

Closing Date April 2, 2012

The closing was on the 2nd as the 1st was a Sunday. Since my mom's birthday would have been April 1st, I felt she somehow had something to do with all this. After the closing we brought the motor home over to the house and parked it in the street over night before going down to the storage yard. It was kind of sad seeing it so empty.

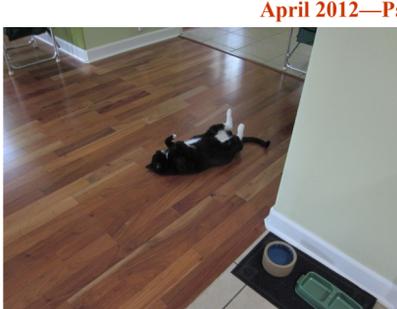
Well, we started out with the air mattress from the motor home, two recliner chairs we saw at Sam's Club, and two counter height chairs so we had somewhere to eat our meals. Other furniture was purchased and would be delivered during the month. When we moved the cats in, Whiskers was as happy as a lark and Minnie was clearly intimidated by the new environment. She would not leave the guest bathroom for a couple of days, where the litter box was located. Whiskers, on the other hand roamed the entire house, muttering meows the whole time, purring like a motorboat. Besides having our local Cable Co do their connections, keep various appointments, have our lawn treated and debugged (in this part of the country grass has to be coddled and conditioned), we took time to meet our neighbors and to attend some activities in the community center. This included, a social get together in the Pub, a Pot Luck dinner, and a coffee and doughnuts morning with a local environmental official to give a talk on local wildlife. Our neighbors clearly made an effort to stop and introduce themselves when they were able to catch us and welcome us to the community. One couple who had a major impact on us buying into this community is Jack & Malvina Mahieu and daughter Jolene. It was Jack who gave us the tour of the Activity Center that finalized our decision to buy. Since then we have become good friends and have enjoyed their company on more than one occasion.

It was at the coffee and doughnuts morning that Nancy London, the Activity Director, introduced us as the newest members in the community. Quite literally, Nancy is the stimulus that holds this social community together, keeping it alive, interesting, and thriving. You only have to see the smile on her face when you walk through the door and her ability to know all by name, to understand her influence in this community. Much to our surprise many people are in awe of our ten year status as full timing in our coach. We were informed we hold the record so far as having the longest FT status. Of course, we know that in the HR 400 Chapter that was considered average.

Well Easter was early in April, very soon after we moved in and then later in the month Bob & I celebrated my birthday. We celebrated these events quietly as we were preoccupied with what we were doing. The weather was getting warmer by the day and I was glad the moving part was done. For my birthday, we had dinner at Damons on the water front in Myrtle Beach. I just love the ocean.



The first picture is of the motor home parked overnight in front of our house, while unloading. The second picture is of the rear of the house and back deck. My feet are almost in the water while taking this picture. The bottom picture is behind the two Community Activity Centers. The first one is the main club house which houses the Pub, Library, Big Hall, and offices. The building next to it has an indoor pool and hot tub, large exercise room, craft room, and exercise room. They are on the larger lake.



The first pictures are of Bob doing some handy man work by setting up his new 'command center'. The next one is of Minnie getting some comfort from Whiskers as she became adjusted to her new home, followed by furniture being delivered. Then of course there is me celebrating my birthday. On the right side you can see how relaxed Whiskers is in his new environment! Minnie finally came out of hiding and was absolutely thrilled with her new views. Finally I am standing in the 'back 40' with the lake behind me.

