

Carolina Drifter's Newsletter

Hideaway RV Park, Myrtle Beach April 10 – 13, 2025

*** Joint campout with Palmetto Winnebago Club

New club members, I would like to welcome Phillip & Olivia (Libby) Dorries and Dennis Sides to the Carolina Drifter's! I hope you find our club friendly, knowledgeable, entertaining, helpful, and fun. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know.

What a great turn out! We had a total of 20 rigs for this weekend's festivities! Those attending included: Mike & Betsy Beaulieu, Rene & Sam Bollengier, Alan & Brenda Carter, Phillip & Libby Dorries, Don & Betty Elliott, Joe & Geri Galloway, Charles & Janet Goding, Sharon Hartnett, Joe & Doris Horton, Jim & Pat Housley, Tim & Dottie Keppler, Gary & Barbara Lyons, John & Linda Marano, Walter & Deborah Moore, Greg & Barb Nicholas, Jerry & Hilda Rivenbarks, John & Barbara Simmons, Richard Stanton, Dennie Sides and Rod & Neily Trump.

Rene and I arrived on Wednesday, along with Don & Betty, Joe & Geri, Richard Stanton and Rod & Neily. We enjoy this area of the state very much and like to take a few extra days at the coast. We had just purchased the Renegade Valencia and this was our first outing in it. (We are now considered S.O.B.'s (some other brand), but maybe we can convince Geri to let us stay until the year runs out.) After getting settled, everyone came over to visit. This is our first sunset peeking through the screen.



Thru out Thursday, the rest of our party gradually arrived. We were on our own for dinner, but at 6pm we all met in the activities building where Neily and Rod were ready with an assortment of games and puzzles. Neily found a fun new card game that she wanted to teach everyone called, "3 – 13". After the rules were explained, we divided into two groups and commenced to playing it. We will certainly have to play that game again, it was fun and can be played with as little as 2 people or up to 10 I think she said. You play with multiple decks of cards depending on the number of people. Everything's *Wild*! It was fun. New home owner, John Marano (and Linda), won the game of 3-13 at my table. Afterwards everyone was invited to our campsite for a small campfire. Toby really enjoys Rene's company. They

are like snuggle buddies, it's cute. The campfire really does help to put the finishing touches on a perfect day. ☺



Friday morning found many of us preparing our dishes for the evening's pot luck dinner, while some of the guys were busy fixing guy things. At 2pm, we all gathered on the grassy area near the water's edge, it was time for MURBLES!!!!!! With our two sets and Neily purchased a few sets, we had enough different colored balls for everyone wanting to play. The game is similar to Bocce, everyone has 3 balls of a color. The object is to roll your balls as close to the target ball as possible. E-Z P-Z yeah right! The player to win 5 games wins the match. Everyone was keeping a close eye on Don Elliott. He always managed to get really close to the target ball before any play started, so we started watching Don. Everywhere Don went, the crowd was sure to follow, and we did! Barbara Simmons has played this before, she was an ace at hitting balls away from the target ball. In this picture, the black striped ball is our target ball, the orange ball appears to be the closest, and so orange wins that game. When all was said, Barbara Simmons and Sam Bollengier both won 2 games each. Don Elliott was the Murble Master winning 5 games total! Great job Don!

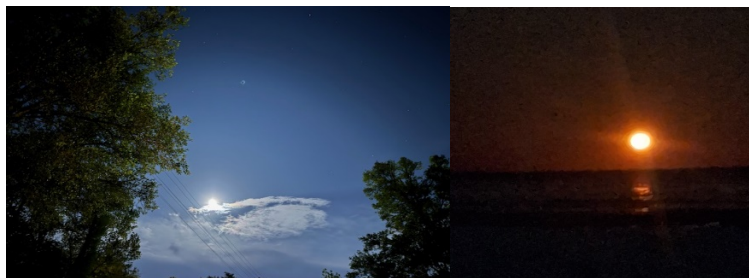


After Murbles, we all scrambled back to our campers to get ready for dinner, in like 15 minutes! The various dishes ranged from deviled eggs to baked ham, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, a relish tray, sandwiches, salads, a vegetable platter just to name a few dishes. There was also a table complete with an assortment of delicious deserts. We will never go hungry at one of our campouts, that's for sure! If anything, we probably gain 10 pounds over the course of 3 days! LOL



Neily has been very busy. She designed these pretty little boxes out of milk containers, complete with matching napkins, salt & pepper! How clever and attractive, and its water proof! Thank you so much Neily, you are so creative. Hilda Rivenbark and Barbara Borg both won the door prizes. As usual during our pot luck dinners, we usually have a 50/50 drawing. The pot came to \$135. The winning ticket was held by Phillip & Libby Dorries, our new members! Congratulations on winning \$68!!! Each club split the difference giving the Winnebago Club \$34 and the Drifters \$33 (\$67.50 /2).

After cleaning up and putting food away, we gathered for a campfire while reflecting on the day's events. The pink moon would be showing up soon tonight. You have to be quick to see it because once the moon gets high in the sky, it will no longer appear to have that pink hue to it due to the gases in the upper atmosphere. In the first picture, I have just missed the pink phase, but I really liked the way the moonlight plays on the clouds. The second picture although a bit darker does reflect the pink phase.



Saturday everyone was on their own until dinner time. Rene, Greg and I rode our bikes through the surround neighborhoods for a few hours, while others went shopping, visiting, read or took naps.

Around 5pm we all carpooled to the Driftwoods Seafood & Steak restaurant in Murrells Inlet for dinner. Once back at the campground, Rene was busy getting the fire lit. Thanks to Rod and Greg for bringing firewood for the weekend. It's been interesting to watch different types of wood burn and how fast. For instance, wooden pallets burn relatively quickly compared to say pecan wood or maple or even pine cones. All around our fire circle everyone is having such a great time, laughing and sharing stories, we don't want this evening to end, but end it must as there isn't any more wood to put on the fire, the embers are slowly dying down, the heat is now replaced with cool air getting colder. Time to fold up our chairs and put them away until next time. Parting shot of Greg and Toby hitting the road for home. Safe travels everyone!



Next campouts:

- May 29 - June 1, Pine Ridge Campground, 199 Pine Ridge Campground Road, Roebuck, SC 29376 Phone: 864-576-0302.
- September 11 – 14, Palmetto Cove, 521 Table Rock Road, Cleveland, SC 29635, Phone: 864-836-6221 (This is a joint campout with the Palmetto Winnebago Club)
- October 2 – 5, Crossroads Coach Resort, 243 S. Church Street, Lake City, SC 29560, Phone: 843-374-2131
- November 5 – 9, FMCA – GEAR Rally at Ocean Lakes, You must make your own reservations with the campground first. Reservations should be made in sections: HH, H, I, & 2000. Phone: 843-238-5636. Rally form should be available soon to register.
- December 4 – 7, Barnyard RV Park, 201 Oak Drive, Lexington, SC 29073, Phone: 803-957-1238

