

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

I can't think of a better way to start this newsletter, than with the news of my sister's East Coast visit. Juanita & Bob live in Seattle, WA, not exactly around the corner. We were able to take advantage of her Bob's business trip to Columbia, SC. It gave us the perfect opportunity to visit with each other. My Bob & I drove up to meet them on Friday, the 22nd. After checking in at our motel, we all met for dinner along with Rhonda's sister Kim and husband Richard, who drove in from Greenville, SC for the evening. Rhonda lives in Seattle with her husband Rob, who is Bob & Juanita's son. The next day we met Bob & Juanita for breakfast, drove around a bit and toured the Military Museum and the State Capital grounds. Actually the two Bobs toured the museum...as Juanita and I visited and talked. The guys threatened to give us a quiz at the end of the day. The time went by so fast!! We all had some lunch together at Longhorns before starting our drive back home. At our age, we become so much more aware of how precious our time on earth is with the people we love....

On our way home we passed the South Carolina University Football Stadium, which was in full swing with a home game. Any later and we would have been in the middle of the Great Exit!!! I managed to get a quick picture of the stadium as we passed by on our way home. The place was packed, with cars up and down on both sides of the road as well as inside the gates.

Prior to our visit with Juanita & Bob, we had another visit. This time it was with David & Joanne Delamater from our HR 400 Chapter. They had their Fifth Wheel parked at Briarcliffe, while their truck in for service close to our address. It apparently needed some major engine work. It was Paul & Angie who alerted us. We started out with the six of us getting together for a lunch at *Longbeards*. On another day we brought them over to Lakeside and gave them the grand tour. Bob helped David with his computer map program and we later took them to *Cleat Chasers* for dinner. We hadn't seen them in quite a long time, so we had a lot to talk about.

The picture below tells a different story. Whiskers became ill around mid October with what we initially thought was an allergy. His condition deteriorated Rapidly. Sadly, we Lost him on December 4th. The lab test revealed that he



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had an aggressive form of cancer. We Tried to make him as comfortable as possible. He was a loving, faithful companion, and we will miss him dearly! He was 14 yrs old.

Horses...Horses...Horses!!!!
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Yum!!!!



Well, the story with this is that I have always had a love of horses! I also love the beach! Sooo, when I heard that the American Heart Association has a charity run every year here in Myrtle Beach, with horses, I marked my calendar. Myrtle Beach opens sections of the beach for horseback ridding during the off season months (Winter). People come from everywhere for this event. They average about 1,500 horses. This was the first weekend in November. It was very overcast and chilly, so we didn't see any actually go into the water on horseback...which they have done in the past. We were on the Pier at Myrtle Beach State Park, which was in the middle of the section of beach used by the horses. The campgrounds on the beach open their gates for the horse and riders just for this event. In the second picture, riders are heading North toward the pier in the picture where there are vendors and other activities. The third picture I took with a zoom and that is the pier. I would really like to ride a horse on the beach just once. First, I have to find a horse that is half camel so it will kneel down so I can get on board. :-)

Well, how was your Thanksgiving? Bob & I had Thanksgiving Dinner here at Lakeside in the Club House where dinner was catered. It was very, very good, but this does mean I get out of cooking a turkey. I bought one after Thanksgiving as my Bob just loves turkey. This way he can have as much turkey as he wants! Before going to the dinner, we watched the Thanksgiving Day Parade in NYC on TV. I had the bright idea of taking a picture of it and it worked great as you can see.

Also on the subject of food, Bob & I attended lunch at the Fowler Dining Room, part of Horry County Technical College. Lakeside Community usually fills the dinning room several times a year. Great food and lots of fun!!



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Well, that is about as much as I can fit in this newsletter. It has been a month filled with highs and lows, emotionally. We are now moving into the month that will close 2013. This will be our second Christmas here at Lakeside Crossing, which we are looking forward to enjoying with our friends and neighbors. Talk with you next month.