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President's Message



Winter! Argh! Enough already! I need to go camping! Like it says at the start of Moby Dick: "Whenever I find myself growing grim about the mouth; whenever it is a damp, drizzly November in my soul; whenever I find myself involuntarily pausing before coffin warehouses, and bringing up the rear of every funeral I meet; and especially whenever my hypos get such an upper hand of me, that it requires a strong moral principle to prevent me from deliberately stepping into the street, and methodically knocking people's hats off--then, I account it high time to get to sea as soon as I can."

Of course it's not to sea I need to go. I need to take to the roads. I'm filled with envy of those of you who have been out and about all through the winter. For Jeannie, Elvis, and me it will still be another month at least, but the fever has taken me already. I've been looking at catalogs and thinking of upgrades. New ways to organize kitchen stuff start to come to me. I start having conversations with my truck mechanic. I send emails to Tom Jackson ("Hey Tom, whatcha doing after the rally? I had this idea...") The winter's still cold, but thoughts of Chinooking warm me from the inside.

The word "Navarre" keeps running through my mind. It's a goal. It's a deadline of sorts, though a good kind of deadline, the kind that makes you smile with antici.....pation. If there's anything that's better than hitting the road in a Chinook, it's getting together with other Chinookers. I am so past due. How about you?

Notes from the Winter Rally

The January rally in Lake Oklawaha featured cold temperatures, rain, rain and more rain, but that did not stop the intrepid Chinookers from having a great time! See the photos on the last page and you'll see smiling faces, great food, and fun activities!



Although reaching the park required an extra effort for some, it is a spacious, well equipped and friendly facility. Tom and Sue Jackson were the supreme hosts, making sure every detail was perfect! Thank you to them for their hard work. Thanks to Diane and Ed Cremens for teaching us to line dance, Sally Arnold for bringing out the artist in us, Curt & Mary Jo Motchenbacher for helping us create lovely jewelry, all the wonderful cooks who added to Sue Jackson's tasty meals including her spaghetti

dinner! Our dulcimer musicians Rebecca Williams, Gayle Wroble and Mary Ellen Van Pelt treated us to music, Sally Arnold and Gayle Wroble showed us some travelogues and tips, Tom shared his technical and mechanical expertise to help us keep our rigs running right, and there was even inside room for games! Although the open house was pretty much rained out, most of us took advantage of the opportunity to see the Schramm's rare Baja rig, complete with cute little pup. Thanks to everyone who shared entertainment, fun, food, and expertise to make a great rally!



Spring Rally April 27-30, 2014

April 27-30, 2014: Emerald Beach RV Park - Navarre, FL

850-939-3431 \$46.85/night

Join us for activities at this beautiful, highly-rated park on the Santa Rosa Sound, with all the amenities and close to a wealth of activities, including

Johnny Huston's Grille and Bar
Gulf Breeze Flea Market
Gulf Breeze Zoo
Open Road Discount RV Center
U.S. Navy Blue Angels
National Museum of Naval Aviation
Air Force Armament Museum
Sugar White Sands of the Gulf
Longest Pier in the Gulf of Mexico
Mile long boardwalk, Bike Path
Public Boat Ramps
Panhandle Butterfly House
Observation Wheel
Blackwater River State Park
Fishing
HarborWalk Charters
Wineries
Gulf Island National Seashore (hiking, bicycling and rollerblading)
Enterprise Car Rental (850) 916-0999
Hertz Car Rental (850) 932-1387
Local Golf Courses
Fort Pickens, Fort Barrancas
For anyone going to Emerald Beach early...and if you love baseball...the Pensacola Blue Wahoos will be playing the Mississippi Braves from April 24 - April 28th. All games are at 6:30 p.m. except Sunday when they start at 4:00 p.m. The beautiful newish stadium is on Pensacola Bay.
FULL AGENDA COMING SOON!



MINI-RALLY after the Emerald Beach Rally

***If interested, follow your friends to Gulf State Park in Gulf Shores, AL immediately following the Emerald Beach rally. Make your reservations early as Gulf State Park is very popular. Call: 251-948-7275 to reserve the state park. GULF STATE PARK CAN NOW BE RESERVED ONLINE! Go to the following website: <http://www.alapark.com/gulfstate/reservations/> Check out the Zipline in the Gulf Adventure Park, where we will gather to take photos of Eileen as she flies on the Zipline! <http://gulfadventurecenter.com/>

Upcoming Rallies:

June 23-26 Elkhart Campground Elkhart IN (See following page for more information)



October 5-8 American Heritage RV Park, Williamsburg VA \$39 plus tax, 1-888-530-2267 Nita and Klaus Wilkinson, Eileen and Russ Disbrow will hold an Oktoberfest at the Annual Rally and Meeting!

Hold these dates for the 2015 Rallies!

January 11-14 Ocala Sun RV Resort, Ocala FL \$35, 1-352-307-1100

March 29-April 1 Rivers End, Tybee GA \$48 1-800-786-1016

July 27-30 Alpine Lake RV Resort, Corinth NY \$39 1-800-576-8541

October 11-14 Bethpage Camp Resort, Urbanna VA \$39.95 plus tax, 1-804-758-4349 Annual Meeting!

Elkhart Rally Information! June 23-26, 2014: Hosted by Cynthia Jones & Mike Sloop

This June, the Chinook Camping Club is stepping outside its usual east coast schedule to gather at the **Elkhart Campground, Elkhart, IN** 576-264-2914 <http://www.elkhartcampground.com/>
We've issued an invitation for the Western Chinook Club to join us for this wonderful event and also the new owners of the soon-to-be-returning Chinook factory. Here is your chance to visit the Elkhart area, the RV History Museum and see the Amish areas. Also near the huge Shipshewana Flea Market. Another rally you don't want to miss! The agenda is included here to spark your interest in making the trip.



Elkhart Rally Schedule – June 23rd – 26th

Monday, June 23 – 6:00PM - Meet & Greet – if you like, bring a snack, finger foods, cards, games to the meeting room. Coffee is always available – bring your cup! Small paper plates and napkins donated for the meet & greet.

Tuesday 24th – Club Breakfast – 8am – 10am ** Don't forget to bring your plates, cups, and utensils. Coffee provided.

Tuesday 24th - 10AM – 6PM – As you please.

Tuesday 24th – Pot Luck – 6pm - **Don't forget to bring your plates, cups, utensils, and drinks. Coffee provided.

Wednesday 25th– Rolling Picnic Lunch to RV Museum. 10:30 – 11:00AM – leave park. Volunteers will be needed to transport members to the RV Museum. Everyone who wishes to participate will bring items for their own picnic lunch. (bottled drinks, water suggested) plates & napkins donated. The RV Museum will allow us use the library at no charge. We are responsible for setting up the tables, breakdown and leaving the area clean. The group photo will be made at the RV Museum. RV Museum tour - \$8.00



Wednesday– 8:00AM - Coffee & any left-over breakfast items you wish to donate along with hugs & good-byes.

Hillbilly Golf, Bag Toss, cards, music, fellowship or time to relax if you decide not to venture out during rally.

NOTE - To help support the RV Museum, Mike & Cynthia purchased a brick on behalf of the club. They are planning to have the group photograph along with a copy of one of the factory brochures matted and framed. When completed it will be presented to the RV Museum to represent Chinook Camping Club - Eastern. The cost of the brick and the photograph will be paid for out of the Club treasury.

Additional area attractions:

- ◆ National New York Central Railroad Museum, 721 South Main St, Elkhart, IN 46515 <http://www.elkhartindiana.org/departments/?fDD=54-0>
- ◆ Linton's Enchanted Gardens 315 County Road 17, Elkhart, IN 46516 www.lintons.com
- ◆ The Lerner Theater - 410 South Main Street, Elkhart, IN 46516 www.thelerner.com
- ◆ Wellfield Botanic Gardens 1011 N Main Street, Elkhart, IN <http://www.wellfieldgardens.org>
- ◆ Midwest Museum of American Art 429 South Main St, Elkhart, IN 46516 <http://midwestmuseum.us>
- ◆ Ruthmere Mansion & The Havilah Beardsley House 302 East Beardsley Avenue, Elkhart, IN 46514 <http://www.ruthmere.org>
- ◆ Elkhart River, Island Park- Riverwalk and area county parks
- ◆ Shipshewana Flea Market i- 345 S. Van Buren Street in Shipshewana, IN. www.shipshewanafleamarket.com
- ◆ Planning websites: <http://www.amishcountry.org> and www.downtownelkhart.org

Just for Fun

Did you miss the line dancing lessons at the January Rally? Or need to brush up on what you learned? Diane Cremens has provided us with a cheat sheet! Get Dancing!

The Electric Slide

Step right foot to right, cross left foot behind right foot, step right foot to right, touch left foot beside right foot, then Step left foot to left, cross right foot behind left foot. Step left foot to left, touch right foot beside left foot

Walk back, right foot, left foot, right foot, put left heel forward

Step forward on left foot, touch right foot beside left foot, step back on right foot, touch left foot beside right foot

Step left foot forward at an angle to turn 1/4 left, scuff right foot to start dance over

Cupid Shuffle

Step right foot to right, step left foot beside right, repeat three more times

Step left foot to left, step right foot beside left foot, repeat three more times

Kick right foot forward, step back beside left foot, kick left foot forward, return beside right foot, repeat right and left kicks

With left foot on floor, pivot 1/4 turn left by taking four steps with right foot, then start over

Cowboy Charleston

Touch right toe forward, step on Right foot, touch left toe back, step on left foot, repeat

Tap right toe to right side 2 times, cross right foot behind left foot, step to left on left foot, bring right foot beside left foot

Tap left toe to left side 2 times, cross left foot behind right foot, turn 1/4 to right on right foot, step left foot next to right foot

Start over

Coming Soon—The Boot Scootin' Boogie

Club Logo Items

The club has a variety of logo items available for purchase. The Royal or White collared polo shirt is very nice. Also recently added are T-shirts in Royal or White which look great with our club Baseball Cap. In addition to the above, a few members have purchased a lightweight fleece vest which is very sharp. For information on availability contact Eileen at chinook121@tampabay.rr.com or by calling 813-633-5113.



Do you know a member who is ill or recovering that needs some SUNSHINE?

Send the info to Diane Poole at

poolead72@gmail.com



Editor's Corner

Time to warm up for spring! We're all looking forward to our spring and early summer trips, and making all kinds of plans. I'm still looking for suggestions and tips on planning for extended trips: what checklists do you use for preparing your off-wheels house for a long absence? How do you decide how much to take and how much to buy along the road? Do you plan ahead and make reservations or do you wing it? Send me your suggestions, checklists, experiences with what works and what doesn't! Thanks to Diane Poole for sharing her checklist in this issue.

Nancy Breeding, cnbreeding52@gmail.com and on Facebook.com/[nbreeding](https://www.facebook.com/nbreeding)

Thought for the day: Don't take the trip, let the trip take you!

VP of Membership Report 2014

by Gayle Wroble

For those of you who are waiting to receive your 2014 Membership Directory, they will be in the mail this month. If you were at the January rally, you should have gotten one at that time. As this is my first year as VP of Membership, I am still learning what works, and what could use improvement. I have found out that having address labels printed and ready prior to leaving on a two month long RV trip will be something I will do next year so that everyone can look forward to receiving their directories at the January rally, or in the mail shortly thereafter.

Club membership is currently at 105. We have said good-bye to Mac & Judy Coiner, Brian Jenkins & Danielle Fields, Randy Buford, Jerry & Stella Church, Keith & Bonnie Schmid, Frank & Peggy Shafer, and Jim & Janet Weeks. The club has gained six new members since the last newsletter.

Theresa Morris
Little Rock, AR
2004 Concourse
350

David & Marlene Thomas
Ormond Beach, FL
1997 Concourse
351



John Fish & Louise McGreevy
Narragansett, RI
2000 Premier
352

Philip and Rose Bone
Lake Orion, MI
2000 Concourse
353

Jerry & Jill Phillips
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
2000 Premier
354

Paul E. and Christine (Chris) W. Lamarche
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301-1701
2001 Destiny
355

Members represent the following Chinook ownership: model years range from 1993 through 2005:

| | |
|-----------|----|
| Concourse | 52 |
| Glacier | 13 |
| Premier | 20 |
| Destiny | 11 |
| Cascade | 4 |
| Summit | 2 |
| Eagle | 2 |
| Baja | 1 |

2014 CLUB DUES OF \$35 PER COACH ARE DUE, IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YET, PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

"Chinook Camping Club" and mail to: Chinook Camping Club, Linda Stamper, Treasurer

219 Monte Vista Drive, Statesville, NC 28625

IMPORTANT NOTICE IMPORTANT NOTICE IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that with the club fiscal year change effective in February, making the fiscal year from October 1 through September 31, dues for 2015 will be due on October 1.



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CHINOOK CHOW—RECIPES FROM THE ROAD

Pineapple and Cheese Casserole

2 twelve oz cans pineapple chunks or tidbits, drained
 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
 6 tablespoons flour
 1/2 to 1 cup sugar
 1/2 to 1 cup butter (I tend to use less butter and sugar, but is up to the individual tastes!)
 1 sleeve Ritz crackers, crushed

Spread pineapple chunks in baking dish
 Combine cheddar, flour and sugar and sprinkle over the pineapple
 Spread Ritz crackers over the mixture
 Drizzle butter over all.
 Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 20 minutes or until bubbly and crisp.

This is the one brought by the Breedings to the pot luck dinners!

Chinook Cook Book??

It has often been suggested that we pull together our favorite recipes into a cookbook. So many of the pot luck suppers and breakfasts have featured dishes for which everyone requested the recipes. Eileen Disbrow has gone back through newsletters and memory and pulled a list of some of the past featured recipes, listed below. Do you also have favorites to add to the list? Send them and any suggestions about how we might put together a cookbook, particularly one to which we can continue to add, to Diane Poole or Eileen Disbrow and let's see if we can figure out the best way to catalog our great food!

Easy Breakfast Casserole – Linda Stamper – Many rallies!
French Toast Casserole (1) – Sue DeMartini – this one uses sliced French bread
Overnight Raisin French Toast – Eileen Disbrow – Rally Jan 2014 (used Caramel Apple Bread)
Chocolate Chocolate Chip Cake – Eileen Disbrow – Rally Jan 2014
Turkey Chili – Eileen Disbrow – Rally Jan 2013
Speedy Overnight Chicken/Macaroni Casserole – Eileen Disbrow – Rally Jan 2014
Cheesy Potato Casserole – Eileen Disbrow – Rally Jan 2014
Easy Rice Pudding – Diane Cremens – June 2013
Coconut Brownies – Eileen Disbrow – June 2013
Golden Cream Soup – Linda Stamper – December 2012
Apple Cinnamon Cake – Eileen Disbrow – December 2012
Island Cookies – Amy Jo Smith – March 2012

Lemon Souffle – Porgy Smith – March 2012
Marie Goop – Barbara & Russell Anderson – December 2011
Cranberry Pumpkin Bread – Eileen Disbrow – September 2011
Great Grape Salad – Past Member, Marcia Schleif – June 2011
Easy Angel Food Dessert – Eileen Disbrow – June 2011
Blueberry Crunch Cake – Past Member, Harry Bufkin – March 2011
Slow Cooker Vegetable Soup – Eileen Disbrow – March 2011
Pistachio Cake – Jo Phillips – September 2010
Fresh Apple Cake – Past Member, Peggy Shafer – September 2010
Rotelle Pasta Salad – Past Member, Terri Harris – June 2010
Western Beans – Sue DeMartini – June 2010
Fluffy 2-Step Cheesecake Mini's – Past Member, Carol Cummiskey – June 2010



TIPS, TRICKS AND THINGS WE LEARN THE HARD WAY

This month: Notices and Reminders

Tire recall: Just a reminder to check your tires: Michelin is recalling one version of a specific size of the Michelin LTX M/S tire. These tires are typically found on such vehicles as commercial light trucks, full-sized heavy duty vans, small RVs and some large pickup trucks. The tires were produced between January 2010 and June 2012. and are Michelin LTX M/S LT 225/75R16 115/112R LRE, DOT sequence B3JH AKEX The tires were fitted as original equipment on some new vehicles and were also sold as new replacement tires. Michelin is issuing the recall because a small number of the tires being recalled experienced tread loss and/or rapid air loss. The website at <http://www.michelinman.com/safety-recall.page> will show you where to check your tires and how to secure replacement tires.

Rebate for carbon monoxide alarm : At multiple rallies, Tom Jackson has reminded us that the carbon monoxide alarms in our rigs are most likely long past replacement time. There is currently a rebate available for the replacement units, which can be found at safehomeproducts.com, Camping World, Amazon and other retailers. The model that fits most units is 65-542 , but check your current alarm for accurate replacement. The rebate form can be found at http://www.mtdealer.com/images/Online_Rebate_Form-RV_Safe-T-Alert.pdf Propane alarms are also available to replace the one usually located near the floor in the sink area.



Reminder: Check the back pages of your member directory for resources for replacement products and repairs.

Rigs for sale: Ken Bliss - 2003 Glacier; Terrell Hart - 1997 Side Entry Concourse and James Deacon - 2004 Concourse, contact information is in the member directory. Non-member sale: 2002 Destiny: Rick Madison, candymakerrick@gmail.com Units may have already sold at the time of publication.

Recommended and Suggested

No rinse bath from Rebecca Williams, No Rinse Body Bath 1 Gallon bottle - CLEANLIFE PRODUCTS 950 by Clean Life Products, great for those boondocking, watersaving trips!, Amazon.com



Collapsible silicone steamer, tub, colander recommended by various members: Amazon.com, Bed Bath and Beyond, great space savers Prepworks Collapsible pictured.

Battery Tender Plus and Battery

Tender Jr., read about it at <http://blog.rv.net/2014/03/>

Superbrightleds.com for LED lighting replacement



Useful Websites and Apps

The National Parks Traveler website and Facebook page have some travel-inspiring photos and information, including the Essential Guide to Paddling the Parks.

<http://www.nationalparkstraveler.com/>,
<https://www.facebook.com/NationalParksTraveler>



Fieldtrip app includes the Historical Marker Database—finally you can read about the historical markers you drive by!
<http://www.fieldtripper.com/> suggested by AARP magazine

Chinook Social Media

<http://chinookrvclub.com/>

There is a Yahoo Group called "ChinookRVOwners" that is a great resource for all things Chinook. You can find the group at: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/ChinookRVOwners/> Set your preferences to send posts by email and filter in your email to a Chinook folder to read at your leisure! Note that there is another Chinook Yahoo group, chinookrvs, that has good information, but is not moderated and gets a lot of spam.

Sally Arnold has set up a blog for us to add info about places we have enjoyed while traveling. The entries are divided by state, and it is very easy to use and make contributions. Find this blog at: <http://www.chinooktravel.blogspot.com/>

Help your fellow travelers—post recommendations and reviews here!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/chinookcampingclub>



This group is designated as "secret" which means it is only for members. You will need to request to join by sending a response to one of the weekly updates sent to you by email. It's a fun social tool that keeps us in touch between rallies. With the security setting, we can also post photos and info from our trips as we're travelling.

Travelogue by Sally Arnold



Preparations for the Road

The days are counting down to the Elkhart Rally and it's time for me to start planning our trip. I have been trying to decide what to write on for the Trailblazer. Then it hit me, why not explain a little how I decide where to go on a trip, especially when that trip is integrated into a rally.

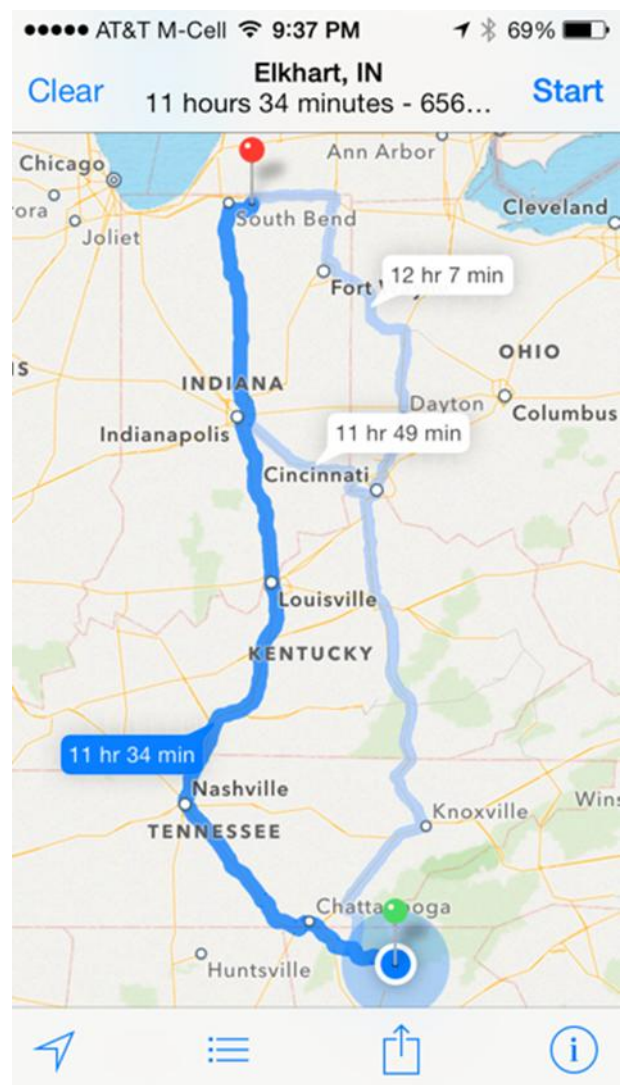
The first thing that I do is go to a map on the internet and put in Elkhart, Indiana (or my destination town) and then let the system route it for me. I usually like to let it show the different routes that are available. Print the map that is on the computer if you want or just get the map book out. Now if you don't use the internet you can do it with a map and just look at the major towns along your route. Note on the map that the dark blue and light blue are both routes that the system routed. We can follow one up and the other down but also venture on roads in between and not do interstates, remember that this is only a guide to get started.

Okay, now that we have a general area that we will be in, we can begin to find those special places we want to see. I go back to the internet now and get the travel guides from the states that we will be going through to Elkhart, Indiana. Because I'm working on the internet I can just look at all of them online (and even save them on my device as a PDF if I want).

The States that Terry and I will be going through are Tennessee, Kentucky and Indiana. I start looking through the individual State Travel Guides to see what each state has to offer and what we would be interested in. At this point I am looking at everything and might be led to other sites about interesting places. Now begin to take notes and do this the way you feel most comfortable. I use "Notes" on my computer and copy and paste information directly into it. No pencil and paper for me, I save that for my drawing.

NOTES FOR PLACES TO THINK ABOUT FOR THE TRIP

- ◆ **Tellico Grains**, 105 Depot Street, Tellico Plains, TN. I saw this place on TV cooking show and looked neat. Could be a breakfast or lunch, even just buy some bakery goods. Also it is beautiful around Tellico Plains but it might be too far out of the way. We'll see. <http://tellico-grains-bakery.com>
- ◆ **Tennessee State Museum**, Nashville www.tnmuseum.org
There is lots to see in Nashville but we were just there on a rally.
- ◆ **Upper Cumberland Tennessee driving tours** that sound wonderful and very much off the beaten path. Alvin C. York Tour, Beautiful Barns & Historic Hotels, Broadway of America Tour, Center Hill Lake Tour, Hilltop Heritage Tour, Wine Tour. I think all of these tours are in the general area we will be in. Also Events information on the site. www.uppercumberland.org
- ◆ **Museum of Appalachia**, 2819 Andersonville Hwy, Clinton, TN 37716 www.museumofappalachia.org Collection of pioneer buildings and artifacts by John Rice Irwin over a half century ago. The museum tells the stories of these folk in their own words and through the artifacts they left behind. Cabins appear as though the family has just left to work in the fields or go to Sunday meeting.
- ◆ **Land Between The Lakes**, Elk and Bison Prairie, National Recreation Area, 100 van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, Kentucky. www.lbl.org



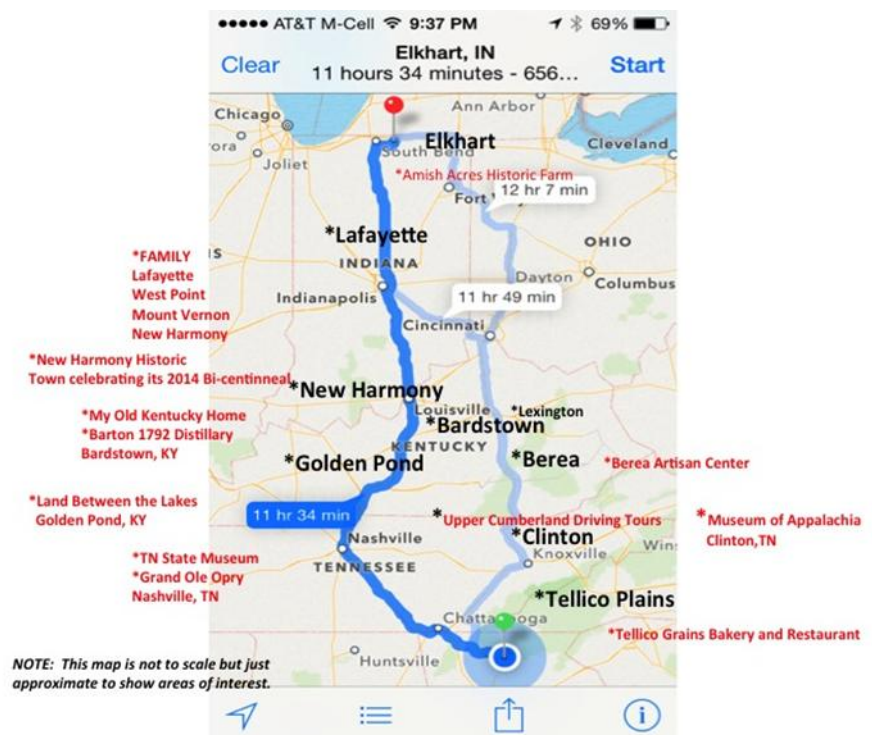
- ♦ **Kentucky Center for Artisans at Berea**, 200 Artisan Way Berea, Kentucky. This whole little town is built around the artists' studios, just drive into town after visiting the Centre just off I-75 exit 77. <http://www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov/>
- ♦ **My Old Kentucky Home State Park**, 502 Stephen Foster Avenue, Bardstown, KY www.parks.ky.gov will show all of the Kentucky State Parks, also call 1-888-4KYPARK.
- ♦ **Barton 1792 Distillery & Visitor Center**. Tour a fully operating distillery in Bardstown. www.1792bourbon.com/
- ♦ **Louisville Waterfront Park**, 129 East River Road, Louisville, KY www.louisvillewaterfront.com
- ♦ **Mark Payton Glass Center** 815 West Market Street #100, Louisville, KY. Self guided tours through the flame working, stained glass architectural glass art and glassblowing studios. See artist flame working, sculpting, casting, and blowing glass on the tours. Near or in the Louisville Waterfront Park. paytonglasscenter.com/
- ♦ **Indiana Travel Guide** www.in.gov Interesting section on top 10 campgrounds, also "Top Pick Places."
- ♦ **Marengo Cave**, 400 East State Route 64, Marengo, Indiana 47140 www.marengocave.com
- ♦ **Benton County Wind Farm Tours** brought to you by Benton County Economic Development, 706 E. 5th Street, Suite 11 Fowler, IN tours by appointment \$5 adults 765-884-2080 www.bentoncounty.in.gov
- ♦ **Amish Acres Historic Farm and Heritage Resort**, 1600 Market St., Nappanee, IN <http://www.amishacres.com/>
- ♦ In Indianapolis there is the **Indianapolis Speedway** where the INDY 500 is run. www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com/

A must for me is visiting my family in the area around Lafayette and Indianapolis. I also want to visit the New Harmony area where my ancestors lived, so will get a little genealogy into the trip too. www.newharmony-in.gov New Harmony is a very interesting little place that was settled in 1814 by the Harmonie Society and is a National Historic Landmark. Harmony State Park Campground, 3451 Harmony State Park Road, GPS: 38.06500, -87.95071 New Harmony, Indiana

This will get me started to plot out my trip. I have put the above in order by state. Try to always make it a different route back so you maximize what all you see. At this stage I'm not exact on the map because I do not have a detailed enough map but you can get an idea of how it works.

Terry and I like to stay at Corp of Engineer Parks and State Parks when available. In this area there are a lot of options for RV Campsites. I personally like to use the app "Allstays Camp and RV" on my Iphone as we are traveling because at this point I never know where we will be when we stop for the night. With the "Allstays Camp and RV" it shows me all of the options available for camping in the area wherever we are. This app also will give me the phone number and make the call to see if space is available, price, etc.

I hope that this will help you to plan your trip in advance a little. Please remember though that even when you plan you need to be open for any exciting options that are presented along the way. Let the trip be an adventure!



TRIP PREPARATION CHECKLIST: In response to the request to share trip planning tools, member Diane Poole has graciously shared her extensive checklist. She says "I print off a new list for each trip, and generally do a walk through to verify that I have items packed, and that there is enough to last for whatever time frame our trip is. The things 'to buy' go on my store list. The list tells me whether I need to buy something, or reminds me that I've stored it in the house somewhere over the winter. Over the years I've deleted some things and added new, depending on what we forgot the last time. We don't need everything every time, but having it on the checklist reminds me when we do need it." Everyone's will be different, (particularly if you don't have a cat) but this is a great tool to start! Thanks Diane!

| | PACKED | BRING FROM HOUSE | STORED /LOCATION | BUY |
|-------------------------|--------|------------------|------------------|-----|
| <u>KITCHEN</u> | | | | |
| Towels | | | | |
| Plastic plates/bowls | | | | |
| Plastic eating utensils | | | | |
| Coffee/wine cups | | | | |
| Paper towels | | | | |
| Baggies (sm/lrg) | | | | |
| Hot pads | | | | |
| Veggie cooker | | | | |
| Foil/ Release | | | | |
| Wax paper | | | | |
| Pam/Oils | | | | |
| Dish soap | | | | |
| Dish scrubber | | | | |
| Coffee pot | | | | |
| Coffee/ Grinder | | | | |
| Filters | | | | |
| Water:gallon/small | | | | |
| Toaster | | | | |
| Tablecloth | | | | |
| Cutting Board | | | | |
| Knives | | | | |
| Potato peeler | | | | |
| Serving utensils | | | | |
| Cooking utensils | | | | |
| Can opener | | | | |
| Wine opener/cooler | | | | |
| Cleaning products | | | | |
| Baking soda | | | | |
| Tongs | | | | |
| Garbage bags | | | | |
| Food (See menu) | | | | |
| Drink (cokes) | | | | |
| Spices/salt/pepper | | | | |

LAST MINUTE TO-DO'S

PUR Filter

Water bottles/huggies

Hot Spot

Check memory chip in camera

GPS

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Water Heater OFF

Adjust thermostat

Water OFF

Hose timer

Electric appliances OFF

Mail Hold

Newspaper Hold

| <u>BUNKS</u> | PACKED | BRING FROM HOUSE | STORED /LOCATION | BUY |
|---------------------------------|--------|------------------|------------------|-----|
| Bedding | | | | |
| Pillows | | | | |
| <u>BATHROOM</u> | | | | |
| Towels | | | | |
| TP | | | | |
| Soap (hand, body) | | | | |
| Sanitizer | | | | |
| Shampoo | | | | |
| Pills (Aspirin) | | | | |
| <u>CAT CARE</u> | | | | |
| Cat food | | | | |
| Litter pan | | | | |
| Litter (Extra) | | | | |
| Litter bags | | | | |
| Toys | | | | |
| <u>GENERAL</u> | | | | |
| Chinook Book | | | | |
| Clothes (cap, jacket, raincoat) | | | | |
| Chinook shirt, cap | | | | |
| Chinook name tags | | | | |
| Club Sec. Info | | | | |
| Nuvi/Nuvi bk | | | | |
| Water bottle(s)/huggies | | | | |
| Kleenex | | | | |
| Sunglasses | | | | |
| Back pack | | | | |
| Fanny pack(s) | | | | |
| Camera/mem. chip | | | | |
| Binoculars | | | | |
| Flashlight/batteries | | | | |
| Magnifying glass | | | | |
| Cell phone/charger | | | | |
| Thrive/transformer | | | | |
| Umbrella | | | | |
| Weather instrument | | | | |
| GPS coordinates | | | | |
| Maps (Rand McNally/State) | | | | |
| CD/DVDs | | | | |
| Lap tray | | | | |
| Seat cushion | | | | |
| Sm. Blk. Volt probe | | | | |
| Amp. Meter | | | | |
| Air Gauge | | | | |
| Lawn chairs | | | | |
| Laundry soap/bag/sheets | | | | |
| Ice packs/cubes | | | | |
| Bug spray | | | | |
| Sun screen | | | | |
| First Aid supplies | | | | |
| Bill paying info | | | | |

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