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The Mountain Buzz

Savannah Creek RV Resort

October 2009 Newsletter

September – a busy month!

There were several activities at the resort this month, starting with Hill's birthday party on the first. From there we went right into the Labor Day celebration, which due to many of our residents being away, had to be cut back a little (no music) but we still had a great time. Some of the highlights of the month were the chili cook off and the Mexican night. Several people made various types of chili, mostly the red variety but one white chicken version. All were very good and the winner was Dana!

Mexican night, where everyone brought a dish, was a huge success! I didn't know we had so many, good Mexican cooks here

September was capped with a ride on the Great Smoky Mountain Train from Bryson City to the Nantahala Gorge. Five couples from the resort met in Bryson City at 9:30AM, picking up our tickets for the 10:30 train. We had decided to sit in the open car as the view would be better and all wanted to enjoy the cool mountain weather. We had one of the 10 best days of the year for the trip, bright sun, and temp in the 70's and

good company. There was a lot of fun on the trip, mainly picking on Sam, and a little on Randy



Of course, when it came time to board the train we could not find Randy. Dana mentioned that the last time she saw him he was going to talk to the engineer. Apparently, Randy has had a secret desire to be an engineer since a child. When we looked for him the engineer said that Randy was so disappointed that the Great Smoky Mountain Railroad made an exception to the policy on civilians driving the train and was adding a special; engine to this train.

All of us were excited that Randy would get the opportunity to realize his childhood dream and could not wait to see him in the cab taking charge. Here he is.....



Toot....Toot.....Tooooooot

We had several photographers with us, Sam, Dana and Linda. Between the three of them several hundred photos were taken. Here is Sam in all of his glory, he took over 300 photos!



Where is that bird.....

Sam is always looking for a new shot, but it could be looking for the directions too. Who knows maybe birds, or what ever?



Are we there yet? Are we there yet?



I think I lost my Kayak.....



The Great September Flood

September was a rainy month, it seemed like it would never stop! After two days of continuous rain Savannah Creek started to rise. All those on the creek side were out watching the water. At first it looked like it would just come up a little on the grass and not be a big deal. Then it kept on coming and coming! Then the rain slowed and the creek started to recede and we thought it was over.

Wrong, the rain started again and the creek came back up. A stick had been placed at the highest water point when the water was going down. That marker was quickly passed and it was moved back up the slope. The water kept on coming, higher and higher. When it reached the top of the rock retaining wall, plans started on what would have to be done to move the campers next to the creek. Two trucks with 5th wheel hitches were identified and plans were made to remove part of the decks to insure the campers would be able to be moved.

Fortunately, that extreme measure was unnecessary. The rain stopped and slowly the creek receded to the relief of all. The Army Corps of Engineers had told Randy when he was developing the park, that in their opinion, the area would not flood due to normal amount of rain. That information was confirmed by talking to residents up stream of the park. People that have lived on Savannah Creek for years indicate they do not worry about flooding, that this time the creek was about as high as they have seen!



Photos by Phyllis



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As can be seen in the above photos, we did have some **HIGH** water! These were taken after the water started to recede. At one point there was all kind of debris floating down the stream, basketballs, and coolers even a large hot water heater!

I think Randy was looking at the water heater to see it was salvageable!

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Tuesday's @ 7:00

Game Night in the clubhouse! All welcome! Come play cribbage, poker, pool, dominoes, whatever you like!

Thursday October 8th @ 7:00 p.m.

Hot Cocoa & Homemade cookies! We will supply the hot cocoa for everyone; you bring the cookies and a mug! Sign up early at the pavilion.

Saturday October 10th @ 6:00 p.m.

All-you-can-eat Shrimp Fry! \$6/person. We will be serving fried shrimp, corn on the cob, and potatoes. Bring your own plates, silverware, and drinks. Sign up early at the pavilion.

Sunday October 11th @ 4:00 p.m.

Pool Tournament! Whether or not you play well, you may end up with a partner that plays very good! We will draw the teams randomly the day of the event. Partner's games/double elimination. Prize for the winners. Sign up early at the pavilion.

Saturday October 17th @ 6:00 p.m.

Chili AND Oyster Stew Night! \$4/person. Bring your bowls, silverware, and drinks. Crackers and cornbread will also be provided. Sign up early at the pavilion.

Thursday October 22nd @ 7:00 p.m.

Hot Cocoa and Sweet Treats Night. We will supply the hot cocoa, you bring a sweet to share and a mug. Sign up early at the pavilion.

Saturday October 24th @ 6:00 p.m.

Potluck Dinner. We are providing the meat (chicken), you bring a covered side dish or desert! Bring your plates, silverware, and drinks. Sign up early at the pavilion.

Saturday October 31st @ 6:00 p.m.

Hallo-weenie Roast! \$3/person. Come and join the fun! Sign up early at the pavilion.



Where did the summer go.....

