## OFF TO SEE THE FERRY

Turning our attentions to the Outer Banks, we started off for North Carolina. To tell the truth, we were glad to leave the hustle bustle of Myrtle Beach! We have managed to stay in the path of several daily and nightly thunderstorms for the last week. They come and go with such rapidity that we are amazed.

Due to travel times, and lack of RV sites, we decided to change our ferry schedule and change days and take the first morning ferry. We found a park about 12 miles from the dock and set up and listened to the rain all night long! We didn't know what to expect that early in the morning. We have never gotten up at 6:00 am during the whole trip so far!



We boarded the ferry for the 2-½ hr. trip to the Outer Banks. We remembered this ferry as the one we took several years ago and fell asleep during the crossing. We were awakened by the sound of engines. When we looked out, we were the only vehicle on the boat and the workers were approaching. I started the RV and we took off!

After traveling for 2-½ hrs. on the ferry, we drove for 14 miles and then boarded another ferry for another 40 min. cruise. This was a smaller ferryboat and when they parked us, the roof edge was about 3 inches from the superstructure

and the doorway to the coach was so close to the adjacent car we couldn't get out!

Our itinerary was changed because the RV Park was booked until Oct. When we got to the park I went in and lo and behold, we got a night! This gave us the opportunity to go out that evening and partake of a delicious crab stuffed flounder dinner.

One of the most noticeable things was the growth on the Outer Banks. The shoreline is inundated with summer homes that were not there several years ago. At the North end of the Outer Banks, where the monument to Wilbur and Orville Wright is, housing units are built almost up to the area. Several years ago, when we visited the area, there was almost nothing around it.

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