

# Journal

Katie

7/1/2008 to 6/30/2009

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## Travel Notes

### 7/14/2008 - Cape Cod

Paula finished "Gone With The Wind." Chrissy won a game of checkers from Dad. It rained during the night and the day started out rather cool so we decided to go to Woods Hole and Sandwich for the day. On the way we stopped at a beach in Cotuit and had lunch at the Hearth & Kettle in Falmouth. We visited the aquarium at Woods Hole and the glass museum and gristmill in Sandwich. Katie bought 3 bags of corn meal at the mill and promised us muffins and bread. The day turned very hot and we went swimming when we got home at 5:30pm. We had a cookout. The beginning of the heat wave spawned several thunderstorms and at least one tornado in the state and caused a brief power blackout here. Today was Thomas' feast day (St. Augustine). Part of his celebration included a snorkeling session during which he found a clam for Mom, a crab who buried itself while he watched it and a "giant" sea robin.

### 7/31/2008 - Trip West

Springfield, OH to St. Louis, MO (about 375 miles)

*Stouffer Riverfront Inn, 200 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, St Louis, MO, 63102, 314/241/9500*

After breakfast in motel room, on the road by 8:10am. Stopped for gas at 9:00am and Paula took wheel for 1 hour+. Indiana does **not** have daylight savings time so we set our watches forward one hour at our rest stop just west of Indianapolis. Picnic lunch in Illinois at 12:15pm, back on the road at 1pm, Dad driving. We saw the Gateway Arch from a point 12 miles east of St. Louis on I-70. Had rooms 329 & 330 in the North Cabana at Stouffer Tower. *Our laundry made quite an impression when spilled in the lobby. That's what happens when you take us out of Holiday Inn/Best Western.* Beautiful view of pool, old cathedral, and arch from our windows. Saw American Indian dances at museum. Dinner at Stan Musial's. Late night walk on the levee.

**License Plates seen:** Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Tennessee, Texas, Missouri, Kentucky, New Mexico, California, New York, Massachusetts, Virginia, Indiana, New Jersey, Connecticut, Nevada, Maryland, South Dakota, Alabama, Illinois, Ontario, Florida, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Arkansas, Kansas, Delaware, Colorado

### 8/15/2008 - Ocean City

Left Grasslyn Avenue just before 11am. Went through 69<sup>th</sup> Street and down Chestnut Street. Took 42 and 322 after Walt Whitman Bridge. We stopped at Eugene's Farm Market for corn, plums, melons and tomatoes. There was quite a bit of traffic so we didn't arrive at 3945 Central until after 1:30pm. After setting the house in order Dad, Paula, Katie, Meg and Tom went on the beach while Gram, Mom, Mike and Chris went shopping at the Acme. Dinner was hamburgers, salad, corn and, of course, Happy Hour first! Sat around Saturday night.

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## 8/16/2008 - Ocean City

Up for breakfast at 7:45am. Paula and Katie were already up and over to church for 7am mass. Mom & Dad went to 8am and left Gram with K.P. Gram went to 9am and then we all went down to the beach. Just a lazy day lying around and enjoying the nice weather. Sunday afternoon Joe, Reen, Grandmom Miller and 5 Miller children dropped by. Sunday PM steak dinner and then early to bed to catch up on all our missed sleep.

## 8/17/2008 - Ocean City

Monday, August 17

Happy Birthday, Uncle John Hussey! 7:30am breakfast. Gram, Dad, Paula, Meg, Tom and Mike went on the beach while Katie, Chris and Mom did some very important shopping for kite string and some non-essentials. Lunchtime and of course everyone is starving. Shortly after, Uncle Phil, Aunt Donna and Jeanine arrived to say hello and they went to their motel. When they returned we went down to the water for awhile. The weather was very, very blustery although sunny, and sitting on the beach was no pleasure-so we came inside (Lucky us!). Just before dinner there was a short and noisy thunderstorm (another first) and then the sun came out again and the wind subsided. Monday eve-off to the O.C. boardwalk and the inevitable amusement pier. Home again around 10pm. Donna and Phil stayed awhile but Jeanine had had a long day so they left about 10:30pm. The moon was full and the sea was absolutely beautiful.

## 9/29/2008 - Denton MD

### DENTON MARYLAND, "UNCLE BOB & AUNT PAMELA'S" FARM

*Holiday Inn of Salisbury, Delmar Boulevard North, Salisbury, MD*

Drove to Aseteague Island and spent the night at the Holiday Inn at Salisbury Maryland.

Picked up Jude. Had brunch with Bob and Pam at the farm.