

Blue Crab Fun Bunch at Cozy Acres Campground, Powhatan, VA

Shirley and I set out on Friday, October 12, 2012, at 9:30 AM for Cozy Acres campground at Powhatan, VA. This trip took us two and one-half hours on Interstate and dual-lane highways until about ten miles out on Rt. 60 then left turn onto VA State Rte. 627. Dick, Eve, Shirley and I co-hosted this campout. We had seven rigs attending. All the sites are wooded with lots of poplar, maple, gum, dogwood, cedar, pine, ironwood and walnut trees. Fortunately, there were no oak trees to drop acorns on us. And no walnut trees at the campsites to drop walnuts on us either. This time of year the oak and walnut trees are dropping their nuts; sounds like someone dropping rocks on the camper roof.



Covered footbridge on the hiking trail crosses the catfish pond.



Some of the super sites overlook one of the three ponds. These sites were just put in this year.

On Friday night eleven of us went into Powhatan to have supper at the Four Seasons restaurant. Lots of Greek, Italian and American choices, prices were reasonable and the portions were enormous.





Socializing while waiting for dinner.

After dinner walking to the truck in the restaurant parking lot we watched the bushels of walnuts falling off the trees at the edge of the lot. Glad we were not parked under those trees!

We considered going back to the pavilion for some games. However, the temperature was heading for the forties and no heat in the pavilion. So we called it a night and snuggled up in our rigs.



Plenty of room and lots of rustic farm antiques for atmosphere, but definitely a summertime meeting area.

Saturday morning was chilly, but warming up fast. By 9:00 AM the pavilion was warming up nicely in the bright blue-sky sunshine. For breakfast the main items were fried eggs to order, sausage links, pumpkin pancakes, grilled ham, biscuits and sausage gravy, potato cakes, fruit dishes, pastries, juices, hot chocolate, and fresh perc coffee.



All cleaned up after breakfast. Eve took this picture.

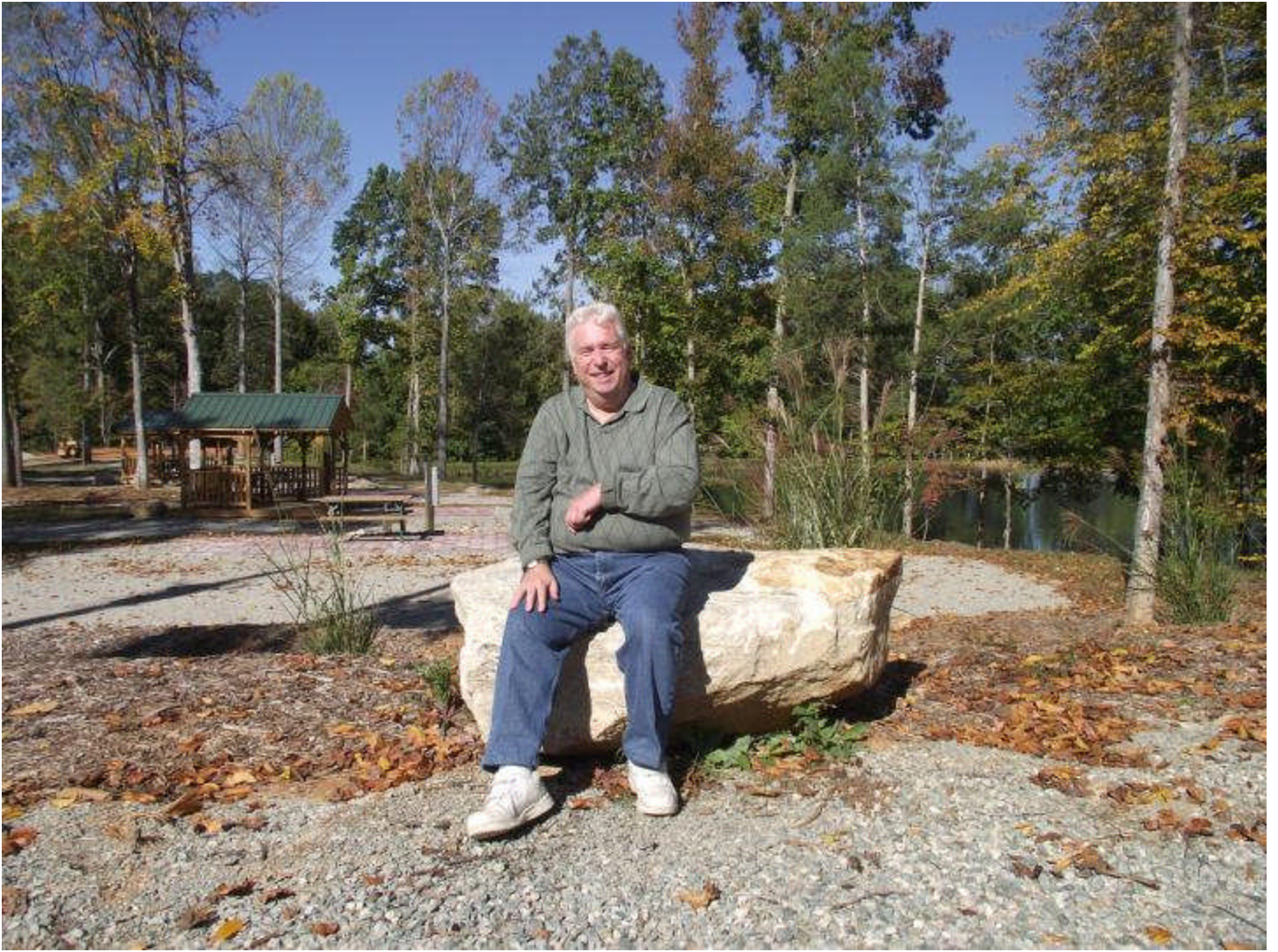
During the day we strolled around the grounds and checked out the ponds and facilities. Some just socialized. Bob S. and I did some hobby work with the colorful leaves and a little hot-melt glue.



Sid glues the leaves with the hot melt glue gun while Bob suggests the next one. Eve took this picture.



Finished leaf displays make nice table decorations. The leaves will curl and soon fade to brown.



Dick is checking out his super site for next year.



Does he look lonely? You can bet that it is not your company he is waiting for.

No matter where you go, you have to watch out for stepping in something or sometimes you actually come across the real critter.



Shirley checks out Bob's Good Sam jacket. And check out the long pants.



Shirley is at the gazebo on an island in the middle of one of the ponds.

Saturday afternoon Dick, Eve, Shirley and I drove over to Farmville, VA, to look at all the shops along Main Street. One store had rooms of decorated Christmas trees – just gorgeous. One seven-foot tree was steadily blowing out Styrofoam beads from the top to settle fake snow all over the branches. (Definitely not little kid-proof, but it did look good.) Eve and Shirley toured in an Amish store while Dick and I sat on the glider bench out front and swapped stories of our travel adventures. Does that mean we are getting old? Beats the alternatives. All too soon we had to rush back to Cozy Acres to set up for dinner. On the way back we saw a flock of wild turkeys in a field.

Our dinner featured fried oysters, crab cakes, crab soup, fried Cod, stuffed ham, shrimp, hush puppies and complimentary side dishes. Desserts included home-made pineapple up-side-down cake baked in a crock pot, home-made apple and pumpkin pies, along with blue berry pie, bunt cake, fudge and fruit dishes.

Before dinner we had a lost and found hunt for two lost brass crabs hiding among the farm antiques. Mary found one and Celie found the other one. They were rewarded with prizes. We had a book exchange; lots of

treasures were found.



Detective Celie knows how to find a crab.

Dick gave the blessing before the meal.



Blue Crabs doing what they do best.

After dinner Bob C. conducted a member meeting. Hattie will have the minutes. Two additional drawings were made after the meeting for remaining door prizes.



Linda won the grand door prize, an ornate metal leaf pumpkin, from Pier 1 Imports.

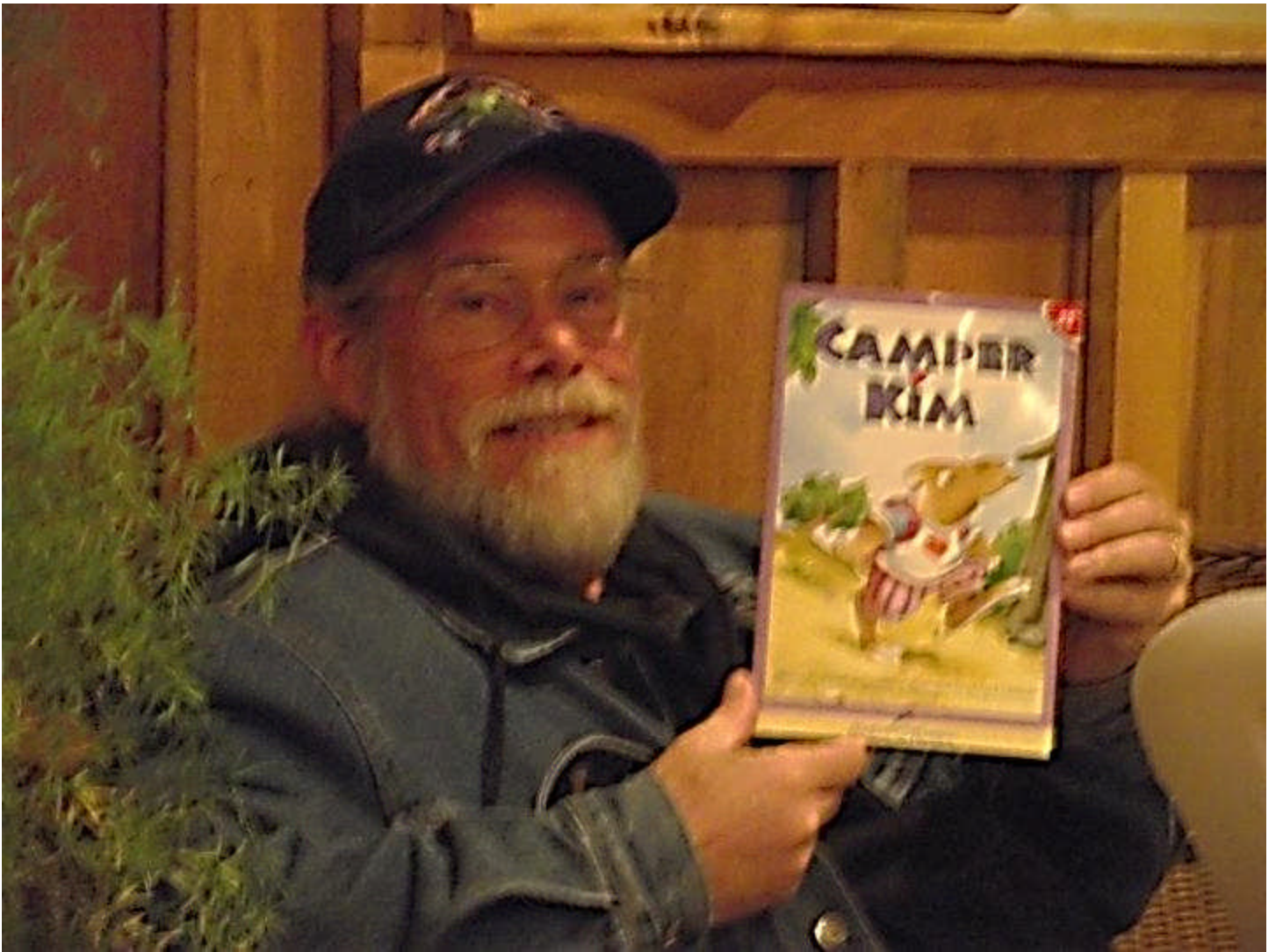
The small meeting room was not available due to the Allegro Lovers camper group using it. They finished early and then invited the Blue Crabs to use the vacated room. We gladly accepted the invitation to warm up.



Mary tries to thaw out after dinner and the member business meeting in the big room.



Mary, Frank, Linda, Carlos, Eve and Dick play Fast Track. All look to be warmed up nicely.



Bob C. displays his latest find: Camper Kim.



Our new Chapter Banner.



Harper takes Bob S. out for a stroll on Sunday morning. Harper does not mind that Bob is wearing shorts.

Everyone had to wait until after 10:00 AM before leaving for the office to open so they could get their gate pass cash deposits back.

On the way along Rte. 301 Shirley and I joined an Army Reserve Convoy out of Fort A.P. Hill. At my suggestion, all of us stopped at McDonalds for lunch at Dahlgren. Nice troops and I am glad to have them on our side. They led the way for us going over the Potomac River Bridge.

Sid