

Maritime Day 41    October 2, 2010    47 degrees F, Sunny

We are staying at the Villages at Turning Stone Campground, an Oneida Indian Nations RV Resort. There is a huge Casino just down the road from here, (not normally our thing but it was the only campground around this area.). It is a quiet place with our sites on a pond full of Canadian Geese and Mallard Ducks. They woke us up this morning at 8:30 am honking and squawking! We thought a rest was in order so we registered to stay 2 more nights.

We rode the shuttle bus to the main resort and casino. We had a \$10.00 coupon for Bingo but thought we would walk around and shop first. There were only a few shops that interested us so we started to find out about Bingo. Sadly, we had missed the time for entering and were 3 hours early for the next round of games. It was too soon to eat at one of the 11 restaurants since we had such a late breakfast so we caught the shuttle and went back to our campground where we rested, read and relaxed.

After dinner, we played 7 rounds of dominoes (a record, I think for Bill) and I was the overall winner tonight. We spent some time deciding where we might go from here and how long it might take us. Knowing there is a 3 day weekend coming up for Columbus Day, we figured we better make some reservations. Nothing specific was decided over tea and cookies until we can call some campgrounds tomorrow when they open. The weather is supposed to drop to 39 degrees tonight—the coldest night so far. We will all be snug in our campers, so not to worry! (continued on the next page)



Maritime Day 42    October 3, 2010    44 degrees F,    Sunny & Cool

What a beautiful day—sunny and clear with the geese and ducks swimming peacefully on the pond!    We slept late and Wayne, Lorene and I left to try out Bingo at the Casino. We had two \$10.00 coupons towards the entry fee but when we arrived at the time on the schedule, we learned that it was a 4 hour time slot. We agreed that was more time than we wanted to devote to Bingo! Instead, we went to breakfast, gave our coupons to 2 ladies in the Bingo line (who were thrilled beyond words!), then played the slot machines for 15 minutes. The best part of the Casino was the luscious looking goodies in the bakery! We purchased some for later and went back to the campground.

We relaxed, did computer work and cleaned up the campers, ate dinner, planned our next few days and played dominoes. Wayne was the winner tonight. Tea and our bakery goodies closed out the evening. Tomorrow we are heading for Lorene's brother Larry & sister-in-law Carolyn's house in Owego, NY. (continued on the next page)

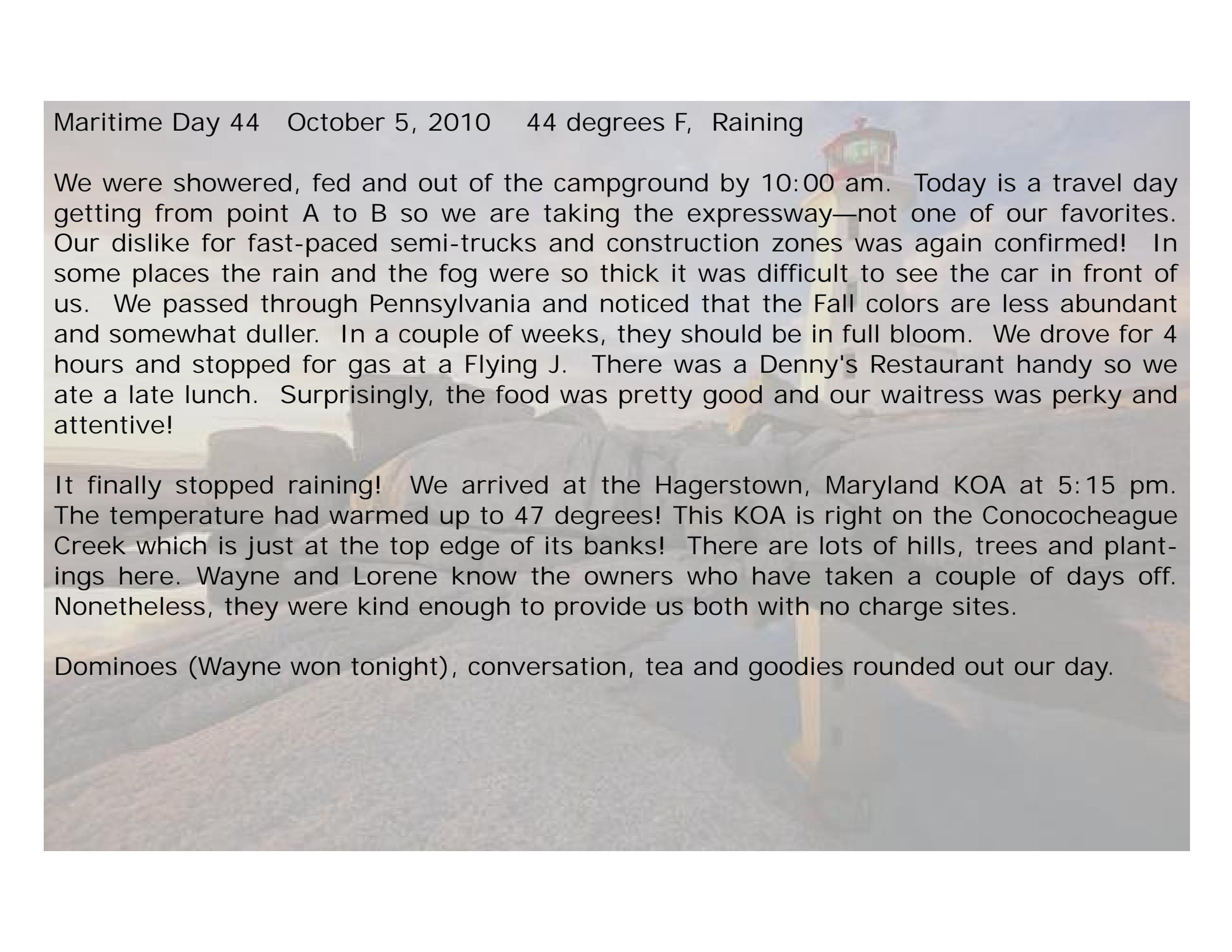
Maritime Day 43    October 4, 2010    44 degrees F, Drizzle

After breakfast at the campers, we headed to Camping World in Syracuse about 2 hours away. We purchased a few items and left for Owego, NY. Lorene's sister-in-law, Carolyn Warner, picked us up at the Town of Owego campground named Hickories Park. It seems like a nicely wooded area by the swollen river.

The rain continued making it seem a bit dreary but Carolyn's house was warm and cozy. Her husband, Larry, is out of the country on a Mission Trip. Her Mom, Amazing Pearl at 96, lives with them and baked us a homemade lemon meringue pie! Carolyn's chili, salad and Italian bread really hit the spot! We all ate 2 bowls! We saw three deer in their back yard! Having been on the road for 43 days, I had forgotten nice it was to have ice in my water glass, yes, a glass not a paper cup or a bottle! While using their bathroom, I also noted that there was real toilet paper that was NOT in a big roll or so thin that it tore off in bits and pieces! She was kind enough to allow us to do laundry (without a roll of quarters) while we talked, ate dinner and played dominoes. Carolyn had not played in many years but caught on quickly! I was the lucky one tonight and was the overall point winner!

A few groceries on the way back to the campground ended our day. It is still raining! (The ark idea keeps coming up...)

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Maritime Day 44    October 5, 2010    44 degrees F, Raining

We were showered, fed and out of the campground by 10:00 am. Today is a travel day getting from point A to B so we are taking the expressway—not one of our favorites. Our dislike for fast-paced semi-trucks and construction zones was again confirmed! In some places the rain and the fog were so thick it was difficult to see the car in front of us. We passed through Pennsylvania and noticed that the Fall colors are less abundant and somewhat duller. In a couple of weeks, they should be in full bloom. We drove for 4 hours and stopped for gas at a Flying J. There was a Denny's Restaurant handy so we ate a late lunch. Surprisingly, the food was pretty good and our waitress was perky and attentive!

It finally stopped raining! We arrived at the Hagerstown, Maryland KOA at 5:15 pm. The temperature had warmed up to 47 degrees! This KOA is right on the Conococheague Creek which is just at the top edge of its banks! There are lots of hills, trees and plantings here. Wayne and Lorene know the owners who have taken a couple of days off. Nonetheless, they were kind enough to provide us both with no charge sites.

Dominoes (Wayne won tonight), conversation, tea and goodies rounded out our day.