

Vacationing Crissy Journal

I arrived in Coshocton, Ohio on Thursday November 17, 2005. Cheryl's husband Dan picked me up at the post office and we went home and waited for Cheryl to get home from work. After she got home we just hung out at the house, I was really tired after my trip.

On Friday, November 18th, after Cheryl went to work I looked through the list of things she left for me to think about doing while I'm visiting here. There are lots of things that look like fun, can't wait to get started!

On Saturday, November 19th, Cheryl introduced me to several friends in her collection. They invited me to a "Go Bucks" party they were planning since this is the day that Ohio State plays Michigan in football. (It's a BIG rivalry.) I got an Ohio State sweater and a pair of jeans as a gift from my new friends. They are really cool! Ohio State won! Ohio State 25; Michigan 21

Speaking of cool....the temperatures here have been really chilly! I have a new poncho that Cheryl gave me. It is white with orange trim and it matches my orange lace dress perfectly! It was crocheted by someone's Mommie several years ago and never worn.

On Monday, November 21st, I went to work with Cheryl. I rode in the car (buckled in the seat belt safely, of course!) and made several stops with her. At lunch, we visited Amish country where I got to sit in a real Amish buggy. The Amish travel by horse and buggy and not by automobile. Luckily the horses weren't there when I was.....they are really HUGE, they kind of smell funny and they sort of frightened me too. We stopped at an Amish market where we saw pumpkins and gourds and other fall produce. I also got to see some Amish quilts although we couldn't take too many pictures of the quilts. The very nice lady behind the counter said that they don't normally allow cameras in the quilt shops.

After we left Amish County, we stopped in Historic Roscoe Village in Coshocton. Roscoe Village is a restoration of an 1830's canal era town. The Ohio-Erie Canal ran through Roscoe Village in the 1830's through the 1840's. The canal was a major avenue of transportation through the state (from Lake Erie to the Ohio River) before the steam trains came. There is an actual canal boat to ride on, but it is closed for the season. We did get to visit the rest of the village and I saw lots of interesting and educational things.

On Monday afternoon, I got to spend time at Cheryl's office. I met several of her coworkers but they are all very camera shy. LOL!! I spent the afternoon standing in Cheryl's work area. Many of the ladies in the office stopped and looked me over and over from head to toe. Some even remembered playing with dolls like me and other members of the grow hair family.

On Wednesday, November 23rd, Cheryl was off work so we ran errands. We picked up the rest of the things she needed for the Thanksgiving weekend. While we were out and about, it started to SNOW!!! It snowed and snowed and snowed. While Cheryl unloaded her packages, she let me play in the snow under the trees in the front yard. What fun....but it was cold!! On Wednesday evening, Cheryl's daughter Megan and her son Scott and his fiancée, Tara, arrived. They were very friendly.

On Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, I got to help set the table with the "good" dishes for Thanksgiving dinner. The family ate at 6:00 pm and after dinner I went to sleep with a very full tummy!

On Friday, November 25th, Cheryl and I took down the Thanksgiving decorations and started sorting through the Christmas decorations. It was 12 degrees outside in the morning so we planned on staying in the house all day. On Friday evening, some of my friends from Cheryl's collection and I had a farewell slumber party. It was so much fun and yet a little sad. We ate popcorn and pizza and ice cream and watched movies and played games like Twister and Mouse Trap and talked about all sorts of "girl" stuff. Stuff like hair and make-up and what we will do when we grow up. We talked about how very lucky we all were to be in the collections of people who loved us. They gave me a big beanie baby teddy bear dressed in a gray Ohio State hooded sweatshirt so I can remember my time visiting here. All my new friends made me promise that I would try to come and visit again.

On Saturday, November 26th, I got to see Cheryl's husband Dan's steam engine. It is a Shay and he built it himself. It is 1/8 scale to the real steam trains. People can ride on it and everything. We were going to take it out to the track that is near by, but there is still snow on the ground.

On Sunday afternoon, I gathered all my belongings and packed my suitcase. I'm leaving first thing Monday morning for my next host family. It's been a fun visit here in Ohio. I'm excited to see where I go next!

Love,

Crissy