

Georgia Funseekers' 30th Anniversary

The Georgia Funseekers have now reached a marvelous milestone – 30 years of fun and fellowship! We had been scheduled to celebrate our 30th anniversary at the Brunswick rally last month, but Mother Nature had other plans! So we did a mention of this event at the October rally, where we held our long-awaited annual meeting. Some of the notes that I had planned to relay to everyone at the September meeting are listed here, just to give you a taste of our history.

There was an initial organizational meeting held on August 18, 1990, at the Cobb County Library in Marietta, organized by a fellow named Richard McRae, with about 30 couples in attendance. At that time he proposed the name “Georgia Funseekers,” which he had obtained permission to use from the radio personality named Ludlow Porch, who used to greet his listeners with the phrase, “Hello, Funseekers.”

The list of charter members was held open until the end of that year, and the number of charter members grew to 65. Understandingly, none of the charter members are still in the club. After all, it has been 30 years!

But after the first 65 charter members, the list of members grew every year, so that in July of 1991, membership was up to 83, and the decision was made to limit membership to 100. Bill and I joined in 1998, and we were number 88.

In the early days, when attending rallies, we all had to keep in touch by CB radios, everyone tuned to Channel 7. So how much easier do we have it now, with all our cell phones!! We also had to print and send our Newsletters to everyone by snail mail, same with our Membership Booklets. Technology has certainly come a long way!

So many times we have referred to the Funseekers as “Foodseekers.” Seems like all we do at some rallies is eat! But, this alias goes way back to the printed Newsletters put out by the club, where people sent in certain recipes so everyone could enjoy them after the rally.

Over the years, we have learned much from each other, about various topics, especially about Rving, and always have been there to help each other solve problems of all kinds, and certainly lending a hand when needed. This has always been one of the very best advantages of belonging to a club such as this.

We received a beautiful 30th Anniversary Certificate and a \$150 check from FMCA.

So here's hoping that we'll continue on this journey, sharing our love and good times together, for many years to come!

– **Ellen Guettler**