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Presidents Message



Some famous old-time philosopher said, and it has been repeated many times by academics, "To find one's soul, go sit under a tree for an hour". Obviously that person forgot about fire ants, spiders, and mosquitoes!

So, with my personal "finish line" in site, and our car club activities winding down and the summer requirement of visiting our in-laws and out-laws, Mary and I decided to "go sit under a tree". We hoped that a week without TV and newspaper constantly bombarding us with negative or fake news and political ads would help us find our "soul". What better place than the Mountains of western North Carolina.

The last attachment to our current high paced lifestyle, the internet, provided the perfect retreat. A cabin located in the Great Smoky Mountains, elevation 6,480 foot. 3-bedroom 2 bath, fireplace, and most important, a fully fenced in yard for our puppies. "Great breathtaking mountain views from your front porch".

The only obstacle between us and nirvana was a mere 500 miles on I-75. At 70mph we should get there in 7 or 8 hours. The legendary traffic on I-75 proved to be a challenge. The fact that it rained the entire journey did not deter us. Our passion and desire to find that allusive joy and bliss awaiting us, kept us from turning around.

Toward evening, as the traffic thinned out, we finally got our first glimpse of the seemingly spiritual majestic peaks that would certainly provide us with the answers. Even the slower local traffic seemed to help us slow our pace. The maximum speed limit was 35mph. There was a good reason for that reduced speed...if you went any faster that 35mph through the never-ending curves you would simply slide off the road and down a thousand-foot drop! The good side was that you would eventually end up floating in one of the numerous rivers, lakes and streams.

Our dependable GPS took us right to the now closed rental office. A handwritten note and map that looked like a two-year-old child drawing a snake was taped to the front door. I should have known better, going from sea level to over six thousand feet would involve traversing some curves and hills.

Hills would be a gross understatement. For me a "hill" is going over the Peace River bridge. Placing the transmission in low gear the first "hill" seemed doable, but around the next blind curve, we faced the Mother of all "hills". Everything that was on the dash and in the van rolled to the back doors....including both dogs!

It took only an hour or so of rocking on the front porch to realize that everything the internet ad had pictured was true. They did leave out one minor point, well, they really did mention it, for Florida folks' short pants and 50 degree nights meant no porch sitting. In front of the fireplace was the place to be....Mary did you pack any matches?

We will remember our adventure for many years. The best part was we did find our "soul". Our nirvana was right where we left it. Our car club activities, poker runs, picnics, cruise-ins, boat trips, Christmas party and especially our friends!

Craig & Mary Henry



Luigi's monthly cruise-in is always a great time with good food and good friends!

**Ford's Garage
..... The hamburgers weighed more than an original Model "T". Fun trip, but another example of "Don't follow Craig!"**



I am sure that Dave & Paul told their wives that they only had salad!





Craig relaxed on the front porch of their "spooky" Maryland Estate, while Mary thought about cleaning.



Bob Hoffman, Al Boscaglia and anyone who happened to pass by, helped John and Mary Jane Koropoules build a really cool "Man Cave"ahhhh"Person's Cave."



Anne Teichmiller and "Red Car" won a "Show Favorite" trophy at FWCCC's show at Muscle Car City.



"The Charlotte County Mafia", claimed the shade trees at Muscle Car City. No one argued cause these guys are "Packing."



Peace River Car Club Calendar

OCTOBER, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 FWCCC CULVER'S off 776 by the Mall 4p	2 	3 	4 <u>Abbe's Donuts</u> 9a-12p <u>Club Meeting</u> 7:00p <u>Moose Lodge</u> Dinner 6:00p	5 <u>Clubhouse</u> Open 9 - 11a	6 Dearborn St 4 - 8p
7 	8 <u>Clubhouse</u> Open 9 - 11a	9	10 <u>Clubhouse</u> Open 9 - 11a Cruise-in Perkins, N. Port 4 - 8p	11 <u>Abbe's Donuts</u> 9a-12p Shell Factory Every Thurs.	12 <u>Clubhouse</u> Open 9 - 11a <u>McDonald's</u> Cruise-in PC - Promenades Mall 5 - 9p	13 
14 	15 <u>Clubhouse</u> Open 9 - 11a	16 	17 <u>Clubhouse</u> Open 9 - 11a	18 <u>Abbe's Donuts</u> 9a-12p <u>Alive After 5</u> Punta Gorda 4:30p Marketplace Lot	19 	20 MCC Monthly Car Show 9a-1p FWCCC Chick-fil-A in PC 4-7p
21 <u>Luigi's Pizza</u> Cruise-in PC 4:30	22 <u>Clubhouse</u> Open 9 - 11a	23 	24 <u>Clubhouse</u> Open 9 - 11a	25 <u>Abbe's Donuts</u> 9a-12p	26 <u>Clubhouse</u> Open 9 - 11a	27 FWCCC Moes/Culver's North Port Cruise-in 4p
28 MCC Flea Market	29 <u>Clubhouse</u> Open 9 - 11a	30 	31 <u>Clubhouse</u> Open 9 - 11a Trunk O' Treats 1st United Methodist Church, PG, W. Marion Ave. 4:00pm	 	Events in red and underlined are PRCC Events *****	*****

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