

Palmetto Cove September 9 – 13, 2026 newsletter

Annual joint campout with the Palmetto Winnebago Club

Hosts for this weekend: Barbara Lyons and Linda Marano. Thank you so much ladies for all your effort and hard work!

Those camping with us this weekend included: Elleanor Allen, Mike & Betsy Beaulieu, Rene & Sam Bollengier, Don & Betty Elliott, Joe & Geri Galloway, Charles & Janet Goding, Joe & Doris Horton, Gary & Barbara Lyons, John & Linda Marano, Greg & Barbara Nicholas, Richard Stanton and Rod & Neily Trump. **Special Guests: Bill & Cheryl Moorhead

Guess how many pieces of candy are in the jar??? The winner will be announced after dinner Saturday, so be sure and register your guess!

Wednesday – Rene and I arrived a day early, and expected to stay an extra day, just excited to be spending time with good friends and being in the mountains with cooler weather. It was nice to see that we were not the only ones with those thoughts. Quite a few others had already arrived before us. We were told that we would be sharing the campground and facilities with an Air Stream club, and a few of those campers had arrived and were getting settled along with us.

I have always been interested in the space science of our time. More commonly referred to as a 'space nut'. From an early age, I remember watching the Apollo missions unfold before my eyes, fascinated by what I saw and eager to learn more and wanting to go myself. Now technology has progressed to the point where we are able to somewhat participate/observe in-space/real-time exploration all from the safety of our chairs, no special breathing apparatus or tweaked mixture required. The ISS, the International Space Station, was scheduled to fly overhead at our location at Palmetto Cove, around 8:15pm, if all went well, we would be able to watch it cross the sky. A few of us remember watching it cross over head when we camped at Palmetto Shores a few years ago. As we all gathered on a grassy spot, everyone looking to the sky for some indication that this was THE moment, the ISS appeared almost by magic directly above the trees and our heads as it made its way East, South East. It was an incredible site. This slim, gold looking cylinder, traveling at approximately 17,500mph, it only takes about 90 minutes to come around and do it again. Our window of observance was just under 5 minutes and I watched it the entire time, even took a video.

Thursday – Everyone was on their own during the day as club members were still arriving. A few people went to Traveler's Rest, and others went in search of apples the winery and tea plantations, while Rene and I spent the day in Hendersonville. By evening with the exception of Linda Marano, everyone was enjoying being at Palmetto Cove rocking by the

fire. Unfortunately, we were not able to see the ISS tonight because it flew over about an hour earlier, the sun had not set enough leaving the sky too bright.

Friday – It was a lazy day at the campground. Some people slept in; others went shopping for snacks and a group of us walked down to the creek with two eager and curious canines. Tootsie instantly went into the water up to her belly. There was no “test the temp with the big toe first” waste of time, oh no, she literally went for it! While Toby was more interested in checking out what was moving around the tree at the waters edge. I suspect it was waves moving the leaves, but who knows? That nose of Toby’s can locate the smallest morsels of food in the tiniest spaces, its amazing. Back up the hill we met Betty, Geri and Don rocking the afternoon away relaxing. Dinner was at 5:30, BBQ pot luck and all the fixings anyone could want. I made for the first time a cheese tortellini pasta salad. Wasn’t sure how people would react to cold tortellini, but it seemed to be alright, they liked it! ☺ After dinner we played a few games of Bingo. Congrats to the winners

Saturday – Rod & Neily left at the crack of dawn for the Farmers Market. They shouldn’t have any issues finding fresh produce, they’ll be first in line! Greg & Barbara, Mike & Betsy, Rene & I went to Traveler’s Rest for the morning. We stopped at the Outriggers shop that also has a fairly decent bike shop. I found some new grips for my bike to help alleviate my fingers going numb. Greg found a pair of really comfortable looking crotch style shoes. I think Mike wanted to get a pair too. Rene bought a love seat chair for our camper.

Once back at the campground it was time to head over to the activity room and help prepare the potatoes for the evening meal. Rene made his famous homemade chili while others brought cheese, cream cheese, chives, salsa, butter and other accoutrements to jazz up their choice spud. Our guests, Bill & Cheryl Moorhead, joined us for dinner, it was great seeing them! Even though we passed the hat around for donations, each club donated their half of the 50/50 money to the band that night totaling over \$250. Eleanor Allen had the winning ticket, collecting \$60 in 50/50 prize money. Not too shabby a Saturday night!

Sunday – even though Rene and I wanted to stay an extra day, we both received notices on our phones that our house alarm had gone off and that the system was not able to reset itself, so homeward bound we went. Arriving home shortly before 2pm. We were greeted by the house alarm blaring along with all our UPS systems whistling for power. After a simple few keystrokes and the system is back up to speed and humming away. I hope those that stayed had a good time. It was a crazy weekend for mishaps and Rene & I weren’t the only ones. Gary & Barbara Lyons somehow managed to lose not only their snap pad, but the foot and leg on their front passenger jack as well. Hope you found it on the way home! Greg & Barbara Nicholas had AC issues, Joe & Geri’s house AC went out when

they got home. Hopefully it will be fixed today, they've been camping in their driveway since Palmetto Cove.

Next campouts:

Pine Ridge, Roebuck, SC 864-576-0302, October 1-4. 2026

Barnyard, Lexington, SC, 803-957-1238, December 3-6, 2026 ** there will be a membership meeting

ISS information: [NASA.gov](https://www.nasa.gov), spot the station. Also, iPhone app spot the station