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Today we get to savor the treats of Interstate 95. This highway is similar to our Interstate 5 in California. They both span the continent from North to South. Here through the Carolinas it passes miles of pine trees and the lush forest country that we have come to associate with the east.

Unfortunately, we have passed by some of the most distasteful examples of ugly advertising by signs we have seen. In the quest to have their



product seen by all, the companies have developed sign poles that rival communication towers. They extend at least 100 feet in the air above the tree tops, and march for miles on end disfiguring some of the beautiful scenery along the highway.

Other large billboards along the side of the road have large areas

of trees and foliage hacked away so the entire sign can be seen.

We are also back to the dreaded orange signs. Construction Ahead, Prepare to stop, Flagger ahead, Reduce Speed ahead, One Lane Ahead! These all create long traffic jams beside the construction area.

We passed Cape Kennedy today, and did not know until we got to Ft. Lauderdale the next day, that there was a launch of the Discovery shuttle. I have always wanted to see a launch and was disappointed that I missed it by a half a day.

I am sorry to have to report that we had to fill up with \$1.12/gal unleaded while we were in Georgia! We were so ecstatic about it, that we didn't even care when down the road it was \$1.11/gal! So far the whole trip our average price for fuel is \$1.31/gal.

So far here in Florida we have had no rain, but there is enough humidity to go around for everyone. We plan to be here until the 14th of August before moving on.

Dave and Bonnie