and I will keep it for you.

One issue that was raised at the annual meeting was related to our way of letting our members know what is happening. Carol Ridley suggested that we implement a phone tree type of thing for those who either don't have email or don't check it regularly. It would be used only in cases of emergencies such as the death of a member. She also volunteered to do some of the calling if necessary. If you feel you need to be called instead of counting on your email would you please let me know as soon as possible. Let me know also if you would be willing to call others on a list. My email is [Drmargie@aol.com](mailto:Drmargie@aol.com).

Please give some thought to hosting a rally this coming year. Bill Guettler asked that we limit our rally hosts to two couples. Our next rally is in Franklin, NC. The trees were beginning to turn a bit and it should be beautiful by rally time. Try to get there if you can and don't forget about the 20<sup>th</sup> reunion rally coming up in early December. It would help if you could make your reservations early so Ellen can start to get a feel about how many people to count on. Hope to see you in Franklin and keep on truckin' – Margie

## **Fun Seeker Officers for 2009 -2010**

Margie Davis, President  
Bill Guettler, Vice President  
Dean Harris, Treasurer  
Dennis and Shelia Collett – Co-Secretaries  
Jean Ann Miller – National Director  
Joe Duncan – Alternate Director



## **CHAPTER OFFICERS**

Pres Margie Davis  
Vice Pres. Bill Guettler  
Sec. Joan Rush  
Treas. Dean Harris  
Nat. Dir. Jean Ann Miller  
Alt. Nat. Dir. Joe Duncan  
Website JeanAnn Miller  
Newsletr. Wayne and Wanda  
Hollenbeck

## **CHAPTER WEBSITE**

[gafunseekers.org](http://gafunseekers.org)



## **RALLY BOARD**

Oct. -- 23-25 -- Outdoor Resort  
Campground, Franklin, NC

Feb 3-7(2010) – Brooksville SAE Rally

April 30-May 2(2010) West in Silver Wales  
Hill, Al

## The September Rally in Dillard

The Funseekers came together again in Dillard for our annual meeting in the North Ga Mountains. We had 19 coaches come to enjoy the fun, fellowship, and of course, the food. Several members arrived on Sunday to take in the beauty of the mountains. Other folks came on different days and were there for the Friday cookout.

The men (the hunters), marched to the grills with their weapons in hand to wrangle the steaks, chicken, and hamburgers. These lovelies were cooked to perfection and brought back into the club house to be met by their damsels (the gathers) who had supplied all kinds of delicacies to share. As usual a major feast was eaten with **great gusto**. After dinner was over, we all played games and many laughs and teasings were heard around the room.

Saturday morning started out as a wet soggy morning which continued the entire day. Margie and Mike Davis, Bill and Ellen Guettler, Dean and Bonntbel Harris, JeanAnn Miller, and Joan Rush, the club officers braved the rain in the early morning to fix a sumptuous breakfast of pancakes, sausages, orange juice, and coffee.

JeanAnn saved the day with her electric pancake grill because the one grill in the clubhouse kitchen got so hot that we couldn't do pancakes without burning them. She had her trustee little pancake dispenser with her so, the assembly line went very fast with Joan Rush being her able assistant. Bill Guettler, Dean Harris, and Gary Bouland cooked oodles of sausage patties and Margie, Mike, Ellen, and Bonnybel made lots of pancake batter, poured orange juice, and handled all kinds of details to make sure everything went smoothly. It was yum, yum!

Happy hour was a welcome time for all of us who had been hold up in our coaches all day because of the rain. As usual there was much laughing and teasing with each other while we waited for the officers to prepare dinner. We had an Italian dinner made up of Lasagna, salad, and bread. Our desert was prepared over the open fire by Mike Davis, Sam Story, and Mike Priven. It was prepared in cast iron pots which Mike placed in the fireplace among the coals. Our deserts were three kinds of cobbler, apple, peach, and chocolate cherry. Mike is the king of the open fire cooks. I bet his Boy Scouts are spoiled with Mike around.

After dinner, we had a business meeting and the installation of our new/old officers. They consist of several two term officers. Margie Davis and Bill Guettler are on their second terms. Dean Harris is treasurer emeritus, and Dennis and Shelia Collett have taken over the secretary position. JeanAnn Miller is our National FMCA director and Joe Duncan is our alternate. Last but not least our Newsletter Editors Extraordinaire are Wayne and Wanda Hollenbeck. More about the business meeting will be in the minutes.

Sunday morning rolled around as bright and beautiful. Continental breakfast was served with coffee, fruit and orange juice. Ellen Guettler as usual gave a moving devotional regarding commitment. It moved us all to tears including Ellen when she told a story about a sailor who had his life jacket on a battleship. It was hit with a bomb and he ended up in the ocean for sometime. He survived but with injuries. He kept the life jacket as a souvenir reminding him of it saving his life. He took it home with him and he was showing it to his Mother when she told him that she had gone to work for Firestone who had a factory that made life jackets for sailors during the war. She was an inspector for the factory. She looked at the life jacket closely, and low and behold, there were her initials right on the jacket that had saved her son's life. Talk about quite a story. Whew! It still gives me goose pimples when I think of how life can do funny things.

As usual, we all had a great time in Dillard. It is hard to break up when you have such a loving group of people .We hope you will come back to the mountains next month. The leaves should be fantastic by then. Until then have a safe fall.

Joan Rush

## Business Meeting Dillard, Ga. September 2009

The business meeting of the Georgia FunSeekers was called to order by President, Margie Davis.

The first order of business was to read the minutes of the previous business meeting. The minutes were accepted by Bill Miller.

Margie asked JeanAnn Miller, National Director, to give an update on the meeting held during the National FMCA meeting held in Ohio. JeanAnn mentioned that several important things took place with the governing board:

- It was voted to keep Medex available for the membership.
- Advertising is down for the FMCA magazine and because of that FMCA will probably have to increase the yearly dues \$5.00 or more.
- They are going to have only one business meeting per year.
- Membership is falling off and recruitment of new members is a big issue. The board is stressing the membership to try to recruit at least one new family per member. We have a deficit budget. They are going to have to take money out of reserves even though FMCA is secure.
- All most all of the officers are from the Southeast.

The meeting lasted for 12 hours.

Margie thanked Jean Ann for her hard work.

Dean Harris presented his treasurer's report. We spent the yearly budget in the first six months of \$750.00 due to flowers. We do have \$3300.00 in a savings account.

Harold Ridley made the motion to accept the treasurer's report.

Jennie Priven seconded it.

The concern over the expenditures for flowers came up for discussion.

Jeannie Priven suggested sending a card rather than flowers because it is an easy way to reach a person who may not be able to receive flowers in the hospital.

It had been suggested to send flowers via the internet at the past business meeting. Ellen Guettler suggested that we must do something different because flowers are so costly.

Margie has been ordering flowers for around \$65.00. She has not had to send flowers for awhile and has not tried Pro Flowers from the internet as yet.

Bill Miller really believes in sending flowers and feels it is a way to show our love and concern for our members who are sick.

Angie Story suggested sending a green plant which lasts longer. Janet Payne suggested a rose in a bud vase.

## **Business Meeting(Continued)**

JeanAnn Miller made a motion to send flowers or a green plant. The motion carried.

Ellen brought up the fact that we need to raise the cost of the new badges. Bill Guettler seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed that we will raise the cost of new badges for new members.

### **New Business**

Ellen Guettler talked about the Christmas Party and 20<sup>th</sup> reunion to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Ellen and Bill Guettler, and Jane and Gary Bouland have put hours of time into finding and getting information out to our members both present and former. We have some former members who are planning to come.

It was found out that Margie Davis has our photo albums. Charlene has the old song books we used to use. We will use them at the reunion. They are going to ask the former or current members to tell stories about some of the members.

It is planning to be a fun time and Gary Moore will be the MC for the evening. There will be room at the Atlanta Speedway if you want to bring your Motor home.

Carol Ridley asked about starting the telephone committee again. She feels that if someone dies a call should be made to the general membership. People don't always check their e-mail. If three people volunteer to call and break up the membership list then the list would not take so long to call. Margie is going to put out an e-mail to see who would like to be called in addition to an e-mail.

Bill Guettler brought up the rally board. We have October, December, and September 2010. That's all. At the present time, no rallies have been planned for next year. It was strongly suggested since our membership is smaller that only two couples host each rally.

Floyd Rush brought up the Franklin rally urging members to attend.

It was brought up about recruitment of new members. Ellen Guettler said FMCA was going to send out for new members five free memberships. We have not received them so far. A list of potential new members with labels have been sent by FMCA to try to recruit new members via a letter. When she was President, Charlene Robinson sent out over 300 letters with very little response. It was suggested by Joan Rush that everyone should carry application forms in our coaches to hand out to potential members.

Joan Rush brought up giving money from the Funseekers for the recent flood victims. It was discussed and decided that giving money to charity was a personal decision. It was voted no money for flood victims.

FMCA has quit giving gifts because of their financial situation.

Margie Davis thanked everyone for the help she has had in the past year as President.

Angie Story made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Dale Anderson seconded.

Respectfully submitted by,

Joan Rush, Secretary

## Come once again to the North Carolina Mountains in the fall.

Great Outdoor Resorts  
321 Thumper's Trail  
Franklin, NC  
Phone Number: 828-349-0412

**October 23, 24, and 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Hosts are: Floyd and Joan Rush, Ellen and Bill Guettler and Howard and Dorris Tucker**

### Friday - 5:00 PM

Happy hour- Bring what you want to drink. Snacks will be provided.

### 6:00PM – Cook out

Bring what you want to grill and something to share. Bring plates, and eating utensils.  
Play games in the club house afterwards.

### Saturday 9:00 AM

Breakfast in the club house. Bring Plates and eating utensils.  
Menu: Egg Casserole, Biscuits, Orange Juice, and Coffee

### 1:30PM

Come to make a “neat looking” pop-top necklace with Jane Bouland (save as many pop-tops as you can.  
We will also have extras.)

### Saturday 5:00 PM

Happy Hour-Bring what you want to drink – snacks will be provided

### 6:00PM -Dinner

Menu: Pork BBQ with all the fixings.  
Play the world premier of the “**Wack the Question**” game. You will be divided into teams.

### Sunday 9:00 AM

Continental Breakfast followed by an inspiring devotional given by our own “Sister Ellen”.

### Directions:

**It is located five miles North of Franklin, take 23/441 North By-pass around Franklin. Take a left onto Echo Valley Road. Take the next immediate right on to Thumper Trail. GPS: 35-13-954-N, 83 20.854-W**

Send \$30.00 to:           Floyd Rush,  
                                  330 Spindle Court  
                                  Atlanta, Ga. 30350  
                                  Phone: 770-395-9714

## **New E-Mail Address**

Sanak, Hank & Darlene

hsanak@numail.org

## **A Note from Mel Hare**

I Received this from Mel - sorry to see them depart the club, but glad for them to accomplish this in these conditions. Wayne

Wayne we have sold our motor home. Guess what? It is going to reside in Sioux City, Iowa (your home state I believe) Anyway selling your last motor home has to be a mixed blessing for we will miss being with the many friends we have met along the way. We had twenty wonderful years of motor home travel. We thought it important to get out while our health remains good. We will miss you, Wanda and the many other Fun Seekers. The rallies along with the trips have been wonderful. They leave us with terrific memories. Jane and I will miss you all. Perhaps our paths will cross from time to time in the future. Thanks.. Please pass this on to our Fun Seeker friends. Good-bye for now! Mel and Jane

## **Clown Around at SEA (Brooksville) February 3 – 7, 2010**

Let's all plan for the cheapest week (\$124) in Florida and plan your reservations at Deer Creek around this event! Plan on going to Brooksville on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> and departing on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> ! Let's support our FMCA Region! How about joining the parade – we must have enough clowns in our group!

There is so much to do on the western coast of Florida – let's go and explore and enjoy the rally as well!

You can download your application at [www.seafmca.com](http://www.seafmca.com) and the rates for the various parking locations are noted (handicap, electric, etc.).

Our group can caravan in together and park together if desired and we can have our own little area. For those parking in other areas we can still get together by using our cell phones! We can plan to meet at various coaches for Happy Hour or traveling out for meals etc.

This will be a no host rally but phone JeanAnn and Bill after January 1<sup>st</sup> to let them know if you are planning on attending (678-617-8855). A caravan can be planned from Deer Creek or some other location. The Monaco group will be departing from Lazy Days.

Let's all go and have fun!

## **Rally –West in Silver Wales Hill, Alabama – April 30 – May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Hosts: Jack and Betty Ehlenberg & Bill and JeanAnn Miller

This is a unique and fun RV park located in a great area – short ride to beaches at Gulf Shores, the quaint stores in Fairhope (and the Grand Hotel), Air Museum in Pensacola, the battleship in Mobile, and the outlet malls in Foley. Many golf courses are available and we will plan a golf outing for Thursday or Friday.

Start planning now for enjoying a shrimp **April** boil (cooked by your hosts) and a catered breakfast by the park!

The can visit the resort by going to [www.waleswest.com](http://www.waleswest.com) and checking it out in advance. Our rally rate will be \$33.92 a night and they will have a weekly rate for us as well



Dillard Rally  
Sept, 2009



**ATTENTION!**  
**ALL GEORGIA FUNSEEKERS - - - PAST AND PRESENT!**

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE  
CELEBRATION OF OUR 20<sup>th</sup> YEAR REUNION

**DECEMBER 6, 2009**

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL  
481 FLINT RIVER ROAD, JONESBORO, GEORGIA.

GET ACQUAINTED HOUR	2:00 p.m.
CATERED LUNCHEON	3:00 p.m.
CELEBRATION PROGRAM	4:00 p.m.

**COST \$20.00 per person - please RSVP by November 1, 2009, by mailing check to**

ELLEN GUETTLER  
20 Christie Way  
Stockbridge GA 3028

770-954-1722

[guettlerw@bellsouth.net](mailto:guettlerw@bellsouth.net)

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