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*Ottawa Outlook, nee North Hero News and World Review …. ……. Mostly stuff no one else would print.*

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**The TRIP.**

We got home Sunday, April 14th.**!**

2574 Miles/4300 Kilometers.

11 States; (NY, PA, MD, W. VA., VA, N.C., GA, NJ. CT, MA, VT.)

Family seen (17): Sibling 1, Sons 3, Daughters 3, Grandsons 3, Sister-in-law 1, Niece 1 plus children 2[[1]](#footnote-1)[1], Nephew 1, Niece’s spouse 1, Daughter-in-law 1,

We were exhausted.

Found liquid gifts from Ontario in-laws, had a few stiff ones and went to bed.

Hopefully we have recovered enough to pen a readable letter.

We blessedly had wonderful driving help on every leg of the trip save for the last, Pittsford, Vermont to Ottawa. Almost like a family conspiracy to chaperon the “Olde Folks” throughout the U.S. We are super grateful.

Unfortunately, visits to an old friend from the 30’s[[2]](#footnote-2)[2] and an old business cohort from the 70’s had to go by the board. We will look to make these up, but for sure, the next Atlanta trip will be by air.

We found Atlanta rather frightening. A two-lane circumferential highway (285) was just being put in along with Perimeter Mall when we moved there in 1970. Now? 285 is six lane each way, and where it crosses I75 there is a lovely six lane over six lane convoluted interchange. Two blocks from our first Atlanta home there are now skyscrapers and the house itself is twice the size it was[[3]](#footnote-3)[3]. Our second house has fared better and looked pretty much the same. The interchange above was our first introduction to GPS. Grandson breezed through it with no problem. Amazing! We kept looking up in the sky to spot the lady who was guiding us tenth by tenth through this maze of lanes.

The first stop we made down south for gas was interesting. Inserted our Visa in the pump and was asked for our zip code. Hmmmn Canadian zips are 6 digits long and an equal mix of numbers and letters. Went inside.

*“It asked for my zip code. I don’t know how to enter it.”*

*“You’re Canadian aren’t you.”*

*“No, … but my credit card is.”*

*“ Just leave your card here, fill up and come back in.”*

Well, … don’t like letting the card out of sight but complied. Don’t really understand what the intent is here. And no matter the intent, we know a bit about programming and what’s the problem accommodating Canadian zips.

Hardest part of the trip? Going through North Hero on the last day Mindset? Let’s get HOME. But every time we would pass an Andrea listing we would think of someone else we’d love to see. And the North Hero House, … dying for a drink.

In closing, … Hey Bill, … A&B is out of bagbalm!

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1. [1] What would they be? Niece and nephew once removed? [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. [2] 1938, hard to believe. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. [3] VTL, did we ever find your contacts on the volley ball field? [↑](#footnote-ref-3)