

Saturday March 15, 2008

The weather continues to be warm and sunny. We attended the Stock Car races near Willis which brought back memories of our younger years when we went to the races almost every weekend during the summer. The grandstand is made of cement and most people bring lawn chairs. (Thanks to Gary for telling us how to get there and what to bring)



Sunday March 16, 2008



Another beautiful day.
We found some maps on the
internet
and drove to the end of the
Magnolia trail
and took a five mile hike through
the Sam Houston National
Forest.
Percy led the way along the well
marked pathway.





There were many different types of trees including the biggest Magnolia we have ever seen.

The pine trees were gigantic and there were pine needles hanging from many of the deciduous tree branches making some parts look haunted.





Little purple flowers bloomed everywhere .





and a spider was busy making her web

Percy did not want to leave but we were all getting tired and hungry.



We stopped in at the Hop Restaurant in Cold Springs for milkshakes and the best onion rings we have ever tasted.

Monday March 17, 2008



Happy St. Patrick's Day

Tuesday March 18, 2008

Today Percy celebrated his first birthday with some extra treats.



Unfortunately, the weather turned a bit inclement with wind and rain but this area did not get as much wind and rain as some parts of Texas, so we were lucky. We took down the awning and put things away just in case.

Wednesday March 19, 2008

The sun is shining again.



The Conroe Noon Lions entertained us for lunch at the Convention Center. The meeting started with some tail twisting and a birthday greeting for Lion Wally.

This club has over 300 members with about 40% females.

They are a very lively group and the meeting was filled with lots of laughs, great singing and camaraderie.





The club is very involved in their community. They are a Campaign Site First II Model Club and have achieved almost 50% of their goal to raise \$120,000.

Thanks to A2 District Governor Art who came out to meet us.

His wife, Lion Bonnie, is a Registered Dietitian. Lion Maureen had a great talk with her over lunch. Also seated at our table was PDG Nancy and her Partner in Service from New Hampshire.



After the meeting, many Lions came to see Percy, Future Hearing Ear Dog and learn about the Lions Foundation of Canada. Some wanted to play with Percy, so we took off his "jacket", and let them play with Percy "the Dog".



For dinner Mike made a wonderful Gumbo with sausage, chicken and shrimp. It was super delicious!

We met Bill and Edith from Ailsa Craig, Ontario and spent a pleasant evening around our campfire talking about our remembrances of growing up in London. Sue lived right across the street from Maureen's Aunt and Uncle and we knew quite a few of the same people. Sure is a small world!

Thursday March 20, 2008

The weather had stayed calm so we put up the awning and spent much of the day outside enjoying the sunshine and planning our trip home.



The cows across from us continue to provide entertainment for us. The calves are very cute and love to frolic in the meadows with their mothers close by at all times.



And another wonderful campfire

Friday March 21, 2008

Packin' up for the move tomorrow