

## OUT OF THE BLUE, THE JOURNALS FLEW!

I admit that it has been a long time between writings, but we have been doing some heavy-duty visiting. We spent a few days in Hamilton, Ont. with my cousins and also went to Lake Erie at Featherstone Point over Labor Day. Then we left Canada and went through Detroit down to Ft. Wayne, IN and spent a few days with Bonnie's cousin and family. We then went back up North to Kalamazoo, MI and spent a few days with a close friend of Bonnie's.

Finally on the 11<sup>th</sup> of Sept. we drove along the shores of Lake Michigan and then wound our way to Sault St. Marie, MI. It is an interesting city with lots of history. The ship locks, that the city is adjacent to, have been there for years. They lift the river traffic 21 ft., between Lake Superior and the Lake Huron levels connected by the St. Marys River. The locks are as long as 1200 ft. and will accommodate the 1,000 ft. long ore freighters that ply the great Lakes.

Unlike the Panama Canal, passage through these locks is free! Operation and maintenance is paid by the US taxpayer, you and me. We support 146 employees for their lifetime.

We indulged in a 4-½ hr. lake tour, on a boat that went through the locks onto Lake Superior, to cruise by a couple of lighthouses.

The salmon season has just started here and the park is full of fishermen with their boats and fishing gear. The salmon run in the St. Marys River.

After a couple of days in Sault St Marie, we continued our trek West. The fall colors are just beginning to show. Tinges of yellow are peeking through and there are some Maple trees and other hardwoods turning Red. A good freeze and a couple of weeks more will be all that is needed to put on a great show!



Here in this area, we saw Pocahontas Creek, we came through the Hiawatha Nat'l Forest, passed by the Gitchigumee RV Park by the Shining big Sea Water.

So far we have driven along by, crossed over, camped beside, cruised on, all five of the Great Lakes, and we weren't even trying!

Dave & Bonnie  
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