

I arrived in Maine **Monday** afternoon...and I jumped out of the hot box!! Phew...what a ride! Its as hot here as it is in Florida. I am relaxing tonight with a tall glass of ice tea. We are all getting to know each other....Peggie made me a cute outfit with lobsters and buoys that I will be wearing on our little trip....Tonight we are going to bed early (I am sleeping in the sunroom)....Tomorrow is a travel day.



Tuesday we got up pretty early and did a few things and packed the car and left for Bangor. We took the turnpike. I don't think I have ever seen so many trees...they were on both sides of the car all the way up. They went on forever. Then after two hours we arrived in Bangor. This is Peggie's hometown. It looks like we might have fun here. We are staying at Peggie's mother's house and she lives on Brewer Lake. It's a very pretty lake. It was storming when we arrived. Big thunderstorm...kind of scary. But we sat around and chatted and now I am all ready for some rest...but...what is that sound ??? IT'S LOONS in the lake... I guess that is OK...wasn't too sure about that sound... but its starting to get rather pleasant. Good Night...see you tomorrow.



Wednesday

Today was a big day for me...we had so much fun. After breakfast we went to meet Sandi, Peggie's long time friend. She is a nice gal and we really hit it off...We went with Sandi's daughter Ginni and her husband Wade for a day out touring down east Maine. First we drove over the big bridge... they are building a new one right next to it over the Penobscot River. Then we saw Ft. Knox. During the American Revolution and again during the War of 1812, British naval forces controlled the lower stretch of the Penobscot River. Fort Knox was built during the mid-19th century to thwart a third British invasion that never came. However, the story of how and why the Fort was built is a compelling tale of Maine's Golden Age as the Lumber Capital of the World. AND...it's a cool place to see.



This is the big bridge in the background. We continued on to Castine where there is a Maritime Academy. I was looking but I think all the sailors we out to sea. We did visit a delightful lighthouse.



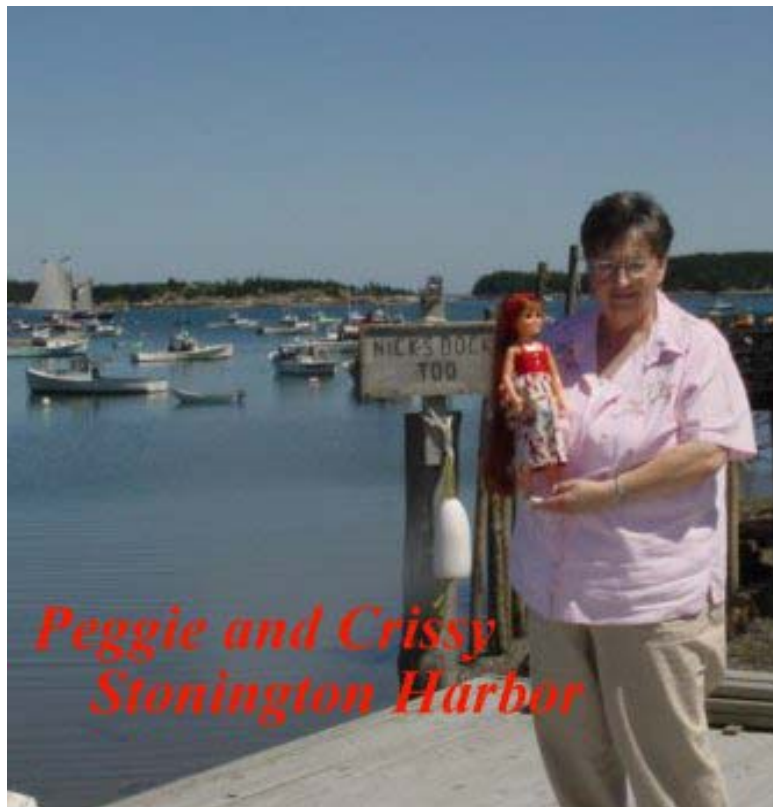
Lighthouse at Castine Maine

Then we were off to Stonington and Deer Isle We stopped to see the blueberry fields and to read about the fishing industry. I found it very interesting.



Then it was off down the road to Stonington...WOW...a real fishing village...I think I like it here!!!!





We went to lunch at the "Friendly Fisherman". I sure did enjoy that fresh haddock. Fried to perfection. With fries and slaw of course...



YUMMY!!! This is soooooo good! After lunch we looked around town for a while and then started home...we had fun going over the hills with Wade driving. It was like a little roller coaster. Tomorrow we will be spending it with Sandi again. I am back at Peggie's Mom's now. We were just telling her about our day. Tomorrow she will be coming with us...Good Night again!!!! (Listening for loons.)

Thursday

On our way to pick up Sandi we stopped to see the lupines growing. They are really pretty...not too far from Mary's (Peg's Mom) house...



Here we go again...Just picked up Sandi and we are visiting around Bangor today...LOOK at this big guy I just met...Bangor is the home of Paul Bunyan!!! Bangor was once a huge lumbering town...





We grabbed a quick cup of coffee and then went to visit the home of Stephan King. Bangor is very, very proud of their hometown boy. He not only writes great books, but he is very good to his community. Sharing his wealth and giving back to help others.



Here we are back in the car again...Stephan's house was really a neat place... on our way to visit Sheila now... she has quite a doll collection.

Sheila was very happy to see me and brought me into see her Crissy, Mia and Velvet... and those two beautiful Indian dolls... it was nice to see another familiar face. Sheila is planning on a few more Crissy family dolls. She's hooked!



Then it was off to another lunch. This time we went to one of Peggie's favorite hangouts...and now I know why...everyone is so friendly and the food was delicious.



This is Peggie's cousin Tom... he made sure I had a good lunch...and behind us was a group of ladies all out having lunch together... about 12 of them. They were all staring and were very curious so Peggie took me over and introduced us. I'm not sure, but I think they thought she was nuts. One lady really like the idea though and thought it would be a good thing to do for charity. She looked and sounded like she might be a philanthropist. But it was fun meeting all the ladies. Then it was back to my lunch and here I am...



BOY!!! These are just terrific! This is my first time eating fried scallops. I hope I get to do this again some day!

Everyone here at Geaghans is so nice to me. I seem to be the center of attention today...everyone is coming over to meet me.



But..its time to go!!! We said goodbye to everyone and took Sandi home... then we went back to the lake and relaxed for a while. Tomorrow we are going back to Peggie's... we just found out we are having company this weekend...her daughter and family are coming. That only give us one day to get ready!

Friday Morning

Well we just packed up and are going back down that highway... I am going to miss my new friends and the soulful sound of the loons at night. I am getting used to them now. It's a long ride and Peggie is in a hurry. I am just going to bury my head and hope she don't get picked up.

We are back!!! Phew!!! Made it. Now I get to relax in the sunroom while she gets ready for company. We will talk more later...bye for now!!!

Our company arrived. Peggie's daughter Sherry and her husband and 3 grandkids and a friend of the family, so we are bit crowded but its fun so far. Everyone is checking me out. We are chatting and BBQing and having a fun time. its keeps raining off and on. So things could be a little better...its getting dark. So we are calling it a night. Tomorrow is a very busy day... Good Night...

SUNDAY...oh, it sure is busy...everyone is hustling around getting ready to go look at houses. Sherry is moving up to Maine and needs to buy a house... I can't go along today... so it will be hanging out at the house with Tony and the kids... at least I know I will be getting some good snacks today... but Sherry and I had a talk before they left...we were thinking about going shopping later... I hope she gets back in time...



*Sherry and Crissy
Reading shopping ads in the sunroom*

They got back too late. So we just BBQed again until it rained us out. We sure have had ALOT of rain...and now it off to bed... Sweet dreams everyone!

Monday

We all had breakfast in the sunroom before everyone left... Richie and Shea took their pictures with me after some coaxing...they are a little shy.



Monday everyone left and we hung out here and cleaned up. John Michael stayed here with his Grandma for the summer. He is going to take some day trips with us.

Tuesday we had to get out in that garden and do a few things. It was really fun playing in the flowers....



Climbing up here was a challenge, but I made it...and down too without falling! The clematis is really pretty.

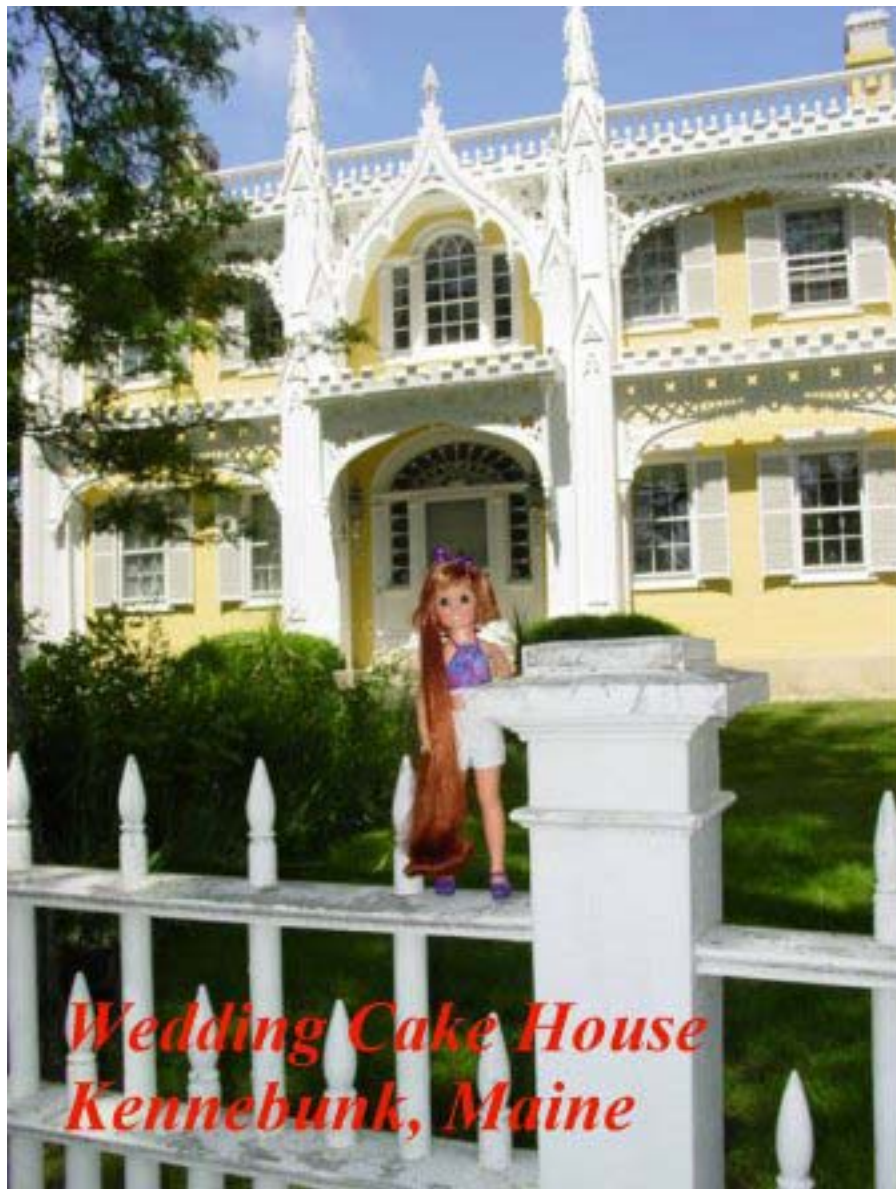


We like visitors to our garden... and we do get a few.
Don't I look cute in the sweet peas and lilies?





We all decided after doing things around the house to take a day out. So Tony, John , Peggie and I went for a ride down south. Our first stop was at the Wedding Cake house. The austere brick house was originally built in 1826 by a local shipbuilder. In 1852, after a fire, he got creative and fancied up the house with Gothic frills. He added a carriage house and barn to match. It is now owned by a nice couple who restored it completely and at times you can tour it.



*Wedding Cake House
Kennebunk, Maine*



John is thinking, "I hope she is not getting any ideas!"

Then it was on to Kennebunkport to visit the summer home of the Bush's. We saw Barbara Bush and some kids walking around. It's called Walker's Point and its family property passed down from the first President Bush's grandmother who's name was Walker. This has been the family summer home for over 100 years. It is prime property as you can see. It is all guarded by secret service so this is as close as you get.



I did get a bit windswept...this sea breeze is wonderful. I wish I could take this back to Georgia!



After this we took a ride down the coast and did a bit of shopping, John needed a few things and then it was to Applebee's and home, another busy day...I am looking forward to a nice long snooze. Sweet Dreams~

Today is an adjustment day. We are all tired. Peggie has to cook and her neighbor's father passed away. So I may have to entertain myself for a couple of days...but she has lots of books in the sunroom and she left me lots of snacks. I'm good but...look who arrived today!!!!



Peggie says she will be as beautiful as me someday (who is she kidding)...she is getting her head shaved and a reroot...we will have to keep a watch out for this one!!!!

Well here we are on **Monday**...all is well and we are off for a little trip to Cape Elizabeth to see the Portland Headlight. You can go to this website to read all about it:

<http://lighthousegetaway.com/lights/maine2.html>

It is such a wonderful spot...its like a place you go to and you never want to leave...





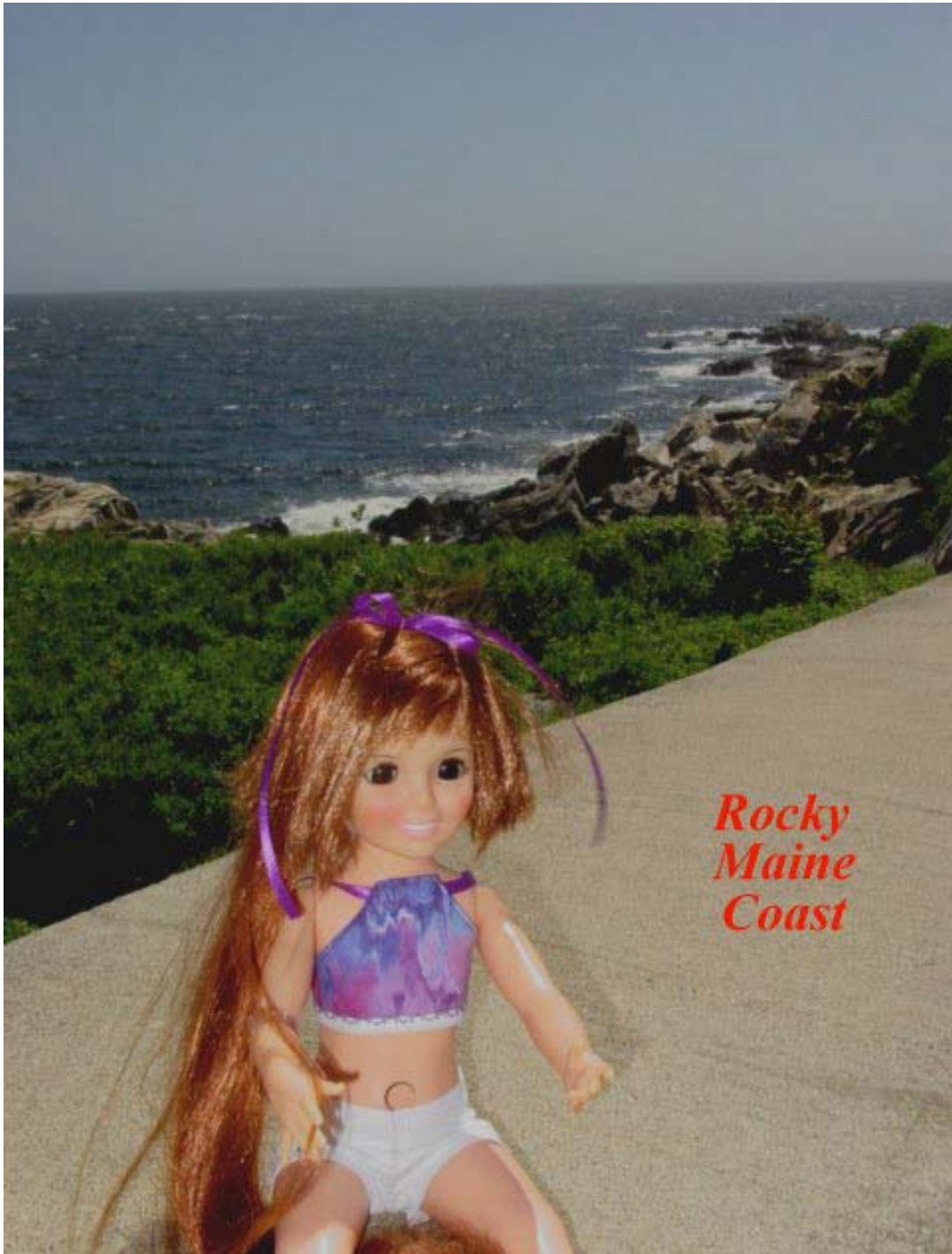
While we were there we met a very nice lady named Kristine. When she saw me she was pretty excited. She has a Crissy almost like me but it has shorter hair. She got her when she was a little girl and her sister got a Kerry...because her name was Kerry...here she is with me.



Its so much fun getting out like this and meeting so many new friends!



Peggie needs to get this camera adjusted... I'm not looking so good here...(and you know I am gorgeous).



I really do love it here...

But time to gowe have been promised an ice cream on the way home.

The 4th came and went ...it was a pretty nasty day here, hot and humid with a few thunderstorms, so we stayed inside. BUT that night John and I went outside and lit a few

sparklers until the mosquitoes started biting and we dashed for the sunroom where we stayed the rest of the night and ate snacks and told jokes. BOY! Does he have some good jokes! We can hear some fireworks for far off but its not a very good night for them...I hope everyone had a Happy Birthday America!



Well it is time for me to pack my bag and get going to my next destination. So I am saying good-bye to my new friends in Maine and especially thanking these boys for taking their picture with me...



Tony also bid me farewell and wished me a very safe trip.



FAREWELL EVERYONE See you in my next destination....
Love from Crissy and Peggie