

Maritime Trip Day 38 September 29, 2010 64 degrees F, Overcast

Leaving Twin Mountain KOA at 8:20, we stopped for breakfast at Munroe's Family Restaurant just a few minutes from our campground. Enjoyed the Redneck Benny—a homemade biscuit with 2 sausage patties, 2 poached eggs, and sausage gravy plus grits! We drove on through magnificent views of the mountains and many more scenes of Fall colors through Stowe, Vermont to get to Burlington, Vermont to take the Valcour Ferry Boat on Lake Champlain at to Port Kent, NY. The ride took one and a half hours and was on an open-air boat. We stayed in our vehicles and just opened the windows to enjoy the cool breeze.

Once in New York on dry land we stopped at the Ausable Chasm for a photo opp. It is a huge gorge that was created millions of years ago by glaciers. It is now used as an energy source. The water flows through very swiftly and creates quite a loud sound.

By now it is getting late and we are all hungry but there is no where to eat! We are in the hills of the Adirondacks, after all. Finally, in the little town of Wilmington we spotted an Italian Restaurant sign that said OPEN so we stomped on the brakes and pulled in. We were greeted at the door by a large, jovial man who told us to come in and sit right down. He quickly brought out complimentary red wine. He obviously sized Bill up right away because he made him a pair of balloon lips & put them right on his face. See photo! He came back and told us he was the 'human menu' and Rosalia was the owner/chef in the kitchen who would cook for each of us making whatever we wanted, using only local and fresh ingredients. There were a few specials mostly shellfish which Wayne cannot eat. Wayne and Lorene ordered Veal Picata, Bill ordered Linguine with mushroom sauce and I ordered Sausage, peppers & onions with marinara sauce on angel hair. We all wanted salads. He came back & said Rosalia was all out of angel hair since the lunch crowd was big, but she had rigatoni and linguine so we all made our choices! The food was amazing! Everything was cooked to order and cooked to perfection! We splurged on cheese cake and cannolis for dessert. We left quite satisfied and pleased to have found such a delightful place. The decor was also interesting with everything having a story to go with it! The little village was especially cute.

Now it is dark and we grab a few groceries and head for the Whiteface Mountain/Lake Placid KOA only 15 miles away. The office is closed so we tried to find a campsite near the restrooms but it was way too dark—luckily the owners came out and shoed us the way. They were kind enough to give us camping for 2 nights at no charge! It is a lovely campground with lots of activities going on in season—which it is not now! During the night the rains came in and kept up into the next day.