

GEORGIA FUNSEEKERS

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THE PRESIDENT SAYS:

Greetings, Fellow Funseekers!

Just a little info to try and catch you up on the latest news regarding the Georgia Funseekers. The Nominating Committee for this year, consisting of Betty Mann as Chairperson, Jan Brannon, and myself, have been fortunate enough to enlist some wonderful volunteers to serve as our upcoming slate of officers. They will serve a two-year term.

The nominees are Raymond Baggarly as President; Scott Herrick will continue as Vice President / Rallymaster; Wanda Hollenbeck will continue as Secretary; Pam Schumacher as Treasurer; Jere Key as National Director; and Brenda Hutson as Alternate National Director.

As you know, I sent out the ballots for you to vote, and requested that you please send your responses **ASAP** to the Chairperson, Betty Mann. She will keep the votes and bring them to our annual meeting in September at Brunswick, where the new officers will be sworn in.

Please note that I did include a space for a write-in candidate, should you wish to choose someone other than who's listed for the office.

I want to sincerely thank our Nominating Committee for a job well done. I'm sure that our club will be in great hands going forward, and I will certainly be available to help answer questions, should the need arise.

PLEASE NOTE:

We will be celebrating the Funseekers' 30th anniversary at the September rally. Our 30th year will actually be in August, but we have decided to celebrate in September because we will

probably have more attendees then, since we will also have our annual meeting at that rally, and install our new officers, etc. So please make plans to attend this very important rally. We will make some special plans for our 30th anniversary, and will let you know the plans.

If you have any special requests or suggestions for celebrating our 30th anniversary, please let me know.

The rally we held this past weekend at The Great Outdoors RV Park in Franklin, NC, was a little different than we've ever done before. As hosts of the rally, Bill and I had made special plans for how to try and make sure that everyone was safe. We wore masks and gloves every time we worked in the kitchen, and so did everyone else who helped. I want to thank Betty and Don Mann, Jere and Marion Key, and Rich and Brenda Hutson for all their help.

Almost everyone came into the campground on Wednesday, and some of the attendees made spur-of-the-moment plans to get together on Thursday evening with everyone bringing their own meat to grill and a side dish to share.

Our agenda for the rally included: Friday evening, everyone brought their own meat to grill, and we prepared and served baked potatoes with butter, sour cream, grated cheese, and bacon bits; and tossed salad. We had placed all the toppings in small individual cups so everyone could choose what they wanted. We asked everyone to bring their own salad dressing. It seemed a good way to have everyone choose what they wanted, without having the same people touch the same serving utensils and so forth.

We also had asked everyone to bring their own coffee, tea or whatever they wanted to drink, as well as their own plates and utensils.

For Saturday breakfast, we served freshly baked biscuits and sausage gravy, hard-boiled eggs, and a fruit salad. Dinner Saturday consisted of individual taco salad bowls, containing chopped lettuce, topped with the specially prepared taco meat. On the side there was chopped tomatoes, sliced black olives, chopped onions, shredded cheese, and salsa, again in small individual cups so that each person could choose what they wanted for toppings. We also had individual guacamole servings, with tortilla chips in individual baggies.

The meal was followed with individual apple pies for dessert.

Sunday morning, we all enjoyed individual packages of blueberry, chocolate chip, or banana nut muffins, along with individual cups of yogurt.

Most everyone packed up and left the campground early due to the bad weather coming in. We had a storm there each afternoon, which didn't help with the grilling for dinner. But everyone seemed to enjoy the campground, and Bill and I were especially glad to see everyone.

We had ten couples attending, nine with RVs and Don and Betty Mann staying in one of the cabins since they are in the process of selling their coach. Other than Bill and myself, the attendees were: Raymond and Susan Baggarly, Hugh and Denise Mitchell, Joe and Jan Brannon, Harry and Gayna Joy, Jim and Marie Buckman, Stick and Elise Miller, Jere and Marion Key, Richard and Brenda Hutson, and Don and Betty Mann.

Due to the coronavirus situation, this was a different rally altogether. But it was still great to be able to greet everyone, even though we could only get "air hugs" from them.

I would urge everyone who wants to come to our next rally to make your reservations ASAP so you can be sure to get a spot. The campground at this last rally was really full and that made it tough for Jere and Marion Key to get a site. They had to stay at a different park close by for one night. Info about the upcoming rally follows below.

PLEASE NOTE: The August rally will be held August 13 – 16 at the Holiday Travel Park near Chattanooga. The following is a note from Betty and Don Mann, the hosts of that rally. Their cohosts are to be Rick and Jenny Gilbride.

The note from Betty reads: Please make your reservations for our August rally in Chattanooga, TN. There are many things to see and do there and we think you will find it an enjoyable experience in August. Rick & Jenny Gilbride will be providing breakfast on Saturday morning, and Don & Betty Mann will do breakfast treats on Sunday morning.

Friday and Saturday night will be dinner out, one perhaps a Mexican Restaurant and on Saturday night at the From Farm to Fork Restaurant. We don't know how the restaurants will seat us all and maintain the social distancing required, but for those concerned about eating out, you can always eat in your coach and join us later for dessert in the clubhouse.

Saturday morning will be free to explore the Chattanooga Mercantile which is the premier destination for all things vintage, antique and interiors. The 300+ booths carry something for everyone. The riverfront and aquarium is for exploring and finding new and interesting sites.

Please send your rally fee of \$15 per couple to: Betty Mann, 508 Somerton Place, Cumming, GA 30040.

PLEASE NOTE: As your current National Director, I just wanted to mention that there is some real haggling going back and forth at FMCA headquarters about whether or not to drop the FMCA Assist insurance program. I have been really concerned about this, because that is one of the main reasons we joined FMCA in the first place. I guess whatever the President and Executive Board of FMCA decides is what we'll have to live with.

Usually, it's the governing board, made up of all chapter National Directors, who get to vote on decisions like this, but with this pandemic they are going a different route and voting in our place, which is allowed under FMCA bylaws, and policies and procedures. The big FMCA rallies for this year were canceled and that has really caused a big money loss for FMCA. They are really in a quandary on how to balance the budget for this year.

IMPORTANT !!! We still need hosts for the October rally. Please check your schedules and step up to host this one.

Please, everyone, stay safe and let me hear from you with any news, and I will be glad to pass it along. Hope all of you are well and happy. I pray daily for all of you.

FOOTNOTE: You can do a right thing wrong, but you can **never** do a wrong thing right !!!

**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.)

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

HOSTS:

Don and Betty Mann

bettymann@bellsouth.net

Rick and Jenny Gilbride

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vgilbride@bellsouth.net

SEPT. 17 – 20: Coastal Georgia RV Park, Brunswick GA. 912-264-3869.

HOSTS: Club Officers (Listed below)

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Wanda Hollenbeck

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Jere Key

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OCT. 15 – 18: Leisure Acres Campground, Dahlonega GA. 706-865-6466.

HOSTS:

NOV. 12 - 15: Island Retreat RV Park, Gulf Shores, AL. 251-967-1666

HOSTS:

Grover and Wanda Bagley

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John and Pam King

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**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.