

CAMPOUT August 1-9, 2015 at Warrior Creek Campground, Kerr Dam CoE, Wilkesboro, NC

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There were four attendees: Larry Massey, John Henry Markham, Edith Skinner and Janet Dickson. The first three arrived early on Saturday. Larry attended "Tom Dooley-a Wilkes City Legend" at Historic Fort Hamby Park in Wilkesboro on Saturday night. All three enjoyed sight-seeing on Sunday and found Janet on their return to camp. We all decided to go out to eat and found a Mexican restaurant downtown .

On Monday, John Henry needed to get his tires checked so three of us went to Blowing Rock. At the Visitor's center and Museum, the guide directed us to the Court St. Cafe, upper-class and modest prices. Delicious! Explored The Blowing Rock and then headed up the Blue Ridge Parkway to Moses Cone's. Beautiful views from the front porch. On the way back we stopped at Roadside Market and saw all kinds of stuff, including ice cream, which we all enjoyed. YUM. When John Henry returned, he was happy. Only needed 2 tires.

Tuesday started off cold (69) and cloudy. Wayne, a new RVer, joined us for a long chat about the joys of Rving. At 11 we were off to Wilkesboro Historical Museum, which turned out to be bigger than we expected. 1st floor was moonshine history, NASCAR and Junior Johnson's 1936 race car. Upstairs was a 150 seat Auditorium with plaques on the wall –the Bluegrass Hall of Fame. Our host recommended we stop for lunch, go across the street to the "50's Cafe for the Blue-plate special and then come back to see the Jailhouse/jail and the 1779 house out back. So we did. Another wonderful meal. We tried to imagine sleeping 14 people on the 2nd floor of that house. No windows. Yikes.

Wednesday Wayne came over to say good-bye and this time his wife joined him. We spent most of the day on our own , John Henry went to visit a friend. We three left about 3 pm for Boone. Found Amphitheater where we wanted to see story of Daniel Boone that night, then went to Daniel Boone Inn for a home-style meal. So much good food and such choices. And then the rain came down. We enjoyed a downtown tour by car of Boone and headed home.

Thursday was slow and cloudy. With intermittent rain. About noon we decided to explore the Kerr Dam and saw Pow-wow being set up. Drove into town to Brushy Creek Barbecue and enjoyed another reasonable and delicious meal. Went shopping and came back later for their home-made ice cream. Got home before the rain really came down. Slept well.

Friday started off cloudy and humid. John stayed at camp, we three went off to Little Switzerland via the Blue Ridge Parkway. Neat little place. Cafe had great food. Came back on I-40 thru Morganton and Lenoir and home.

Saturday We all went to Pow-wow. Grand Entrance at noon was impressive with all the costumes and regalia and the dances. Back home to rest and start getting ready to leave in the morning. John suggested we go to a Chinese restaurant for our last meal and so we did. Great choice. On return to camp we said our good-bys We shared many adventures and made lots of good memories this week.

Sunday saw us all leave at different times. I had an uneventful ride home and look forward to many more camping trips.