

Happy Thanksgiving!!!!

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A major event held every November is the American Heart Association Beach Ride. This annual fund raising event is the only time horses are allowed on the beach in the Myrtle Beach city limits. It is a 5 day event, headquartered at Lakewood Campground, and ends with a 20 mile ride on the beach. We watched from the Myrtle beach State Park pier, which suffered some damage from Hurricane Matthew, but suffered the least damage compared to others. The park was closed for more than a week, due to a large number of trees down. The last quarter of the pier was barricaded. See the picture through the orange netting. The weather was somewhat cooler than previous years, so there were not many horses splashing in the surf. There is always a good crowd of onlookers both from the pier and in beach chairs along the beach. The event raised over \$312,000.

Yes, that is me in the chair, and Bob couldn't resist taking a picture of me in it. The chair was so big that when I sat down, I slid back quickly, in a rather awkward fashion as he took the shot. I was not smiling, but he was...

We enjoyed a visit from one of our full-time RV couples, Bill & Peg Jones. It is always great to see some of the folks with whom we had the pleasure of spending 10 years on the road. Of course, there is always time for some computer work! The picture was taken in Bill & Peg's motor home.

The TV was the closest we got to the Thanksgiving Day parade in NYC. We never tire of watching that parade! Ok, don't get carried away with the picture of Bob with the roasted turkey!! First of all it was not Thanksgiving Day and he did not cook it!! Good pose though, don't you think!! We enjoyed a catered Thanksgiving Day dinner with our neighbors in the recreation building, but that didn't allow for left-overs, so I needed to cook a Post-Thanksgiving turkey to keep someone happy :-)

Now for some fun pictures from our rear windows and porch! This is the South and we love the bird migrations from the North. Every day we get to watch the Mallard Ducks on our lake grow in numbers. As I write this newsletter I have counted 30. In the lower corner, I think is a picture of a Blue Herring that visits us from day to day. Most enjoyable of all is a tiny duck that some of us call Little Duck and some of us call Lonely Duck! He or she is probably about 12 to 15 inches long, always in the water diving for food below, is alone, never seen flying, but seems quite content. This is the second year here with us.















Well, that's it for November. We hope all had a Very Happy Thanksgiving. We will chat again next month, which looks to be a very busy month.