

Destination Elkhart, IN

This may be the June newsletter, but we are not quite there yet! Lana's graduation was THE event for May and I wanted to give full attention to her. We left NY on May 20th, with Elkhart, IN being our destination, to have minor water leaks repaired. On the way, we stopped to see John & Barbara at their home in Bethlehem, PA. They had been trying to get us to visit and this time it seemed to work out well. We were able to park right in front of their home which was very convenient. John ran an extension cord to keep the batteries up, and we slept in their home. We were very impressed with their home and neighborhood, which was very nicely laid out. We had a very nice little visit before continuing West on May 23rd. We stayed overnight at a Wal-Mart in Mansfield, OH before checking in at ESC in Elkhart on May 24th.

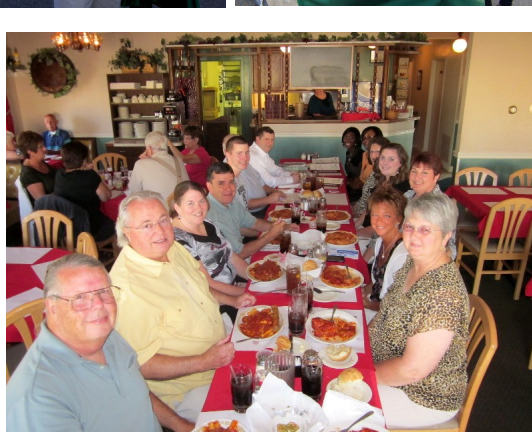
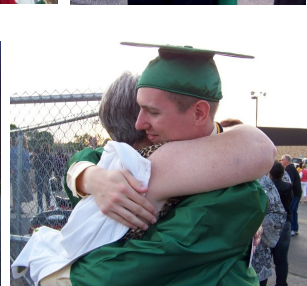
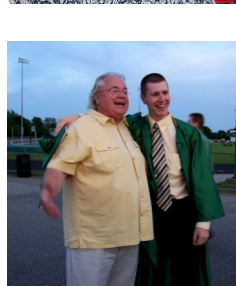
Well, I don't think we were here more than an hour, before we realized that Ed & Kaye Lee were parked behind us! They were here to give their coach a face lift by having it repainted. Another couple, Jim & Yvette Chandler, were here also. They had a refrigerator fire, in their Monaco Coach, last October. They had it repaired in Texas, but were disappointed with the results. They saw our web page, on our fire restoration, and came to ESC to have more work done. It wasn't long before the Goldman's showed up as well. Their grandson, David, was scheduled to graduate in early June so they took a break from their *Trailer Life* job to be present. David is not only graduating from HS, but is also leaving for Basic Training with the Army National Guard in early July. He is a fine young man with a family that is very proud of him.

Back at Elkhart Service and Collision, we were about to experience a pre..... pre-rally!!! Besides Ed & Kaye, the Jones' arrived, then the Eckles, the Braggs, and the Kaisers. The Hopmans, in a nearby campground, drove over to visit. This location is fast becoming a hub for the HR 400 Chapter! Needless to say we enjoyed our little mini-rally and then caravanned from Elkhart to Amana, Iowa together. See more pictures on page 2.



Picture to the left is our coach in front of the Marciano home. Starting at the top, we are attending a 4 O'clock with the Chandlers, Lees and another couple. In the next picture we are having our water leaks fixed, and the bottom picture is of the Lee's "naked" coach! Henry is inspecting.

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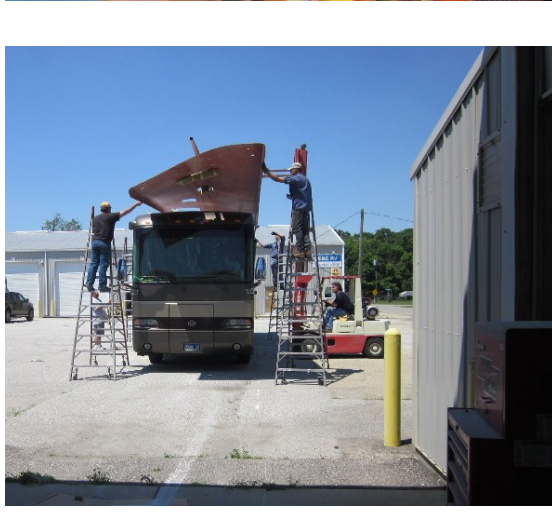
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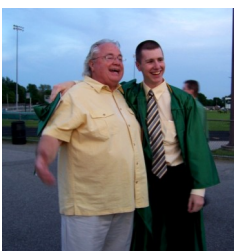
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