

“Happy Thanksgiving” From Florida!!

It was November 10th before we left Chuckey. Prior to leaving, however, we had to say our “Good byes”. One such place was our favorite breakfast place that we refer to as *Connie’s* also known as the *Village Square Restaurant*. The pictures are to the right, with Connie on the left, plus Tina and Patsy I am sure the staff and customers will miss the antics of “Frick and Frack” and Company!

The tenth of November took us to Knoxville, TN and *Buddy Gregg*, a well known dealer and service center. Henry needed his aqua hot serviced and this was the closest facility. The dealer had a nice camp ground and does invite travelers to stay over night. Four days prior to this, Henry had the *Norcold* ‘fire fix device’ replaced because it was defective, only to have the new one ‘crap out’ as well while at Buddy Greg. Apparently this is not uncommon! In any case, Henry has been coming here for years. It is a very nice facility and have included some pictures. They have a very nice waiting area with TV, plus washer and dryer for customers which is accessible 24 hours a day. We had some really wet weather while here and did not leave till Thursday, Nov. 17th. Anne’s family is in and around the Knoxville area, which gave her one more opportunity to visit. The bottom right picture is a farewell dinner, which we attended with them. On our way to Dover, FL we stopped at the Wildwood Service Center which is now owned and operated by *Alliance*. This was our first time here, ever, and we were very impressed with the quality and efficiency of their operation. While there we were surprised to meet up with Dean & Winnie Murphy, who also came in for service. They needed some extensive work and were still there when we left on December 2nd. We enjoyed being with them and helped each other deal with the idle hours in the service lounge. Winnie & Dean completed a difficult jigsaw puzzle and Bob & I watched Fox News on the TV while I also watched over our two cats in a comfortable corner. The fourth picture down is of Bob & I and our cats in the Alliance lounge. This facility was very busy with a high turn over from week to week. There were ‘camp hosts’ here too. Bob & I plus Winnie & Dean joined Henry & Anne and their friends at a nearby restaurant for Thanksgiving dinner. On December 2nd Bob & I left, and met up with Henry & Anne, who were having a window resealed, at Tampa East RV Park in Dover, FL. Wow, it really is nice to have *full* hook-ups again!! When I stopped to think back, we have been without direct sewer hook up for about 12 weeks and limited water hook ups for part of that time as well. In these circumstances we used water sparingly! Consequently, you really learn to appreciate what you have!



A Commentary from “Minnie No No!!!”



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Now, the real kicker is that I really don’t know what the big deal is about my going down behind the couch for a little private time! Right from the start I felt so comfortable resting down there, by myself. I think it probably comes from the old days on my own, when I had to hide to save my life!! Oh, by the way I really do think my name is Minnie NoNo. When ever I would start to go down the side of the couch, I could hear Mom call, Minnie! No No! As I looked over my shoulder, she would say it again....and again! For a while they placed all kinds of debris all along the openings at the top of the couch to keep me out. Mom took a picture of me as I tried to find a way down. Now, when I was ready, I could climb back up in no time. “So what’s the big deal?” Since my surgery, I have had one devil of a time getting back up and sometimes I had to wait to be found and have the bottom drawer opened so I could find a way out! This surgery was supposed to be helpful?? I don’t think so!!!! However, being the resourceful individual that I am, I have mastered that skill without my nails!! Come to think of it, maybe that is why Mom didn’t want me to go down there.

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