

6/21, Weds: First day's drive finished. We're in Walterboro SC.

6/22, Thurs: We're settled for the night in Staunton VA. Today we visited the Pearl Fryor topiary garden (a private residence I learned about from the Atlas Obscura, a wonderful book my wonderful daughter gave me for my last birthday).



6/23, Fri: Arrived in Sciota PA, checked into a timeshare condo, were joined by all our children and grandchildren, and went to the first day of a 3 day family reunion (descendants of my maternal grandparents) at Pocono Lake.

6/24, Sat: Lunch and dinner with lots of Smith family relatives. Great job by Derek Savage and Tom Smith (and their wives as well, I'm sure) in organizing this event,

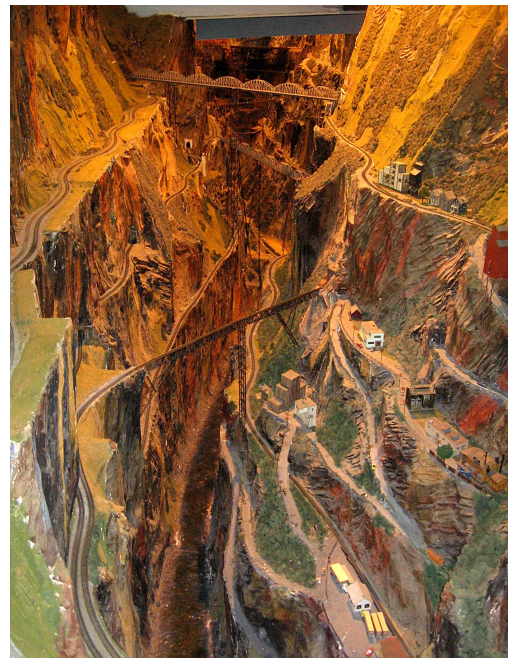
6/25, Sun: Leisurely breakfast with lots of relatives. Time at the beach with Layne & Rettie. Retrieved Zoey from the kennel. Dinner with children & grandchildren. Relocated from the condo to a dog-friendly Red Roof Inn in Mt Laurel NJ



6/26, Mon: Visited "Diggerland" with the children and grandchildren. This is an amusement park full of construction equipment – some provides the basis for rides, and some can be operated by children and/or adult visitors. Kathy stayed back at the motel with Zoey.



6/28, Weds: Yesterday Kathy went to Sesame Place with the MacGumeraits and I did some laundry. Today I went to Northlandz Model RR in Flemington; another find from Atlas Obscura. After reading comments in Trip Adviser I wasn't expecting much, but this place is spectacular, even if a bit frayed at the edges. I spent more than 2 hours looking at over 8 miles of track and scenery. Highly recommended!



6/29, Thurs: Drive to Uniontown PA via Maryland. Lots of traffic around Philly, but clear sailing after that.

6/30, Fri: Today we left Zoey in daycare and visited 2 outstanding Frank Lloyd Wright houses: Falling Water and Kentuck Knob near Uniontown PA. We are in awe, especially of Falling Water!



*Falling Water*



*Kentuck Knob*

7/1, Sat: You probably thought "Tara" was in Georgia, but today we visited "Tara" in Clark PA. An old mansion, converted to an inn with a Gone With the Wind theme. Lots of life-sized Remington bronzes in the garden.



Next a stop at the Kent State Museum to see their collection of (mostly women's) clothing from 1750 to the 1980's. The thing I took away was that if I ever needed to hire a fashion designer for a woman's dress it would be Zandra Rhodes, a designer I never previously heard of.

Finally a visit to the site of the killing of 4 Kent State students by the Ohio National Guard on May 4, 1970, in a stupid attempt to stop a student protest of the Nixon/Kissinger expansion of the Vietnam War into Cambodia. The four students died in a parking lot, and there is a ring of lighted pillars around each spot where a death occurred. Kathy and I had flown to Europe for a 6-month camping trip on May 1, and didn't hear about this tragic event until several days after it happened. The site brought back many awful memories.



We've stopped in Akron for the night.



**Bob Stone** Alex, I was serving at the Soc Trang Long Lines Detachment in the Mekong Delta in May of 1970. The Cambodian incursion destroyed the enemy ammunition caches used to attack us every month. Our base was never attacked after the Cambodian Campaign and I remain grateful to this day. I am not sure when I heard about the Kent State tragedy.

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**Alex McKenzie** Bob, I agree that there should be no safe harbors for the enemy during a war, and therefore that the protest against attacking enemy bases in Cambodia was somewhat silly. But I remember that Nixon campaigned for the Presidency on the basis that he had a "secret plan" for ending the Vietnam War, and expanding action into another country made people feel betrayed. On top of that, there was no credible reason for the National Guard to fire live rounds at unarmed students. On February 3, 2017, a Republican Party official in Michigan suggested "it is time for another Kent State" after protests against white nationalist Milo Yiannopoulos speaking at UCal Berkeley, demonstrating that there are still government officials who think it is OK to shoot students to scare them into silence. That was, and is, the real tragedy of Kent State.

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**Bob Stone** Alex, I agree that it is NOT OK to shoot unarmed students to scare them into silence. The tragedy brought me back to some awful memories of my own.



**Ken McKenzie** Having returned from Vietnam three years earlier, I had mixed feelings on both the war and the incursion into Cambodia (and I still do). I feel that the actual shooting was a tragedy caused mainly by poor leadership and training of the National Guard troops.

Before deploying to Vietnam, my Brigade was slated to go to Santo Domingo to quell a Communist uprising, and we had extensive training in riot control for that mission. Never in that training was there a situation where troops would fire into a crowd. Our formations always had a designated sniper, who would accompany the officer in charge. That sniper would be called upon to take out any threat, either an armed protestor or leader inciting violence. (I was that designee for my company).

There was never a definitive answer as to why the troops fired, but it should have never happened, and probably wouldn't have if they were properly trained and led.

I'm glad you got to go there. I've passed by there many times and always wanted to stop, but never did.

7/2, Sun: Today we left Zoey for the last of her scheduled day care stops while we spent several hours in the Toledo Museum of Art, (described as a "Gem" in the AAA tour guide). A very good collection of 19th and early 20th century European painters, and lots of other collections as well. There is also a "glass pavilion" which features glass-making demos and a modest collection of glass art (but it doesn't compare to the Corning Museum collection).

7/3, Mon: I visited the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg museum in Auburn IN while Kathy and Zoey waited. The museum is in the headquarters (and showroom) of the Auburn Automobile Company. There are a lot of fantastic autos, mostly built by this company in the 20's and 30's after E.L. Cord took over as president, but some Auburn's going back to the first years of the 20th century, and a handful of classics from other makers. After the museum we drove on to Columbus IN.

