

Saturday March 8, 2008



Patti and  
Maureen  
drove to a  
Washateria  
near  
Galveston  
where we  
met a lovely  
Japanese  
lady and  
discussed  
the

difference between yukatas, happy coats and kimonos.

This was one of the few days that the wind was light enough to allow us to enjoy the outdoors. We saw a parachute ultralite fly by our campsite.

For dinner we got together for BBQ steak and corn husk wrapped chicken. Yummy! We have really enjoyed the Texas steak. It is reasonably priced and usually first rate.

**Sunday  
March 9,  
2008**

Patti and Pete took us to Houston to visit the Lakewood Church, housed in the former Compaq Center. It is



the largest and fastest growing church in the United States with 50,000 members in the congregation. Up to 16,000 people can be seated at one time. Each week Pastor Joel Osteen delivers *God's* message to more than 38,000 attendees and church services are broadcast to more than 45 US networks and 16 International networks.



Unfortunately, Pastors Joel and Victoria were not there this morning, but Pastor Marcos Witt gave a fantastic sermon preceded by some rousing music performed by a full orchestra, adult choir and youth choir. Most of the seats were full so it was quite an experience.

Web site: <http://www.lakewood.cc/>

And Yes - the suffix is cc .





For lunch we enjoyed some wonderful seafood at the *Goode Company Texas Seafood Restaurant*.

## Monday March 10, 2008

Packing up day in Galveston. We have enjoyed staying on the beach, but again the wind makes it very challenging.

Mike was able to install the new part that Doubletree sent us and alleluia, it works, so the landing gear will now go up and down. About five minutes after he finished the job, a big black cloud came in and it rained cats and dogs for about an hour. We managed to get everything put away before the deluge, but the campers across the street had a very difficult time packing their tent and gear in the raging storm. We were amazed at how quickly the weather changed.

To celebrate our time with Patti and Pete we had a potluck dinner together. We have enjoyed the camaraderie with our friends from Ontario and look forward to seeing them again when we get back to Canada.

## Tuesday March 11, 2008

We packed up all our stuff and headed north under 13 degree Celsius overcast skies. On the advice of the manager at our destination park, we took the back roads and avoided going through Houston. This was a very relaxing way to go. We arrived at the Timberlodge RV Resort at 3:30 pm and received a warm welcomed by Manager Gary. The sun was shining brightly and a gentle breeze was the only hint of wind.



This is our Home Park with Coast to Coast. It is situated on a back country road in the Sam Houston National Forrest near New Waverly, just outside of Pumpkin.

It is very small (31 sites) and is picturesque with plenty of very tall trees and countless birds.

The noise from the highway is minimal, there no trains, and very few planes.

Once in a while, the cattle next door let out a loud bellow, but otherwise the only sounds are the birds singing and the crickets chirping.

We had planned to stay only four days and then head east along the gulf coast, but have decided to stay here for ten days. It is so relaxing and the weather is perfect.

The price of diesel fuel is almost up to \$4.00 per gallon, so we can save big time by not driving any further than necessary.





In the adjoining fields there are many cattle including some newborns, who love to frolic in the grass under the watchful eye of their mothers. Percy likes watching the cows and the squirrels but gets quite frustrated trying to catch them.





We chose camp site number one, at the west end.  
It is quite large with trees and panoramic views on three  
sides.

Our patio faces west and the breezes are gentle,  
so we were able to put out our awning and attach the screen  
to control the sun.



Wednesday March 12, 2008



Went into  
Conroe to  
buy some  
supplies  
and get  
the truck  
washed.  
Also got  
some dog  
shampoo  
and a new  
toy for  
Percy.

**Thursday March  
13, 2008**



The temperature has climbed into the mid 20s (Celsius) and Percy had a bath today. There are plenty of signs of spring here. The redbuds and magnolia trees are starting to bloom.



Flowers are blossoming in the grass



And on the apple trees.



Enjoyed a campfire tonight (first one in a long time). Gary very kindly arranged for us to borrow a fire pit and told us to take all the firewood that we needed at no charge. We also tried out the spa. The tub is very small but the water is clean and hot.

## Friday March 14, 2008

Very hot today (28 Celsius). Drove into New Waverly to post some mail and have a look around. We had to wash the truck again, as it was parked under a tree that is shedding green fluffy stuff. In the evening we had another campfire with our next door neighbours, Sue and Jack from Michigan.