

Blue Crab Fun Bunch at American Heritage, Williamsburg, VA, April 2015

Our route to the campground was by Rt. 301, I-95, I-295, I-64 East and Exit 123A with another 2 miles to the campground. Non-stop travel time was about 2 hours, 45 minutes. The toll at the Rt. 301 Bridge for our rig was \$18. EZ-Pass keeps toll plaza waits to a minimum; most times there is no stopping. Don't know how the machines count your axles, but they get it right every time.

On Thursday night we had six rigs and all of us went out to Two Drummers restaurant for dinner. Two Drummers was about six miles from the campground. My GPS got all confused as it led us past the restaurant twice and then back to the campground. We re-grouped at the Mennonite church and Kat took the lead using her GPS. Kat whizzed past the restaurant on dual lane Rt. 60 at highway speed. The rest of us spotted the little sign and doubled back. When Kat saw no one was following her, she doubled back and we all made back to the restaurant within a few minutes.

Not sure if the Two Drummers had a one or was it a two person Karaoke band, but the bar was packed. For a bar and grill the food was quite good. Service was prompt and the food for our group arrived hot. I think most agreed that Two Drummers was worth a return trip.

Friday evening Bob and Kat cooked up a huge wok of grilled chicken with all the fixings for fajitas for supper.



Chicken Fajita supper is served up by hosts Bob and Kat for Friday.



Gathering before going out to Breakfast on Saturday morning.



Breakfast at Astronomical Pancake & Waffle House. Bob S. has a better deal on his pancakes.



Breakfast at Astronomical Pancakes on Saturday





Carlos and Kat wait for breakfast to be served.



Eve, Shirley, Linda S., Greg, Linda W., Kat and Di sit for a group photo in the gazebo after breakfast at Astronomical Pancakes.



Double parking at Astronomical Pancakes

On Saturday Richard, Eve, Shirley and I went to the historic area of Jamestown Island. One of the docents on the Island explained that most of the tourists go to see the re-creation of the Indian village, fort town and restaurant on the main land. All of the display materials in the re-creation are modern reproductions. As he put it "It's Disney World without the rides." The actual settlement and fort was on the island. Archeologists discovered the foundations of the fort and original 1608 church in 1994. A memorial church was constructed on the site for the 300 year celebration, is larger by four feet on all sides and protected the original 1608 foundation. The visionaries of 1907 left us a time capsule dating from 1608 that we discovered in 1994. Many undergraduate and graduate students from all over the world are earning bachelors, masters and doctorates in archeology by participating in the digs on the Island. The displays on the mainland are constantly being revised by new knowledge gained from the digs. Admission to this Virginia state park was free to celebrate National Parks Week.



One of many water snakes and snapping turtles guards the creek between Jamestown Island and the main land. A very modern and substantial walking bridge now links the Island to the mainland. Umm, don't play in the water.



Monument on Jamestown Island placed in 1907 for the 300 year celebration looks to be about 100 feet high. The park service keeps the monument in immaculate condition.



Sid, Shirley and Richard consider the statue of Captain John Smith, first governor of Jamestown and Virginia, erected in 1907. At the right, the partially restored church erected in 1907 covers the foundations of the 1608 church. Those early foundations are viewable through glass windows in the floor of the 1907 church. John Rolfe and Pocahontas were married in that church in 1614. The movie and Disney renditions took a lot of artistic license with the facts. Photo by Eve.



Richard, Eve, Shirley and Sid at the memorial cross in front of the Jamestown Island Museum. Photo by one of historicjamestowne.org/the_dig/ docents. Volunteer persons are welcome to participate in the digs on the island. The docents would gladly guide you in what to do and how to do it.



Eve captures the passing of the two James River ferries.



The re-constructed stockade of the original fort at Jamestown shows the 1907 church building with collapsed bell tower just outside the fort.



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Kat conducts the 'Not So Newly Wed' game. Kat presented a series of questions about the couples married life. Each person then answered the question for their partner without any consultation. After all the questions were answered, each person read their answer and compared to the partner's answer. The answers were sometimes candid, funny and often outrageous. Winners were: Third Place Sid and Shirley, Second Place Richard and Eve, and First Place Greg and Di. The winning couples were presented a prize for their rigs.

Bob and Kat presented a gift cloth shopping bag with Wagon Master Greg's likeness on it posing with a covered wagon to each attending rig.



Linda W. shares some laughs during the 'Not So Newly Wed' game.



Linda S. ponders the meaning of life and other trick questions.



It took a while, but Greg managed to get a roaring camp fire going to match the neighbors in the background.



Bob S. cooks up his enormous custom-placed blue berry pancakes on Sunday morning for all to enjoy.



More of the Bob S. blue berry pancakes are almost ready. Richard, Eve, Corky, Terry, Pat and Di are being patient. No pancake is served before its time.



Kat, Di, Bob S., Les, Jim, Shirley, Eve, Richard and Corky share coffee, juice, muffins, fruit and blue berry pancakes on Sunday morning.



Pat, Larry, Paula, Greg, Kat, and Di anticipate another round of pancakes served up by Bob S. In the foreground Jim and Les take notes.



Shirley, Eve, Richard, Corky, Terry, Pat, Larry and Paula enjoy the conversation at breakfast.



The Blue Crab circle is fascinated as Kat tells of her adventures as a journalist.



That's all folks. See you at Country Acres in Gordonville, Lancaster County, PA, May 14-17, 2015.

Sid