

Happy Easter!!!!

I better get this April Newsletter done, right? It is already mid May! Well, we started out with Easter Sunday on the 1st of the month, which is a great way to start the month. Hope everyone had a very Happy Easter! We are also definitely in Spring time mode. I have started with a couple of pictures to show what I mean. The first one is our cat, Gracie taking a nap under the wicker table on the porch. She absolutely loves the porch and gets upset if she can't go out there. The next couple of pictures are of blue birds in the area. A few other houses on our side, along with us, have experienced these birds acting as if they wanted to come inside. They pecked on the outside of the windows, attached themselves to the outside screens, sat over the front door and tapped away. This went on for a number of weeks, then stopped. The next picture is some of our neighbors, entertaining company by fishing (catch and release), in the lake behind our houses. Get a load of the little guy having his first fishing lesson!

I know I have previously talked about the Carolina Forest High School Musical Presentations and competitions. At least once a year they come to our club house and put on a production. Our Lakeside Community loves to support them by attending and making generous donations, which they can then use to help defray the travel and other cost in National and International competitions. They are so talented. The next two pictures are of the performance in our Club House. Mr McBroom, the musical director came with them.



Storehouse Tours!!!

Yes...being retired and traveling is fun, and we are grateful for what we have been able to do since retirement. Most of you know how we spent the first ten years of retirement, touring this country, in our Motor home. Settling in Lakeside simply changed our method of travel to cruising and taking advantage of local touring opportunities such as provided by Robin McCall and Storehouse Tours. After seeing some of the pictures I have taken last month, I thought I would dedicate most of this page to Storehouse Tours. Before we begin, there have been some local happenings and we did not even have to leave home to see *The Blue Angels!* As you can see, we were able to view them from our back yard. They performed over Myrtle Beach Saturday and Sunday. Also, in the same weekend: Horry County Fair, Major Soccer Tournament, Dragon Boat Races.

The first picture of Storehouse Tours was taken at the monthly Meet & Great Meeting in the Clubhouse. Robin always sets up a table in the dining room with brochures, describing up coming adventures. Sue is advertising the door prize tickets. At some point during the meeting, she will give a verbal presentation as well, which gives highlights of each trip and answers any questions.

On this particular month, Robin came to Lakeside a second time to have the initial meeting of the her newly formed *Travel Club* for anyone in Lakeside interested in any kind of touring. The club met in the Pub in the Lakeside Clubhouse on a Wednesday evening over some 'yummy' wine and cheese. Needless to say it was well attended. While sipping our wine and munching our cheese, Robin provided some video presentations of the tour sights, which helped those attending make decisions on what they might like to do. Following the success of this meeting, Robin announced that there would be another Travel Club Meeting repeated in three months.

