

Location: Boone KOA, Boone, NC

Date: 9 June 2015

We left about 11:00 AM today for Grandfather Mountain, a kitty covered activity. On our way there we stopped at the Mast Store in Valle Crucis. It is an old fashioned store with old fashion items. Grandfather Mountain is a commercial activity with a road to the top of the mountain which is just over a mile high. It has a nature museum along the road to the top as well as hiking trails and picnic areas. It was an enjoyable trip. We took the long way back to the trailer.



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Date: 10 June 2015

I had great plans for today – I was going to get a haircut, get a propane tank filled, get some pocket cash from an ATM and get some fuel for the truck. I got the cash from a Wells Fargo ATM. The haircut at the first place had metered parking with none available, so I went to the second place and he had no opening until next week. I couldn't find a gas station I had a card for so I didn't get fuel. On the way to propane distributor I saw a carwash and had the truck washed. Then I got the propane tank filled and went back to the trailer. We took showers and I drained the tanks and got the trailer ready for hook-up tomorrow. Here's some picture I took on the Parkway.



Location: Cozy Breeze Campground, Galax, VA Date: 11 June 2015
Departed: Boone 10:00 AM Arrived: 2:30 PM Miles: 78
We arrived early which didn't make the Wagon Master happy.
We and 3 others went to a nearby church parking lot and
waited the ½ hour until the parkers were ready at 2:30 PM.
We stopped for about an hour for lunch. It was a pleasant
drive with a little less curves and more open spaces not wall-
to-wall trees.



Location: Cool Breeze Campground, Galax, VA Date: 12 June 2015
I found a barber that just takes walk-ins. I walked-in and only
waited about 30 minutes for my haircut. It was called the Old
Town Barber Shop and had hundreds of old things like soda
bottles, oil cans, coke signs, etc. Then I went to a grocery
store and bought some paper products we needed. I stopped
and filled with diesel fuel. Later we went to town (Galax) and
looked over the things the vendors had on display. June 12
and 13 is Leaf and String Festival days where they block off
the center of town and celebrate Music, Art and Literature.
They have live music (fiddles, guitars and banjos) and art on
display and sale and authors selling and signing books.



Location: Cool Breeze Campground, Galax, VA Date: 13 June 2015

We went by the Presbyterian Church to see what time the service was – 11:00 AM. Then we went to the Jeff Matthews Museum. There were displayed a collection of almost everything from about 5 or more decades ago – uniforms from both world wars and Korea, arrowheads of all shapes, some memorabilia from Wally Byam's caravan through Africa, and much more. Then we went to Walmart to get a few essentials. Later I went with Nelson to a car museum. This museum is the collection of one man. He has driven most of them but only the two dozen or so that are in the front show area are in fairly decent shape. Those in the back are mostly collecting dust – there must be 30 cars and a few trucks there. This evening we went to a kitty paid concert at the Blue Ridge Parkway Music Center outdoor theater. The music was something fashioned after Bluegrass but wasn't that good.



Location: Cool Breeze Campground, Galax, VA Date: 14 June 2015

We showered and went to church this morning at the Galax Presbyterian Church. They have a 15 year old pipe organ that is almost too much for the sanctuary. It was a friendly congregation and a preacher that preached the love of Christ. Today is the hottest day we have had. The sun has shown all day with very few clouds. I drained the tanks this evening and topped of the fresh water tank.



Location: Otter Peaks NP Camp Ground, Bedford, VA Date: 15 June 2015
Departed: Galax 10:00 AM Arrived: 4:30 PM Miles: 190
We stopped at Maybry Mill, a restored water driven mill wheel and building with gift center and restaurant. It is a major attraction on the parkway. We traveled with Nelson and his parents, Jim and Onita Thornton. We arrived last but still within the allotted time.



Location: Otter Peaks NPS Campground, Bedford, VA Date: 16 June 2015
We caravanned out of the Campground at about 8:30 AM to the D-Day Memorial in Bedford. It is a very well done memorial, paying tribute especially to the 19 soldiers that died from Bedford. That was the largest per capita loss of any US community. We got a take-out lunch and brought it and Andy back to the trailer. We left about 12:45 PM for the 2:00 PM tour of T. Jefferson's Poplar Forest. We missed a turn and were almost late. It was quite interesting but it seems he didn't get to use it that much. The archeologists are discovering things about how it actually was built and are restoring the interior.

