

Location: Cherokee KOA, Cherokee, NC Date: 1 June 2015
Departed: Waynesville 10:50 AM Arrived: 12:05 PM Miles: 51
This is the day we join the rest of the Caravan. We were not supposed to arrive until after noon. This evening we had our organization meeting to get a feel of how the leader wants to run the Caravan. They, Bobbie and Jim Matkovich, handed out the books that described most of what to expect, itinerary, duty assignments, caravan members, schedule of specific tours and restaurants, and general caravan rules.



Location: Cherokee KOA, Cherokee NC Date: 2 June 2015
We went to the Cherokee museum this morning. It was a very well done museum that didn't constantly try to remind you that the Cherokees got a rotten deal with the "Trail of Tears" removal to Oklahoma. It told of their relation to the British and how they developed a relation with the Americans then they sent most of them to Oklahoma. Then it told of how their community developed to what it is today. We went to a buffet at Granny's Restaurant. After that we went to Cherokee village exhibit that displayed natives weaving, making baskets, making pottery, carving wood objects, using tools and weapons. The last demo was tribal dances.



Location: Cherokee KOA, Cherokee, NC

Date: 3 June 2015

Today was an entertain yourself day except for this evening when we go to an Indian Drama called "Unto These Hills." So Doris did the laundry and I emptied the tanks. Then we went back to the museum where we were yesterday to get some pictures since I forgot my camera yesterday. We also went to a town about 8 miles away (Bryson City) to get Groceries and some Goop to repair my sewer hose.



Location: Black Bear RV Park, Asheville, NC

Date: 4 June 2015

Departed: Cherokee 10:00 AM

Arrived: 3:30 PM

Miles: 175

We had a pancake breakfast and hooked up to depart. We were supposed to wait until 10:00 PM to leave but I think some left before that. We then had to be sure we didn't arrive before 3:30 PM. We had about 175 miles to go so we stopped a lot and took pictures. This evening we had a catered meal that two couples that included us served to rest. It was a south east Barbeque with pulled pork and chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, beans and corn bread.



Location: Bear Creek RV Park, Asheville, NC

Date: 5 June 2015

We Left here about 8:30 AM for a tour of the Biltmore, the home of George Vanderbilt and his wife. Someone said it was the largest personal living space. It is 4 stories and a basement. It indeed shows the wealth of 1895. Then we went to get Doris' guitar restrung and I picked up some screws to complete the repair of the mirror on the bathroom door – I tried to provide a more durable support for the bottom of the mirror so it doesn't give away when I hit a serious bump.



Location: Bear Creek RV Park, Asheville, NC

Date: 6 June 2015

This was a day with no scheduled activity. We took a short trip to a town called Black Mountain. They regularly have an Arts & Crafts show there. We didn't go in. We got some stamps and mailed a birthday gift to a friend.



Location: Bear Creek RV Park, Asheville, NC

Date: 7 June 2015

This morning we showered and then went to the Malvern Hills Presbyterian, a Presbyterian Church in America congregation. I'm not sure how they are different but they preach the gospel, sing hymns, and praise the holy trinity. On the way home we stopped to get fuel and a few groceries. After lunch we went out to do the laundry and then back to the trailer to drain the tanks. We are ready to depart tomorrow.



Location: Boone KOA, Boone, NC

Date: 8 June 2015

Departed: Asheville 11:00 AM

Arrived: 5:30 PM

Miles: 122

We decided to travel with a young man from Mississippi that is pulling a new 30 foot trailer. His parents are also on this caravan. His name is Nelson Thornton. We waited for him to leave this morning because to hook-up his trailer he had to block the exit path for the rest of the bunch. Then at lunch time he wanted to hike up in the mountain to see the Craggy Gardens while he hiked I took a nap. That put us about a half hour behind the scheduled last arrival time. We had a great family style meal at the Danl' Boone Inn.

