

GEORGIA TRAVELERS #216

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What a good campout at Hard Labor Creek State Park!! We had NINE rigs, and one of those was a NEW member – Ernest Jackson and his wife Priscilla Doster (who found out about NCT from Margaret Bond). Welcome! Receiving “Welcome back – we sure are glad to see you” were Don and Betty Green, following Don’s lengthy illness, and Jerry and Nancy Seaman, who have not camped for some time. The weather was on the warm (hot) side, but we made out fine. Thursday everyone grilled their own, then all ate together. Friday night was our usual covered dish dinner – and we had SO much food (all good). Leftovers and the fact that there was not a restaurant close by led to eating “in” on Saturday night. We had leftovers, some added veggies and a big pan of grilled hotdogs with all the trimmings. Frank Davenport grilled them, but I think he might have had some help from his 3-year old great-grandson, Jonathan, who was camping with them. This was not Jonathan’s first trip, so he’s getting to be an “old hand” at this. Saturday night Franklin went to the RV parked by the pavilion where we were eating and invited them to eat with us. Turns out he is a Mason and they were from College Station, TX. They did not know about NCT, so we told them a little about it, and gave them an application and the NCT web site so they could locate a TX chapter. Most everyone made a trip to Rutledge, and some of us were sad to learn the antique store has closed. Think Nancy found some good ice cream though. It was a quiet week-end with lots of visiting.

Camping were: Franklin & Mary Ann Davenport, Phil & Charlotte Hadarits, Bill & Christine Foster, Jerry & Nancy Seaman, Ron & Joan Swanson, Don & Betty Green, Dan & Margaret Bond, our new members, Ernest Jackson & Priscilla Doster and Dean & Peggy Miller.

If you have not seen it already, check your August issue of Masonic Messenger for a picture of our own Master of Travel, Franklin Davenport, who is the Grand Tyler for the State of Georgia.

Sickness and Distress:

Dan Bond is recuperating from prostate surgery. Since the last newsletter, Ron Swanson had his appendix rupture, and miraculously the poison from it was encapsulated, and then dissipated. That left his doctors shaking their head, as they had never seen anything like that in their practice. He did not have surgery at that time, but will have surgery Sep 28th to “clean up” the area where his appendix was. Ron is still experiencing severe back problems, and is waiting to schedule carpal tunnel surgery. Keep these fellows in your prayers for sure. Phil Hadarits’ aunt, Hilda Harrold, in Tampa has moved into assisted living, but is now in rehab following a fall and hip replacement. She is doing well and undergoing physical therapy. (While Phil & Charlotte were there recently they celebrated her 93rd birthday.) Also keep her in your prayers.

Birthdays

and

Anniversaries

Sep

Ernest Jackson – 21
Christine Foster – 27
Margie McCollum – 28
Don Green - 30

Sep

Don & Betty Green - 10

Oct

Charlotte Hadarits- 13
Charles Taylor – 21

Oct

Dean & Peggy Miller – 7
Jerry & Nancy Seaman – 14
Dwight & Carolyn Swanson - 14

Future Campouts for this year **Mark your calendars.**

October 24-26 – Informal campout at Shrine Park.

October 25-26 - Grand Lodge Meeting in Macon, with the Tuesday Night Farmers Market Cookout. Cost for the meal is \$5.00 each, and it is all you can eat -- fried fish and a variety of other fare.

October 27 – 30, Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mountain, GA, Franklin & Mary Ann Davenport, hosts. We want to make reservations for Section 5. For planning purposes, let the Davenports know if you are going.

December 3 – Christmas lunch - Place TBD

Looking ahead:

July 15 – 19, 2012 – 47th NCT North American Rally, Beach Bend Park, Bowling Green, KY

July 7 – 11, 2013 – 48th NCT North American Rally, C & C Campground, Talladega, AL

Other “Happenings”

September 17 - Hamburg State Park is having a Fall Festival. First come – First serve
Find a spot and put money in slot.

October 1 - Franklin D. Roosevelt Celebration in Warm Springs. Franklin Davenport stated they would like to see everyone there, and they want Masons to participate in the parade, which starts at 11:00 A.M. Check your August Masonic Messenger for two articles.

October 9, 11:00 - Masonic Church Services, Salem United Methodist Church, 879 George McDuffie Road, Dearing, GA. Our chapter is invited and if you can attend, be there by 10:45 and wear your vests. “Dinner on the ground” after church services.

To let you know when the other chapters are camping, I am including their schedules for the rest of this year at the end. Visit if you can.

Just a reminder in case you have not sent in your dues, National and Chapter dues (\$30.00 National and \$10.00 Chapter) are due. I will send your dues to National. Please make checks out to Peggy Miller and mail them to me at: PO Box 39, Marshallville, GA 31057. This is a \$5.00 dues increase for National, effective July 1, 2011.

Let's Eat

Seemed like most folks enjoyed the little sour cream rolls I made at the campout. They are pretty much like the "little biscuits" on the menu at the Swanson in Perry. (I think that without looking, I gave out the recipe wrong.)

Sour Cream Rolls

2 cups self rising flour or Bisquick
1 8-oz. container sour cream
1 stick margarine, melted

Mix flour (or Bisquick) and sour cream. Add melted margarine. Bake in muffin tins at 450 degrees for about 10 to 15 minutes, or until done. (Use tiny muffin tins.)

Chapter # 231 Campout Dates

September 22, 23, 24, 25, 2011—Petersburg Camp Ground at Lake Thurmond in Appling, Georgia

October 06, 07, 08, 09, 2011—Winfield Camp Ground at Lake Thurmond in Appling, Georgia—Monday being a holiday we may camp on October 10—Attend as NCT Chapter # 231 the Masonic Church Service in Thompson, Georgia; on October 09, 2011.

November 17, 18, 19, 20, 2011—Petersburg Camp Ground at Lake Thurmond in Appling, Georgia

December 10, 2011—Annual Christmas Dinner—(TBD)

**** RESERVATIONS FOR ALL Georgia State Parks 1-800-864-7275

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Chapter # 214 Campout Dates

September 08-10, 2011—Twin Oaks Park—Hoboken, Georgia—This will be their 38th Bluegrass Music Festival—No Reservations needed, it is first come, first served.

December 04-06, 2011—Christmas Campout—Darien Inland R.V. Park in Darien, Georgia—You will need to call and make reservations—Telephone # 912-437-6172

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