

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live for 15 years on a small island?

Just ask Richard or Beverly Reiss. No, it wasn't in the Carribean or the South Pacific but in Lake Michigan. Washington Island is a few miles north of the Door County penninsula (near Green Bay) and one of the most scenic areas in the midwest.

Bev and Rich are both military vets who started and operated a Ready Mix business on the island. Here they raised their 4-H involved daughters on their hobby farm, along with chickens, ducks, rabbits, goats, cows, pigs and the more usual dogs and cats. As if that wasn't enough to keep one occupied they also had a Christmas Tree Farm.

When the girls left the nest Bev and Rich sold the farm, got into their motorhome and hit the road. They eventually found themselves in Homosassa's Riverhaven Village. But when the temperature starts to go up they also head up to their Wisconsin home.

Rich has been a long time car hobby guy having owned a Model-T, a Ford woody wagon, a 55 Chevy pick-up, an old Caddie to a Vette, including a 1947 Fire Truck. His current toy car is a 78 MGB.

He and fellow club member Steve Catlett recently pulled the engine out of the "B" for a rebuild (I hear the car was back on the road in only 2 weeks).

Rich also enjoys fishing and boating while Bev enjoys sewing, Swedish weaving and other crafts. Both also enjoy their 6 grandkids