

Living the RV Dream

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It doesn't matter how far from home we are, if we're talking to RV people they know about Brookings! Today was especially fun. Our friends have been listening to an RV podcast for several years and were excited that the stars of the show, John and Kathy Huggins, were inviting listeners to meet them at the RV Show in Quartzsite, AZ.

John and Kathy's son produces a radio show in Florida, so when his parents got their first RV, he asked them to do a local show for the "snowbirds" in their area. When they decided to take to the road, he set them up with a podcast – and "Living the RV Dream" was born.

John and Kathy soon decided to become "Full Timers" and they now do a weekly show that you can hear at www.livingthervdream.com/RadioShow. They are staying in Yuma, Arizona this winter and drove over to Quartzsite for the day to get together with some of their fans. It was fun to realize how very small the world becomes when people share the same interests. And it was especially fun to talk to so many people who had experienced Brookings!

Those conversations made me remember when my husband and I first crossed the bridge over the Chetco River and made a quick right turn into the most beautiful little harbor I had ever seen. Jimmy Buffett may sing about his "One Particular Harbour" . . . but once I saw this one I felt like I was home.

I'm not really sure how many RV parks there are in Brookings, but that year my dream was to spend a week or so in every one of them. We found a great spot at Harris Beach, nestled in the Redwoods with an ocean view. Does it get better than that? Maybe it does . . . because the next Christmas we brought the kids and gathered

around our tiny Christmas tree on the dashboard of the RV overlooking the Pacific Ocean at Sportshaven Beach.

Before we had time to experience any of the other great parks in town (including the best Elks Lodge RV park ever!) . . . we bought a place of our own and were trying to figure out how to retire 10 years early and move to Brookings!

When we met John and Kathy this morning, they made “full-timing” sound like so much fun that I could actually see myself trying it out. Their webpage makes it sound easy: www.livingthervdream.com. I talked to Kathy about what they did with all their “stuff” . . . and she reminded me that it’s all really just “STUFF!” Life is perhaps a bit too short to hold on too tightly.

Even after we moved to Brookings I’ve always thought it would be fun to park the RV up at Loeb Park for a week in the dead of winter and pretend to be lost in the wilderness (with a car, of course, so we could drive into Brookings for dinner and a show anytime we want!)

Brookings is a great place to visit in an RV . . . but be warned, you might fall in love and find yourself living here full time!

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