



Sylva NC

The Mountain Buzz Savannah Creek RV Resort

September 2009 Newsletter

Another month has passed....

August has flown past, sure didn't take long did it! We had several noteworthy activities in August, Watermelon night, sweet treats, Turkey pot lock, and spaghetti and meat ball dinner just to recap a few. All were successful events with the weather cooperating for the most part. The crew that takes part in the Tuesday game nights had a good time, but we still need others to take part in the games. Usually we have a few folks to play cards but would like to see others there to start dominos, or other games that folks want. For those that have not been in the barn, there is a pool table, card table and tables for any other games or puzzles. Come on up! If you like to read there are lots of books to choose from, all that's asked is that you replace the books you take. If you have books to trade or leave there they will add to the library for all. September is shaping up to be another stellar month. Lots of activities planned, along with local activities to check out. The calendar is attached along with a list of local stuff.

The propane tank has been installed, the electric connections are complete and propane for the training classes has been installed. The next step is to have the gas company train, certify the operators and fill the tank. Hopefully, that will take place shortly. The water filtration system is waiting for the equipment to be delivered and installed. There is ongoing work through out the park, grass cutting and other beautification projects. Randy and Dana are doing a great job!

Several owners have stained their decks and utility fences. The park is looking better and better!



Local day trips.....

There are several day trips in WNC that are well worth the time. Pack a lunch and head out, explore the area and see the countryside.

Deep Creek - in Bryson city is a quiet park in the Great Smoky Mtn. National Park. There are some moderate hikes to see water falls, and a great picnic area by the stream. All are hard roads, with minimal mountain driving. Continue through the picnic area to the parking area at the last water fall. Once you have completed the short walk to the water fall, go over the bridge and follow the road out of the park over the mountain. It's a pretty drive and worth the trip!

Fontana Dam – A very interesting trip with, a neat information center and gift shop at the end, check it out. Think about the time frame it was constructed (1940 – 1944) the equipment available,. And the

infrastructure available From there, if you dare, drive 13 miles and experience the “**Tail of the Dragon**”, on Rt. 129. Its only 11 miles long.....with 360 curves in it! Motorcycle daredevils (NUTS) like to see how fast they can drive it. I read an article recently that said one guy sat by the road and counted the high performance sports cars; he counted 74 Ferraris in one day!

Great Smoky Mountain National Park – September is the beginning of the color change on the parkway. Take a slow drive along the parkway; enjoy the color and cool weather. Remember the higher you get the cooler it is so plan ahead, on a recent trip the temperature dropped 12 degrees from the visitor’s center to the top of the parkway! The park will be opening the farm on weekends in the near future with craft shows and exhibits showing early Appalachian life

Elk Viewing – The best for last!! There is a big push by the National Park service to reestablish the Elk herd in the GSM National Park. A few years ago Elk were introduced and the herd has grown to approx 150. The two best places to view the animals are; the Visitors center just outside of Cherokee on 441. Usually just after dawn and a little later the elk come to the big field and graze. Not a sure thing, but from talking to the rangers they do come out frequently. The best place to see lots of elk is the Cataloochee Valley. Go towards Maggie Valley on Rt.276 North, stay on 276 North to the last road before Rt.40 Cove Creek Road. Drive about 15 miles on Cove Creek Road into the National Park. NOTE: The last eight miles are on a dirt road, parts of which are one lane! When you go off the dirt road, continue past the campground and on to the large meadows about a mile beyond. The elk come out in the late afternoon 4; 00PM or so. Now until the middle of Oct is rutting season and the bulls are protective of their herds. The day we were there, we had a total of 17 Elk in the field, with one Bull. He stayed between us and the herd, chasing any cows back that got too close to the road. The two rangers that were there cautioned all to stay back and if the bull got too close, to move behind the cars. We watched the bull paw the ground; toss the grass with his horns, bugle and grunt. As we were leaving there was another big bull in the open pen by the ranger station.

He was not there when we passed it on the way to the next meadow. Take your camera!!!!



September Birthdays

- 9-1 Hill Reyes
- 9-10 Nancy Lucas
- 9-20 Ruth Gerber

Anniversaries

- 9-14 Randy and Dana’s 20th Anniversary

Labor Day Festivities

From 5 – 7 PM we are having Mountain Top Bluegrass play for us. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and sodas will be sold in the kitchen. This band was well liked by many on the 4th of July celebration. Come join us for a couple of hours of Bluegrass and socializing with our neighbors.

Mountain Heritage Day

35th annual event, Saturday September 26

Held on WCU’s campus in Cullowhee N.C. , Mountain Heritage Day is a combination old-fashioned mountain fair and showcase for authentic Southern Appalachian folk arts. Admission to the festival grounds if free,

The festival regularly attracts mote than 25,000 visitors, just as the first hint of autumn is touching surrounding mountain peaks. It takes place in the heart of one of the nation’s premier vacationlands, with the Blue Ridge Parkway, Great Smoky Mountain National Park and Cherokee, the home of the western

band of the Cherokee Indians, located just minutes away. A visit to the Mountain Heritage Day makes for a fine fall weekend in the North Carolina Mountains. Rated as one of the top 200 craft events in the U.S., the festival's most vital role is in linking generations and helping maintain authentic folk arts of the mountains. WCU's Mountain Heritage Center once again will provide demonstrations and exhibitions of traditional mountain crafts and skills such as woodcarving, basket making, blacksmithing, quilting and weaving

Visit, Mountain Heritage Day. Com for more information

September 30 (Wednesday)

On Wednesday, September 30, we are getting together to go on the Great Smoky Mountain train ride from Bryson City to the Nantahala gorge on the open air coach. It departs at 10:30 a.m. If you are interested in going, you must purchase your tickets in advance either online or by phone. The Selman's and Sampson's have already purchased their tickets and would love to have a bunch join them!

Book your seats now on the open air coach for Sept 30th

CALL 800-872-4681 or go online to purchase!

Welcoming our newest lot owners.

Lot #6 Doug Krieger
Lot # 23 Ronnie and Betty Walker

We want to congratulate Wes and Phyllis, the owners of lot 17, on their purchase of a new Bighorn 5th wheel. It was delivered on 2 Sept and they are in the process of setting it up and moving in. In addition to being nice folks...Wes likes to cook!



October 28, 2008 – The horse pasture next to the resort!



The acrobatic squirrel visiting the bird feeder!

MYSTERY PHOTO OF THE MONTH



**Who are they?
July 4th 2009 – answer next month.**