

GEORGIA FUNSEEKERS

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THE PRESIDENT SAYS:

Greetings, Fellow Funseekers!

Sure hope everyone had a very special Christmas holiday time and are having a healthy and prosperous New Year! Sometimes it seems like this time of year is almost as busy as the holiday season, with all the myriad things that have to be done during the first couple of months of the year.

Anyway, it'll be nice to have all the busy-ness behind us and getting on to more fun things. Speaking of fun, I hope everyone that wants to come to the February rally in Charleston have made their reservations. As I understand it, **we only have nine reservations so far, and we need at least 10 to get the group discount.** If you are a KOA member, you can still get that discount, but the group discount would apply to everyone.

Please, let me urge those of you who **can** come to please go ahead and make your reservations **now**. I understand that there will be several new Funseeker members in attendance, and I am really looking forward to meeting them, and getting to be with those we've seen before.

OUTLINE OF FEBRUARY RALLY IN CHARLESTON, SC:

DATES: Thursday, February 13 – Sunday, February 16, 2020

LOCATION: Mount Pleasant/Charleston, SC KOA, 3157 Highway 17 North, Mount Pleasant, SC 29466.

INFO: 843-849-5177

RESERVATION: 800-562-5796 Mount Pleasant Chaleston@koa.com

(LOCATED ABOUT 25 MINUTES FROM DOWNTOWN CHARLESTON)

We are on the lake, so bring your fishing pole or you can rent a boat! They have a great hiking trail, bike rentals, and a Camp Store for anything you may need.

AGENDA:

THURSDAY (Early arrivals) Everyone on their own for all meals and touring.

FRIDAY: Everyone on their own for breakfast and lunch, and touring.

5:30 – 6:30 PM HAPPY VALENTINE’S HOUR at the Camper Kitchen (see campground map)

6:30 PM DINNER at the Camper Kitchen

Hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings!

AFTER DINNER, everyone gathers at the Firepit, weather permitting, to catch up on the news and fun.

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM - BREAKFAST – Sausage gravy and biscuits, scrambled eggs, fruit, coffee, and tea.

5:00 - 6:00 PM – Happy Hour & sunset on the dock – weather permitting, or at the inside bar.

6:00 PM – DINNER – GREAT FOOD!! SALTWATER COWBOYS ON SHEM CREEK! 130 Mill Street, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464.

843-856-0700 (It is about 20 minutes from the campground.)

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM - BREAKFAST AT CRACKER BARREL! 2183 N. Hwy. 17, Mount Pleasant, SC 29466 843-884-5220. (This is only 10 minutes from the campground – 3.5 miles.)

*We will need to know if you are coming so we can reserve our table. They will be ready for us.

CHECKOUT TIME FOR THOSE LEAVING ON SUNDAY IS 12:00

Sounds like it will be a really fun rally! There's really a lot to see and do in the Charleston area, a list of which the hosts have forwarded to us, so we're looking forward to this rally, and hopefully we can get some really great seafood while we're there. The cookout that the hosts are doing on Friday night sounds yummy, too.

Also, let me remind everyone to please bring your own plates, utensils, and BYOB for each meal. **This applies to ALL rallies.**

The March rally is also shaping up to be a fun time. The info for that rally, that I received last night from the hosts, Scott and Clare Herrick, are as follows:

The rally fee will be \$15 per couple, and please send your checks to Scott Herrick, 1304 Jeffery Lane, Bainbridge, GA 39817.

Scott also said to please bring your own bug spray, that Bainbridge is in the "gnat belt," but maybe it won't be the time for gnats yet. Just best to be prepared.

Thursday evening, we are on our own as far as meals. The manager of the Camp has volunteered to provide a fish fry, which will be on Friday night at the park's hall.

Friday, the hosts recommend that folks take the opportunity to go check out the Woodruff Dam and East Bank RV Park, administered by the Corps of Engineers, both in Chattahoochee, just down the road. East Bank will require a Senior's Pass on a hang tag to tour. While in Chattahoochee, if you have built up an appetite, the small restaurant called Rutabaga Cafe is fantastic!

Bainbridge is noted for being the gateway to Lake Seminole, and many fishing tournaments are run from the expansive dock system across the road from the Camp. I have a fairly large pontoon, and if people are interested and let me know ahead of time, I will take small groups for tours of the river on Friday, weather permitting.

Saturday morning, breakfast of scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy will be provided.

Saturday afternoon will be the best time to attend the play "Swamp Gravy," a nationally recognized theater presentation. There are afternoon performances and evening performances, but our preference is for the Saturday matinee performance, which some of us have already bought tickets for. Reserve your tickets at www.swampgravy.com or you can call 229-758-

5450. The play is held at Cotton Hall Theater in Colquitt, GA. **You are strongly advised to make your reservations ASAP for the play, because it sells out fast!**

Allow yourself time to tour Colquitt! The quaint town is noted for the “Swamp Gravy” play, but also for the amazing murals that decorate several large structures throughout the area, so a tour would be great.

Alternate possibility: On Friday and Saturday, the Tallahassee Balloon Festival will be going on! The festival is 46 miles south, about 1 hour’s drive. Here’s the link to the website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/north-florida-fair/tallahassee-balloon-festival/672744386591291/>

There are limited resources for dining in Bainbridge, outside the standards, but a new place has just opened up and we are excited to experience it. I will have better plans on this later, but for now, the River City Grill and Pizzeria is my selection for Saturday night dinner.

Sunday, a light fruit and bagel breakfast will be provided.

PLEASE NOTE: A while back, I received an email from Wanda Bagley, host for the April rally (which is to be held at Island Retreat RV Park in Gulf Shores, Alabama) telling me that they informed her they do not accept any RVs over 15 years old. This really concerns me since several of our members have an older rig. Gulf Shores is a really great area to hold rallies, but I guess we’ll just have to see how it works out. I really hate the fact that some of our members may be excluded, due to no fault of their own. I really don’t know what to do about this.

We still have no hosts signed up for the MAY and OCTOBER rallies. Please, please, please, look over your schedules and find time to do your part for this great club of ours! Don’t leave it to the same ones to do all the hosting every year!

Also, Scott Herrick, our Rally Master, is still looking for a site to hold the NOVEMBER rally. If you have any ideas for this, please contact Scott and give him your suggestions. His phone number is 229-400-0093, and his email address is deskjock@mchsi.com.

Scott has worked very hard as our Rally Master, ever since his election last September, on putting together our list of rallies for this year, and I want to send him our sincere thanks for all that he has done.

Also, another person who has our sincere thanks for working hard for this club is Wayne Hollenbeck, who has – again! – put together a really nice Membership Directory. We all make lots of use of these booklets, and it makes getting in touch with everyone so much easier! You can download your own copy of the Directory this year, as voted on at our meeting last September.

APOLOGY GIVEN: When I put together last month's newsletter, in which I talked about the Christmas Luncheon and those who attended, I had left off the names of two couples who did come, and for that I sincerely apologize. I sent out an addendum to the December newsletter right away and listed one of the couples who came, Butch and Judy Cassady, but then after that I received an email from Jere and Marion Key, who also came to the luncheon, but that I had forgotten to put in the newsletter. As you probably saw in the December write-up, I had lost my list of those who attended and tried to do it from memory. Again, I apologize sincerely for not listing these two wonderful couples.

FOR SALE: DEMCO KAR KADDY, brand new, never been used, asking \$3,000. Call Bob McCoy 478-822-9699, leave a message. Thank you.

If any of you have anything to add to the Newsletter, please send it to me and I will gladly include it in future Newsletters.

And, as always, we send all our members and their families our very best wishes and prayers for good health and happiness. If you would, please let me know of any member who has news to report, and I will gladly pass it along in future newsletters.

FOOTNOTE: May your most-used attire in this New Year be a SMILE!

**Happy trails,
Ellen**

RALLY SCHEDULE FOR 2020

(PLEASE NOTE: Please contact the hosts listed for info on each rally, and make your own reservations with each campground.)

Feb. 13 – 16: Mt. Pleasant/Charleston KOA, 3157 Hwy. 17 North, Mt. Pleasant, SC. 843-84915177
Reservations: 800-562-5796.

HOSTS:

Hugh and Denise Mitchell

ganeepap@att.net

His: 404-473-0502

Hers: 678-858-1421

Joe and Jan Brannon

brannonjan@aol.com

His: 770-461-9160

Hers: 770-363-1860

Mar. 19 – 22: Flint River RV Park, Bainbridge GA. 229-246-5802.

HOSTS:

Scott and Clare Herrick

deskjock@mchsi.com

genielady@mchsi.com

Apr. 16 – 19: Island Retreat RV Park, Gulf Shores, AL. 251-967-1666.

HOSTS:

Grover and Wanda Bagley

GCB31008@gmail.com

wanda31008@gmail.com

John and Pam King

jkroadracer@yahoo.com

pamelaresidential@yahoo.com

May 14 – 17: Cecil Bay RV Park, Cecil GA. (for Daylily Festival in nearby Adel)

HOSTS:

June 18 – 21: Big Meadow Family Campground, Townsend TN. 265-448-0624.

HOSTS:

Steve and Yvonne Guettler

steveguettler@gmail.com

yguettler@gmail.com

Bill and Ellen Guettler

billguettler@gmail.com

grammyguettler@gmail.com

JULY: No rally scheduled – reserved for family time

AUG. 13 – 16: Holiday Travel Park, Chattanooga TN. 706-891-9766.

HOSTS:

Don and Betty Mann

bettymann@bellsouth.net

Bryan and Nina Douglas
nasa1nk@gmail.com
nina.1kimmi@gmail.com

- SEPT. 17 – 20:** Coastal Georgia RV Park, Brunswick GA. 912-264-3869.
HOSTS: Club Officers (Listed below)
Ellen Guettler
billguettler@gmail.com
Scott Herrick
deskjock@mchsi.com
Wanda Hollenbeck
whollen241@gmail.com
Wanda Bagley
wanda31008@gmail.com
Jere Key
jerekey3627@bellsouth.net
- OCT. 15 – 18:** Leisure Acres Campground, Dahlonaga GA. 706-865-6466.
HOSTS: STILL NEEDED
- NOV. 12 - 15:** **PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER**
- DEC.:** **MEMBER / ALUMNI CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER.**

When making reservations for a rally, please indicate that you are with Georgia Funseekers to get rally rate and be parked with the group. Each individual is responsible for obtaining cancellation policy.