

240301 BRA Spring Festival St Raphael

Every year the spring festival is held at Saint Raphael in St Petersburg , Florida. This evening with the temperature at 72°F, I t's an excellent day for a community festival.



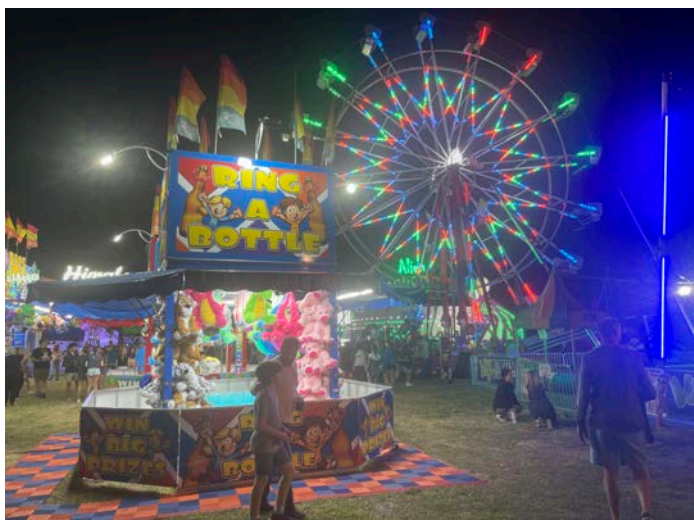
These are classic typical festivals. Everyone has a memory when they were young at local fairs when these companies used to come and set up. This one is small but well done. Young kids really enjoy them.



The food is classic county fair variety. They used to make a joke that when you go to these things everything is deep fat fried even the cotton candy.



Is it a typical rides that you've seen in every county fair in the United States going back to the 50s. This is Arnold's attractions which comes every year to the church. It's good clean well maintain rides.



Some people win at these games. I have no idea how they do it, but they do. Gone are the days when it was \$.25 or \$.50 for a try at winning a stuffed animal. Now it's 10 tries for five dollars. The air pistol is \$10 for 100 shots. So it's gone up I guess with inflation.



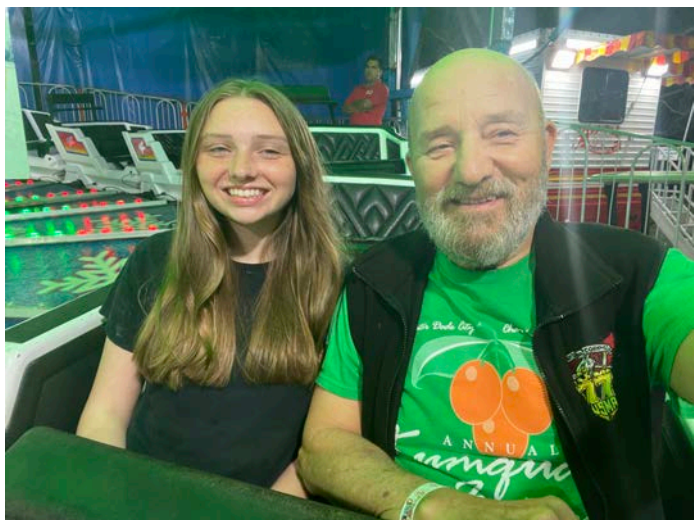
They used to call this vomit bucket when I was a kid. Now it's called alien abduction. And no I did not ride this. I could not do this when I was a young teenager let alone now at the age of 69.



Don't ask me why I tried to do this, but I did. I guess my own better judgment. Himalaya, the name says it all. Don't sit on the outside because you get crushed.



This are really family oriented activities. It's great to come here with your children, grandchildren, and friends. The more the merrier.



And the classic and favorite of all is the Ferris wheel. Feeling woozy from the Himalayan ride. This is a good way to let your stomach settle and have good view of the surrounding area.

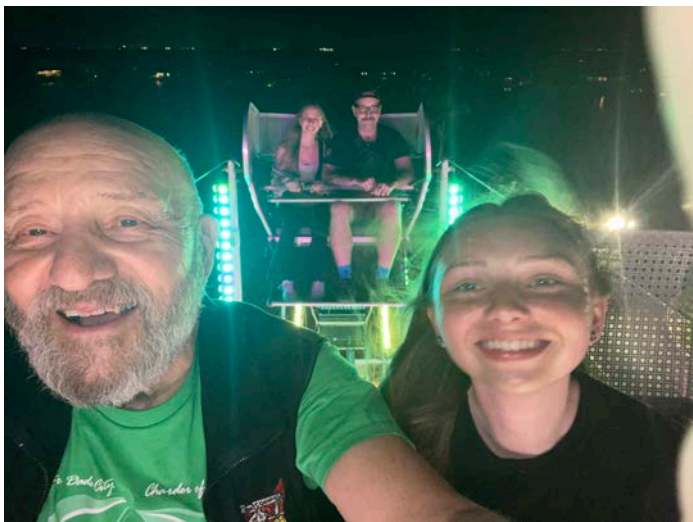


And of course you get the best view of the carnival from the top of the Ferris wheel.



When they say, don't rock, they mean don't rock. It feels like you're sitting in a kayak up

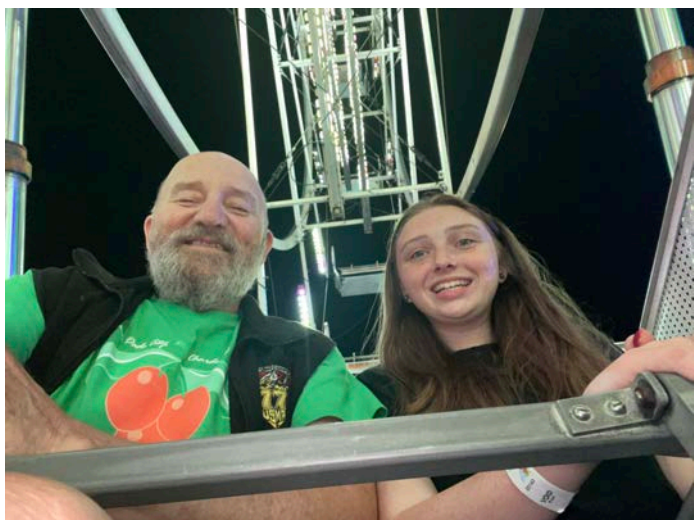
in the air. You have the sensation that you're going to flip over at any moment.



This is family entertainment and it's most basic. Lots of kids with lots of families. It really had a great time.



What better way to spend quality time with your granddaughter. This is a small Ferris wheel at about 50 feet tall but it's still a nice classic ride.



And of course there's this ride which looks totally comfortable. I don't know why I do this at this age. It's called the glider but you feel like you're a pterodactyl flying around. Pretty intense.



This is the age old house of mirrors. You don't know exactly which way to go to make your way through here without getting lost. I suppose when we were young, this could be terrifying. It's pretty lame at this age.



It sounds horrific and we were attempted to eat one but who knows could be good. I mean it's a big plate of fried dough with powdered sugar; what could go wrong.



And of course, I didn't learn from the last one, so why not do the Pharaoh's fury. What could go wrong.



What does obviously before the ride started. If you don't like vertigo or the sense of falling and this is also a ride that you can skip.



Keep smiling.

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