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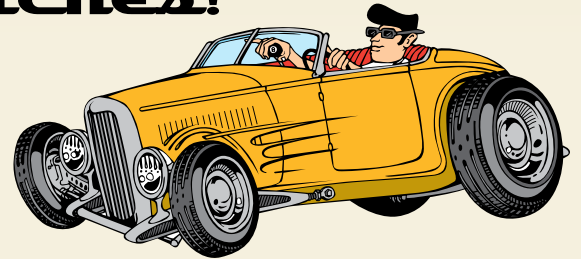
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Chanticleer & Dr. Faye Hit 1,000 Caches!



Join the Grand Strand Geocachers this Saturday, June 13th, 2009, for their monthly meeting. Fun times and good food will be served up at Woody's Diner inside the Ragtops and Roadsters Antique and Classic Car Museum, located on Highway 17 Bypass in Murrells Inlet. The meeting will start at 6 p.m., followed by entertainment by Blues Captain at 7 p.m. We will be awarding Chanticleer and Dr. Faye the Golden Ammo Can in recognition of finding over a 1000 caches! We ask for everyone to kindly bring a congratulatory card or token to fill their Ammo can with. We look forward to seeing everyone old and new. To RSVP, check out the [cache page!](#)

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Congratulations to Chanticleer & Dr. Faye for finding 1,000 caches!

Do you have technical questions regarding your GPS? Is there an aspect of geocaching that causes curiosity? Have an idea that could be the next best GSG newsletter article? Well send them in! We are looking for ideas, content, classifieds, and more. Please feel free to contact Rebecca at rshomitz@hotmail.com with any and all ideas!

THE HUNT FOR OSAMA BIN LADEN

RECENTLY SPOTTED: STONEY TB AND GEOCOIN HOTEL (GC1GJ5Z) ROANOKE, VA - 06/01/2009



PROFILE: MAJOR MARVIN "RENEGADE" JOHNSON

RECENTLY SPOTTED: FROG HEAVEN (GC1GWBW) - REED CITY, MI

BACKGROUND: STUNT DRIVER

SEPCIALITY: EXPERT ALL TERRAIN DRIVER, VEHICLE TECHNICIAN SPECIALIST

MISSION SPECIALITIES: ABILITY TO DRIVE MOST ANY VEHICLE, ANYWHERE - FAST! CAN MANEUVER EVERYTHING FROM MOTORCYCLES TO TANKS THROUGH HEAVY WEAPON FIRE. KEEPS HIS COOL IN DANGEROUS COMBAT SITUATIONS. DETERMINED NATURE WILL GET HIS TEAM INTO THE FIGHT AND OUT AGAIN VICTORIOUS.

ON THE ROAD WITH TWEETY & COACH

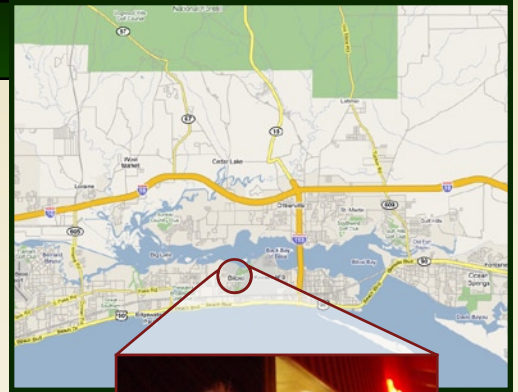
Well hello, all you Grand Strand geocachers!

Here we are in Biloxi, MS as we continue on the road to Parker's Landing Campgrounds. We drove in from Mobile where it was unbelievable to see the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina, the worst natural disaster in U. S. history that came ashore here on August 29, 2005. The area we drove through along the coast from Mobile to Biloxi is still a disaster area and will be for many, many months to come. Biloxi was founded by the French as "New Biloxi", the capital of French colony of Louisiana, 1721-1722, prior to French removal to New Orleans. It was incorporated as a town in 1850 by the Louisiana Legislature.

One of the better caches we found here was [GCW2P6](#) "Katrina Memorial". In February of 2006, Roy Anderson Corp. partnered with the ABC reality television show "Extreme Makeover, Home Edition" to build the Hurricane Katrina Memorial on the Biloxi Town Green. Roy Anderson Corp's construction team, including 130 employees and subcontractors, broke ground on Saturday, February 11, 2006. The Hurricane Katrina Memorial was unveiled during a public ceremony just five days later on Wednesday February 15, 2006. The granite wall was titled "Katrina", with the date August 29, 2005 and stands at 12 feet tall and symbolizes the height of Hurricane Katrina's powerful storm surge with an inlaid mosaic wave at the top of the wall. At the base of the wall is a sculpture encased in glass. The sculpture is made of personal keepsakes donated by victims of Hurricane Katrina and various items from the many destroyed buildings and homes. In order to find the cache you had to go to the listed coordinates, which took you to the memorial itself, and stand on the east side of the glass case, position yourself between half a star and wood and you should be able to see the cache location. The thing was that it could take you in many directions and you had to get the angle just right to see where the cache was hidden.

The next day was St. Patrick's Day, and we were off into Biloxi for a day of caching. Our first cache was [GC1885W](#) "What a View", and was located on the top floor of the Hard Rock Casino parking garage. The cache wasn't all that hard but the interesting thing is that after Katrina hit, the first things rebuilt were the casinos and hotels rather than the homes and small shops. All along the main street that runs along the ocean are empty lots where homes had been and all that is left are small sections of foundations and piles of concrete and steel. There are travel trailers everywhere, some being used by the workmen who are there rebuilding the city and some being lived in by the homeowners whose property was devastated by the hurricane, not wanting to leave what was once theirs.

Another of the great caches we did there was [GCH9QR](#) "A Biloxi Original". It was a three stage multi-cache that took us on a short tour of Biloxi. The cache took us first to a small building that was the birthplace of Barq's Root Beer. Barq's root beer was created by Edward C. Barq Sr. in 1898 and produced on the site until 1936, when the operation moved to Lameuse Street. A Mississippi Gulf Coast favorite, the number of franchise bottlers grew to over 200 by 1950 and was acquired by the Coca Cola Company in 1995. For many decades Barq's was not marketed as "root beer" which was in part a desire to avoid legal conflict with the Hires Root Beer Company. The base was a sarsaparilla drink of the late 19th century and it was decided to just market the soft drink simply as Barq's. Besides the Barq's Root Beer they make Diet Barq's, Barq's Red Creme Soda, Barq's French Vanilla Creme Soda and Barq's Floatz which is designed to taste like a root beer float. The next 2 stages took us to a local cemetery where the founder of Barq's was buried.



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ON THE ROAD WITH TWEETY & COACH (cont.)

Next day we drove to Ocean Springs which is east of Biloxi to do a few caches. We did two caches that had to do with a interesting local artist Walter Inglis Anderson. The first was [GCMDFC](#) "Walter Inglis Anderson-Museum", and the other, [GCMDFN](#) "Walter Inglis Anderson-Stelby's Mural". Walter Inglis Anderson was born in 1903 in New Orleans to George Walter Anderson, a grain merchant, and Annette McConnell Anderson, an artist. His mother's love of art, music, and literature strongly influenced Walter (called "Bob" by his friends and family), and his two brothers, Peter and Mac. Anderson was educated at a private boarding school, and then attended the Parsons Institute of Design in New York and the PA Academy of Fine Arts, where his drawings earned him a scholarship for study abroad. He traveled throughout Europe and was particularly impressed with the cave he saw at Les Eyzies in France. Anderson returned to Ocean Springs and married a Radcliffe graduate and went to work creating molds and decorating earthenware at Shearwater Pottery, founded by his brother Peter. It was in the late 1930s, that Anderson first succumbed to mental illness. He was diagnosed with severe depression and spent three years in and out of hospitals. In 1947, with the understanding of his family, Anderson left his wife and children and embarked on a private and very solitary existence. He lived alone in a cottage on the Shearwater compound, and increased his visits to Horn Island, one of a group of barrier islands along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He would row the 12 miles in a small skiff, carrying minimal necessities and his art supplies. Anderson spent long periods of time on this uninhabited island over the last 18 years of his life. There he lived primitively, working in the open and sleeping under his boat, sometimes for weeks at a time. He endured extreme weather conditions, from blistering summers to hurricane winds and freezing winters. He painted and drew a multitude of species of island vegetation, animals, birds, and insects, penetrating the wild thickets on hands and knees and lying in lagoons in his search to record his beloved island paradise. Anderson's obsession to "realize" his subjects through his art, to be one with the natural world instead of an intruder, created works that are intense and evocative. Walter Anderson died at the age of 62 in a New Orleans hospital of lung cancer. Much of the work survived only by chance; it was discovered in drifts, like autumn leaves, throughout his cottage after his death. Both these caches were nice to do as we got to see some of the works he did, which were very beautiful.

Next cache we did was [GC16YCY](#) "The Murals of Camp Victor", which was a puzzle cache. Camp Victor was being run by Christus Victor Lutheran Church in an old garment factory and warehouse. Since 2006 until now, it has housed the volunteers coming in to help with the Hurricane Katrina relief. It has a new commercial kitchen, carpeted dorms with bunk beds to house 250 people, bathroom facilities, and is heated and air conditioned. The "angels" have come from all over the nation, as well as Canada and about two dozen other countries, to selflessly assist in the recovery of Gulf Coast communities where 64,000 homes were destroyed and over 78,000 more damaged. The volunteers over the months have painted eight murals on the outside walls of this building. To complete this cache, we had to do a puzzle that had to do with these lovely murals that gave us the coordinates to the final cache location.

Well, that's it for this month! Join us next month as our journey through the United States continues!

Read more about ftjak's adventures on their blog:
www.2lostsoulsotheroad.blogspot.com

Happy Caching,
ftjak

First to Finds & New Hides - April

16 New Hides by 10 Cachers

Most Hides: **Cache & Dash SC: 4 Caches!**

AussieYanks: 9 FTFs

Most Hides - 4/08 &

Sleepy's Hundredth Hide by: SleepyRN

You Can't See Me & Gut Instinct

by: Team UTB4Me

Established 1989 by: Mackey's Bunch

WAC-034, WAC-041, WAC-019

& WAC-004 by: Cache & Dash SC

UTB4ME 1 FTF

Air Raid by: SleepyRN

Gregg1199 1 FTF (visitors)

Got Mail? by: Mopar Lovers

Harleyman 1 FTF

Hot Spot in this Neck of the Woods by:

Mopar Lovers

Kohlmom 1 FTF

Dark Shadows: Laughter From the Graves

by: Fraidy Cat

SleepyRN 1 FTF

AG's Geopinz Depot by: AtlantaGal

Skillet86 & Pompier 1 FTF

The Real Sandy Island Cache by: AGraham2

Queezy 1 FTF

Not Quite A Micro by: PIBeachBums

Preacherspal 1 FTF

Almost Home in Loris by: Chickahominy

First to Finds & New Hides - May

11 New Hides by 7 Cachers

(1 Cache hidden in May but not found until March.)

Most Hides: **RLindsay14: 3 Caches!**

AussieYanks: 6 FTFs

PBC Cache, The Retreat Cache

& Holy Coconut Tree by: RLindsay14

Think Australian by: SCRebel

Non-Human by: EAL24601

To Boldly Go by: MarsOnEarth

Preacherspal 2 FTFs

Calico Travel Bug Hotel by: Team Vox

Abandon by: EAL24601

WallaceFamilySC 1 FTF

Monkeying Around in Loris by: Chickahominy

Marvin J & Zephyr 1 FTF

Go No Further by: EAL24601

ONE FTF IS STILL UP FOR GRABS!

No Man's Friend Cache

by: CpsFisherman, GfReels