

Blue Crab Fun Bunch at Country Acres Campground, Gordonville, PA, May 2015

Our route to the campground was by Rt. 5, I-95 North, I-695 West, I-83 North, Rt. 30 East. The campground fronts on Rt.30. Non-stop travel time was about 3 hours not counting the stop for lunch. Coming home we did stop two times for, umm... plumbing checks.

On Thursday night we had five rigs and all of us went out to Golden Corral on Rt. 30. Little did we heathens realize that this was Ascension Thursday, a major religious holiday for the Amish and Mennonites. Most, if not all, of the Amish and Mennonite businesses were closed. Lots of Amish and Mennonite families were at the Golden Corral to celebrate the holiday by eating out. Ascension Thursday is forty days after Easter. The Bible tells us that Christ ascended back to heaven while the Apostles watched on that day.



Ascension Thursday dinner at Golden Corral. Photo by Karen, our waitress.



All of our BCFB rigs were parked together at Country Acres.

Friday we just kicked back, visited, and talked a lot, even got in a nap or two.

On Friday night we had a pot luck supper at Linda and Ken W. site. The picnic table was piled with spaghetti, meat balls, lasagna, deviled eggs, Italian sausage soup and all the side dishes for our Italian theme dinner to be followed by apple and cherry pie with vanilla ice cream. The picnic table at the site was not made too well; when three people sit on one side and no one is on the other, the table will tilt over. We nearly dumped our supper on the ground with that trick. Fortunately we had one person with cat-like reflexes to grab the table and avoid another trip to the Golden Corral. We had a business meeting after dinner.

Saturday morning bright and early we went out to the Bird In Hand motel to meet the free tour bus that Linda W. had scheduled for us. Our tour guide and bus driver took us out in the country to see the Amish farms, shops, homes, schools, cemetery, etc. Did not see one Amish church; they do not have any. All their religious services are held every other Sunday in an Amish home, taking turns on a rotating schedule. About 200 to 250 show up on the service Sunday. The host family prepares lunch and dinner for all with lots of help from everyone. On the off Sundays families visit with each other. Amish weddings are usually in the fall at the bride's home; usually 250 to 500 invited guests attend. The Mennonites have churches and have services every Sunday. One-room school houses dot the landscape

for about 20 to 30 students distributed among 8 grades. All the students walk to school. Usually each school has one teacher, at least eighteen years old and not married. Married women with children at home usually do not work outside the home.



Shirley and Di browse one of the gift shops on our Amish tour.



Linda, Ken and Greg take a break while on the Amish tour.



Nice fountain on an Amish pond.



A little flock of Mallard ducklings on the pond.



Shirley, Di and Linda W. at the Amish pond



Les, Di, Greg, Shirley, Sid, Linda W. and Ken W. at the pond. Photo by another tourist.



Les, Greg, Ken W. and Sid pose at the pond. Photo by Linda W.



Swan on the pond.



Shirley feeds the Scottish Ox at the petting zoo.



Don't know what this little Alpaca did, but no one was going bail for him.



Greg, Ken W. and Les consider the pallet of rocks for sale at one of the quilt shops on our Amish tour.

This quilt shop had some gorgeous quilts in all manner of patterns. Prices ranged from \$650 to \$1,500.



After returning from the Amish tour, the BCFB had a reverent lunch at the Bird In Hand buffet. Les pauses for breath.

Next up was the stage musical “Josiah for President” presented at the Bird In Hand Theater in the same building. This two-hour production touched on today’s national politics, raw ambition, love, responsibility, loyalty, outrageous humor, tragedy, greed and Amish values all set to music and beautifully rendered songs.



Shirley poses with two of the *Josiah for President* cast members after the show.



Les poses with cast members Elizabeth and Josiah after the *Josiah for President* Show.



After the *Josiah for President* Show, the stage manager presented Shirley with a Shoo Fly pie that she won during a drawing in the theater.



Linda checks out the Amish clothes at the Bird in Hand Amish market. They don't put size labels in the hand-made clothes.



President Ken stays close to the real juice at the Amish Market.



Les and Di wonder if the Shoo Fly pies are worth the asking price.



Shirley and Les check out the Amish scooters at the Amish market.



Linda W., Bob S. and Ken W. wait for the other Blue Crabs to catch up at the Amish market.



BCFB rigs pile up at the Cracker Barrel for breakfast on Sunday morning.



Joe, Ken W., Greg and Les try to figure out moving the rigs after the pile up in the Cracker Barrel parking lot. Joe is looking good in his "Try My Nuts" shirt while Greg has hunger pangs.



BCFB are patiently waiting for breakfast. Service was prompt.

That's all folks. See you at our next campout hosted by Larry and Paula at Gettysburg Campground, Gettysburg, PA on June 12-14, 2015.

Sid

PS: "Ideas not put into action never become bigger than the brain cells they occupied."