

## DUWAT & SAWAT'S CARNIVAL CRUISE

Day 1....On Monday, May 21, we ventured to Mobile, AL to join the Mississippi Gulf Coast Corvette Club for the Carnival cruise (and our honeymoon) on the M. S. Holiday. After arriving at the cruise terminal, we simply checked our luggage from the car and it was delivered directly to our cabin. We only carried Linda's purse that had our passports, tickets, and etc. After boarding, we met with the MSGCCC for buffet lunch and group pictures. The partying had already begun. Dancing by the pool, pictures, and wildness galore. We set sail at 4:00 PM and headed on our adventure to Cozumel and Cancun. That night we had a wonderful meal in the dinning hall. Robert Kline (President of MSGCCC and arranger of our group) made sure that we were all seated together at 4 adjoining tables for the entire cruise. We must have had the best waiter on the ship. An Italian man named Daniel. Every night the waiters would sing and dance and entertain us. Food, food, food, and more food. A word to the wise...bring your own liquor in your checked bags. 2 small glasses of wine at dinner: \$14. After dinner, some time to loose some money at the casino. There all kinds of Las Vegas style shows to see. Dancers, singers, comedians, hypnotists, etc. When you get back to your room in the evening, the bed is turned down and an animal made of towels is there to greet you. They ranged from a seal, an elephant, a duck, a monkey, etc. There was satellite TV in the cabin that also had videos of the day's activities ranging from the shore excursions to the nightly shows, and descriptions of the types of shore excursions.

Day 2....Much the same as day one. Party, party, party. Food, food, food. Buffet breakfast, either lunch in the dinning hall or the buffet on the deck. We normally had the buffet lunch. We had a club meeting, in a special room that Robert had arranged, and another group picture. We cruised all day toward Cozumel. In the afternoon they had the "Hairiest Chest" contest by the pool. Funny. Also, an ice sculpture demo. That evening we attended a formal attire cocktail and horsdorves party with the Captain. Then a formal attire dinner (steak and lobster for Linda and I). More lost money at the casino.

Day 3....Arrived at Cozumel at 7:00 AM. There were shore excursions galore. Everything from simple shopping to the exotic expeditions. Linda was convinced that everything in the water was there to eat her, so snorkeling was out of the question. So, we took a submarine to the reef and got some great pictures. After seeing what it is like, now she wants to snorkel. Too late now or we'll miss the ship. Ship sails at 6:00 PM.

Day 4....Arrived at Cancun at 7:00 AM. Why it took 13 hours to travel 12 miles?...I don't know. There seems to be dock scheduling conflicts. For the shore excursion, due to my heart problems, we wanted something that didn't require a lot of walking. So, we opted for the tour of the Mayan Temple ruins at Tulum. An air conditioned bus took us on the 5 hours tour with a stop for souvenirs. Meeting the bus at the souvenir stop was samples of tequila. On arrival at the Mayan ruins, there was a half mile walk in heat and humidity. However, they had a tram (a tractor pulling a trailer with seats) for \$2 round trip. Guess what we did. Lots of history was learned from our guide and lots of pictures. Ship sailed at 5:00 PM. Mobile destined. The seas were a bit rough that evening.

Day 5....Continued to sail with all the usual ship board activities.

Day 6....Arrival at Mobile at 7:00 AM. After long lines to disembark and lines at customs, we boarded the Vette at about 10:30 AM. We went east toward the Battleship park and had a great lunch at Felix's restaurant. I had turtle soup and oysters. Linda had gumbo and shrimp. We took pictures of an alligator passing by and lots of pelicans standing on poles. After arriving home, I immediately fell asleep on the sofa.

Representing the Mississippi Corvette Club:

Doug and Linda Henslee

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Rain & Susan Jaudon

Robert Kline & Jada Cooper

Lee & Eve Wagner

Cordell & Phyllis Steelman

Jim & Shirley Harrington (celebrated wedding anniversary)

Ed Nunenmacher

Al & Carol Ann Lewando

Ray & Bobby Sue Myers

Sandra Klein

Jennye Pennington

Rachel Syrie

Tommy & Darleen Crews

Don & Joy Showmaker

Sharon Sandoz

Woodie & Cheri Mathis

VL & Bonnie Clark

Jim & Donna Corder (and their two daughters)

Dede

Kathy

Tabatha

Arlee (Sandra's mom)

Still recovering from vacation:

Doug and Linda Henslee