

From the Crow's Nest...



Finally... we actually have some “cruising,” so to speak, to report. It would seem that HBYC’s cruising paradigm has changed in recent years... rather than cruise in our boats as in years past, preferences have now become in most cases to be focused on either “land yachts” or commercial cruising, so this month your humble Fleet Captain will let our readers know what’s going on there!

On the water... Sue Gelineau and her daughter just recently completed an ocean-going cruise, stopping in Vancouver, CA and terminating in Alaska, where they had several days (long days and short nights) taking in many of the sights and wonders Alaska has to offer.

Don and Terri Himes also recently completed a 5 day “Margaritaville” cruise to Key West and Cozumel. Not sure if they are now “Parrotheads” but they did enjoy having a “Cheeseburger in Paradise”! So that’s all for the “...*Two if by Sea*” portion of our report!

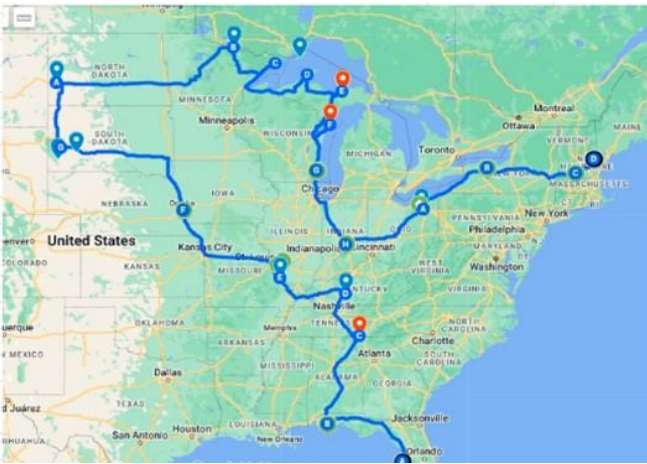


Now onto the “*One if by Land*” portion. Mike and Lori Nunes recently completed a 19 day land cruise taking in many of the wonders heading out west. Beginning Memorial Day weekend in Nashville Tn., they made their way to the Grand Canyon via Rt 66, stopping in the Hopi Reservation to explore some dinosaur tracks. Then made base camp in Cameron, Az for 4 days, did Sunrise at the Grand Canyon and toured the whole South rim on their e-bikes, then ventured out to Page, Az, Cliff Dwellings and Lone Rock, Utah traveling along the Vermillion Cliffs. The many sites, colors and rock formations were breathtaking! They then spent a couple days in Apache Junction, Az., went to Superstition Mt, swam in the Salt River and Canyon Lake. Onto White Sands National Park, NM but not before stopping at a Dark Sky camp for a night of amazing star gazing, and actually saw the Milky Way! Naturally had to go to Roswell, NM for a night to see if they could spot any UFO's! The last destination was Hot Spring, AR where they strolled the quaint streets, did the observation tower, and e-biked the river’s edge. Of course, they had to take home some H₂O from the hot springs!

Not to be outdone, Melanie and David Irvine began their land cruise in South Carolina... up to Virginia, W. Va, Ohio, Michigan; then Sarina Ontario, across top of Lake Huron, to Tobermory. Then back into the states to Lower Lake Superior... Duluth MN, Dakota, and Montana. They’ve been in Canada now for 4 days, and just stayed in Jasper National Park... having a great time... but got tired of the plains... now into huge mountains! ... and crossed Glacier National Park on "the Road to the Sun " and found out why they prohibit a 26 foot motor home there!!!! They are now headed to Banff, Alberta, then on through the Yukon territory, and ultimately, they plan to “drop anchor” in Anchorage, Alaska!

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Coming up in a few days, Anne and Mitch Lairmore will start their trek west and north. They'll be passing through Alabama, Tennessee, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, S. Dakota, N. Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. And I probably missed some other states! They'll be camping, hoteling (if that's a word), and staying with relatives and friends they met on the Loop. Don't plan on seeing them for the rest of the summer! Here's a map of their planned itinerary.

Happy Trails to all of our Land Cruisers!

The Scattering of Ashes of longtime friends and members Tom and Jane Sperry will take place on July 20th at approximately 10:30 AM, weather permitting. Any members who have a boat are encouraged to participate so that we can give them a respectable and memorable HBYC sendoff for the family.

After the scattering of ashes there will be a Celebration of Life at the SRCA clubhouse beginning at 1PM. This is not an HBYC sponsored event but is sponsored by the Sperry Family. Hors D'oeuvres, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, and attendees are encouraged to share any stories they may have about Tom and Jane.

If you haven't signed up or spoken to me, but do plan on attending, please contact me at either 203-586-9033 or noslocg@yahoo.com so we can ensure enough food is available for all.

Guy Colson

Fleet Captain



P.S. We now have a few boats signed up for Labor Day Cruise. Hallelujah! More on that next month!