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LOG OF THE *MIMI* - 2007



CHAPTER 8 – BALTIMORE, MD

Washington, DC – Solomon’s Island - Baltimore

Monday, August 20, 2007

Temple, TX - 74^o - 94^o Partly Cloudy, Wind SSE 5-10 mph

Washington, DC - 63^o - 74^o Partly Cloudy, Wind NNW 5-10 mph

Our 0600 American Eagle flight was on time as was our DFW connection, and we arrived 10 minutes early at Reagan National Airport, Washington, DC. Bob and Sue were waiting in cell phone parking and picked us up within a few minutes of our call.

We had lunch at ‘Hops’, a micro brewery restaurant in Alexandria... no Fosters but a fine lager. Afterwards, we grocery shopped at a new ‘Harris-Teeter’ (like HEB in Texas)... Sue ‘fell in love’... a very nice store but at \$8.99 a six-pack, Fosters was pricey,!

As expected, *MIMI* was filthy from city grime, constant Potomac helicopter traffic, and nearby Reagan National Airport jet exhausts (especially bad south winds. Recent rains left ‘black-streaks’ on the boat. It is cold and damp and cocktails on Ragtime’s bridge were a bit chilly so we moved inside for ‘dinner’ (Nuked Edemame) with dice... they were cold too; Bob won big.



Tuesday, August 21, 2007 – Docked, Capitol Yacht Club, Washington, DC

67^o - 75^o Periods of Rain all day, Wind NNE 5-10 mph

Catfish thumping *Ragtime*’s bottom and heavy rain kept Bob & Sue awake most of the night; we only heard the rain.

We have a scheduled Pentagon tour at 1200 hours giving Bob and me time to drive to Annapolis to purchase A/C raw water pumps. Bob replaced a second pump a few days ago and I need a back up for one that’s been in constant use for more than four years. The Cruisair, Inc. gal was half an hour late and only had one pump in stock; they are on back-order and should be in next week.



While back in Texas, a friend on the Fort Hood Association of United States Army board of directors put me in contact with Pentagon SEAC CSM Joe Gainey. CSM Gainey was out of the country so his administrative

assistant, Thomas McMurtrie made arrangements for us to tour the Pentagon with Bob & Sue at 1200 hours. We ran a little late returning from Annapolis, so we hurried over the L'Enfant Plaza Metro station for the short subway ride to the Pentagon and arrived in plenty of time.

SGM McMurtrie was at the security office waiting to escort us through security. During the 20 minute wait for a guide we had an opportunity to visit with Tom... and were surprised to learn that he is Billy Bachmayer's and Kenny Dukes brother-in-law, former long-time employee's of ours! Billy now owns Temple Iron & Metal, a scrap metal operation in Temple, TX... small world!

Cory, a USCG Corporal was our tour guide; he was impressive and... walked backwards (facing us) the entire tour. We saw the Congressional Medal of Honor memorial to the 3,460 recipients of the award since the Civil War. Four soldiers have received the Medal of Honor for bravery in Iraq. Recipients pay no taxes and are the only individuals the President must salute first.



The 911 Memorial was moving. The parking lot is being converted into an outdoor 911 memorial. The 'Pentagon Memorial' commemorates the 184 innocent lives lost in the Pentagon and on American Airlines flight 77.

The Pentagon, located in Arlington, VA, is headquarters of the United States Department of Defense. As a symbol of the U.S. military, "the Pentagon" is often used generically in referring to the Department of Defense rather than the building itself. Designed by architect George Bergstrom and built by Philadelphia, PA general contractor John McShain, construction began in 1941 and the building was dedicated on January 15, 1943.



It is the highest-capacity office building in the world and by floor area, the third largest building. It houses approximately 23,000 military and civilian employees and about 3,000 non-defense support personnel. It has five sides, five floors above ground (plus two basement levels), and five ring corridors per floor with a total of 17.5 miles of corridors and 284 toilets. The 7,760 green-tint energy saving windows (specially tinted to prevent a clear view inside) have an estimated 10-year energy pay-back.

Entrance to the bulding is through a mall area with a food court, barber and beauty shops, dentist and doctors offices and virtually every service imaginable. At five acres, the central plaza inside the Pentagon is the world's largest "no-salute, no-cover" area (an area exempt from the normal rule that, when out of doors, U.S. military personnel must wear hats and salute superior officers). The open space in the center is informally known as "ground zero," a nickname originating during the Cold War and based on the presumption that the Soviet Union would target one or more nuclear missiles at this central location. At the center of this plaza is the "Ground Zero Cafe," a snack bar. At one point, a target was painted on the ground as a bit of gallows humor, but after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, it was painted over

**Wednesday, August 22, 2007 – Docked, Capitol Yacht Club, Washington, DC
68° - 74° Cloudy, Wind NNE 5-10 mph, Waves 2'**

Adios to Bob & Sue... big deal, we'll see them in Baltimore next week We undocked at 0750 and idled down Washington Channel then turned left up the Anastocia River and for 200 gallons of diesel at James Creek Marina. At \$3.199 per gallon, we took on just enough to make Solomon's Island with reserve.

We pulled away from the fuel dock at 0840 and followed a Mt. Vernon tour boat down the Potomac. We had light fog with 2-3 mile visibility and it was cold (mid 60's) and damp. I quickly changed from shorts to jeans as we passed Alexandria, VA. The river growth and slime on MIMI's bottom slowed us to a 19 kt cruise in lieu of 24-25kt... very expensive. The 115-mile trip took seven hours instead of five at the same fuel burn, an additional 128 gallons or about \$400 bucks!

A Navy boat hailed us on channel 16 as we approached the Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge with instructions for navigating around a practice firing range. We located the yellow Navy markers and navigated about two miles around the range and back to the river channel where there was another Navy boat directing upriver traffic... though on this overcast, cold and foggy morning there were few boats on the river.

As we turned onto the Chesapeake and rounded Point Lookout, the long fetch of the north-northeast wind gave us a two foot chop... but pleasant ride. As we passed Drum Point, we turned to port up the Patuxent River to Solomon's Island. There are hundreds of boats docked in this popular boating area. It is well protected with quick and easy access to the bay (especially nice for sail boaters). We idled past several marinas and up 'Back Creek' to 'Spring Cove Marina'. After taking on 400 gallons of diesel (\$2.476/gallon), we moved to dock B, tee-head slip. Spring Cove has well kept beautiful park-like grounds with tall pine trees and a large swimming pool... very nice.



At 1830, we took our dockhands recommendation of 'Stoney's Kingfishers Seafood House' for steamed crab and made the mile walk from the marina. We were seated outside on the pier that runs the width of the building. We had excellent cream crab soup with large chunks of crab followed by a dozen jumbo steamed crabs. They had no J&B... its not hard to believe anymore... there must not be many scotch drinkers on the east coast? They did have Dewar's and Glenfiddich (bartender pronounced it Glenfiddik)... no matter we were there for crab and the ice-cold draft Yengling was hard to beat. Eat your heart out Ralph!

It must have been a dull '24' episode for I missed most of it! On the other hand, maybe it was the crab... couldn't have been the drinks! It's good being on the move again... though we love DC, the boat takes a beating from the jet exhaust and city grime.

Leg NM	Trip NM	Max Speed Kts	Avg Speed Kts	Port Hrs	Star Hrs	Gen Hrs
115.2	1398.1	21.6	17	967.9	967.6	2330.6

Thursday, August 23, 2007 – Docked, Spring Cove Marina, Solomon's Island, MD
75^o - 85^o Cloudy Am then Partly Cloudy, Wind ESE 5-10 mph

We slept well! No catfish banging, they are no doubt schooling under *Ragtime*. I washed MIMI this morning... terrible DC grime... it won't come off with soap & water... cleaner & wax is the only thing that will cut it. Betty did the inside... so much to do. In DC we spent most of our time going places and doing things, now it's pay-back.

Before renting bicycles from the marina, we arranged for a diver to clean *MIMI's* bottom. We toured the small fishing and tourist village; the largest facility on the island is the University of Maryland Environmental Science Center. There are a number of impressive buildings, some with a view of the Patuxant River and Chesapeake Bay... appropriate since the Center's focus is on Chesapeake Bay problems.

On the way back we stopped at 'Stoney's' for crab cakes and creamed crab soup to go and had fried oysters with draft 'Kingfisher' Lager and a GT tall for Betty while we waited... emmmm good! We met a couple of

guys from Marathon, Florida, one had been docked on 'A Dock' at Dockside before buying a home with dock on a nearby canal... small world.

We returned to *MIMI* in time to meet the diver; he insisted we unplug from shore power... no problem but it was a first. Someone was probably electrocuted here or something. I'm unsure how effective unplugging our boat was since there were many boats plugged-in all around us.

The crab cake's were almost all crab... only enough filler to hold 'em together! We froze the soup in a seal-a-meal bag for later. Checked-in on Jack Bauer, took Advil and called it a day.

Baltimore, MD – Inner Harbor East Marina

Friday, August 24, 2007 – Docked, Spring Cove Marina, Solomon's Island, MD

79° - 94° Partly Cloudy, Wind S 5-10 mph

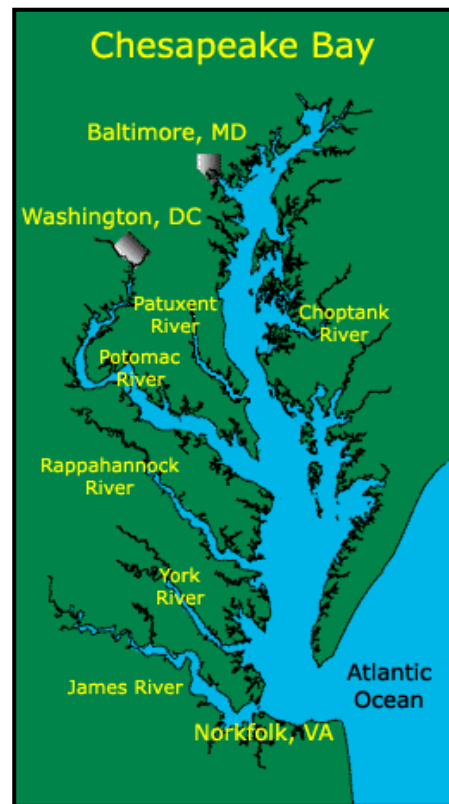
We undocked at 0900 and motored out for the beautiful cruise up Chesapeake Bay to Baltimore. The wind was light and there was a very light chop. Near Annapolis, it was so hazy it looked like fog as we approached. There were lots of boats on the bay today.

The Chesapeake Bay is the largest estuary in the United States. It lies off the Atlantic Ocean, surrounded by Maryland and Virginia. The Chesapeake Bay's watershed covers 64,299 mi² in the District of Columbia and part of six states: New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. More than 150 rivers and streams drain into the Bay.

The Bay is about 200 miles long, from the Susquehanna River in the north to the Atlantic Ocean in the south. At its narrowest point near Annapolis, Maryland, the Bay is 4 miles wide; at its widest point, near the mouth of the Potomac River, it is 30 miles wide. Total shoreline for the Bay and its tributaries is 11,684 miles, and the surface area of the bay and its major tributaries is 4,479 mi².

The bay is spanned in two places. The Chesapeake Bay Bridge crosses the bay in Maryland from Sandy Point (near Annapolis) to Kent Island; the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel in Virginia connects Virginia Beach to Cape Charles.

The word *Chesepiooc* is an Algonquian word commonly believed to mean "Great Shellfish Bay;" however, a reconstruction of Virginian Algonquian implies that the word may mean something like "Great Water" or it might just be the name of a village at the mouth of the bay



At 1400, we stopped 'Tidewater Marine', in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, for 223 gallons of diesel then moved to our slip at Inner Harbor East Marina. We're docked next to our friends, Helen & Ken Britton Tatiana; it's the same slip we had in 2003 & 2005. It turned hot (mid ninety's) and muggy today, unlike what we've grown accustomed to over the past week. We were both exhausted and wringing wet by the time we had *MIMI* secure.

I checked in at the Inner Harbor East temporary office; the old office, showers, and restrooms building, along with Victor's Restaurant is gone... torn down. A Four Seasons Hotel and 59 story Legg-Mason building that when complete, will be the tallest building in Baltimore, is under construction in the former parking lot across the street. A new marina office, near the old site, 'should' be ready by spring.

We enjoyed cocktails and appetizers at Pazo, a kewl, upscale restaurant, located nearby in a converted warehouse. Pazo is Galician for “grand house”. We were in shorts and a little underdressed so we sat at the bar and split orders of steak tartar and empanadas; both were excellent (Betty says the best she’s ever had).

Baltimore is one of our favorite cities, especially by boat. The atmosphere is upbeat and the continuing redevelopment of the Inner Harbor East area that includes ‘Little Italy’ and Fells Point, is amazing and exciting to see.

Baltimore has been a major U.S. seaport since the 1700s, however the historically shallow water of Baltimore's Inner Harbor was not conducive to large ships or heavy industry, most of which was concentrated in Locust Point, Fell's Point, and Canton. The Inner Harbor was chiefly a light freight commercial port and passenger port until the 1950s, when economic shifts ended both the freight and passenger use of the Inner Harbor.

Rotting warehouses and piers were eventually torn down and replaced by open, grass-covered parkland that was used for recreational purposes and occasional large events, such as city fairs and the significant 1976 bicentennial visit of tall ships. This initial renewal of the harbor area and its continued transformation into a major cultural and economic area of the city began in the late 1970's. Harborplace, the waterfront festival marketplace, officially opened on July 1, 1980. Since being reincarnated as a cultural hub, the Inner Harbor has become the home to many tourist attractions. The two anchor attractions, in addition to Harborplace, are the National Aquarium and the Maryland Science Center.

In recent years, the area along the waterfront to the east of the Inner Harbor (in the direction of Fells Point and Little Italy) has been developed with condominiums, retail space, restaurants, and hotels; this ongoing project is known as Inner Harbor East (or simply Harbor East).

Ed & Claire Kwasnick at the Powell's

Saturday, August 25, 2007 – Docked, Inner Harbor East Marina, Baltimore, MD

79⁰ - 102⁰ Clear, Fog Early Am, Wind S 5-10 mph

Claire & Ed Kwasnick *Rascal* are visiting Charlie & Kathy and they invited to join them for the weekend. Ed & Claire cruised up from their home marina, York River Yacht Haven, near Yorktown, VA.

Charlie called around 1000 with instructions to meet him at the Martin State Airport, in Essex, MD at 1100 hours. It took a while for our non-English speaking driver from Haiti to figure out how to get us to our destination. Charlie was already there (with Ed & Dalmas) and watching for us at the gate; ours was a 40-minute trip, theirs was 20 in his turbo Piper Malibu. The taxi fare & tip was \$35; the driver didn't have change for a fifty so his tip was about \$3... he knew enough English to complain... I told him “no change and no A/C... small tip!

It's amazing how much more water surrounds the Chesapeake than appears on the charts. The flight over was too short; it would be a great experience to fly the entire bay. Already hot and forecast to reach 102⁰, we all suited up (except Charlie) and hit the cool pool as soon as we arrived. A domino game broke out right away... one of many before the day ended. Charlie brought out a big box of fried chicken, at least 50 pieces, and we all enjoyed the ‘first course’! I spent my afternoon taking refreshing dips in the pool, reading and a short nap... made difficult by the noise from the nearby domino table.

We ate ‘light’ for dinner; corn on the cob with tomato salad and potato salad... ‘Silver Queen’ is still the best sweet corn I've ever tasted. The party finally broke up around 2030... just in time for bedtime!



Sunday, August 26, 2007 – Kathy & Charlie Powell’s Estate, Secretary, MD

74⁰ - 90⁰ Partly Cloudy, 40% Chance Scattered Thunderstorms, Wind NNW S 5-10 mph

Charlie, Kathy and I saw Ed & Claire off from the dock at 0730. They are cruising to the Rappahannoc River and the Tides Inn tonight. Kathy, rarely up at this hour, seemed confused as to why the grass was wet since the irrigation system was off... could it be dew???

Charlie’s “people” failed to show up this morning so I helped get the tennis court ready... what am I doing. I don’t play tennis and since we constructed the University of Texas Tennis Center, the closest I’ve wanted to get to a tennis court was watching TV or sitting in the stands!

Bob & Karen arrived around 0900 for doubles tennis... the match lasted 1 ½ sets... the heat and humidity rapidly took its toll. Kathy served brunch of scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuits and OJ... it hit the spot. Betty calls the Powell’s estate “the best little resort on the Chesapeake!”

At 1300, we packed up and headed back to Baltimore in a Chrysler 300 on loan from Charlie, we’ll keep it until he needs it or when we depart for the Keys in October. We beat the eastern shore traffic back to the mainland and were on *MIMI* by 1500, including a stop at West Marine to check out icemakers.

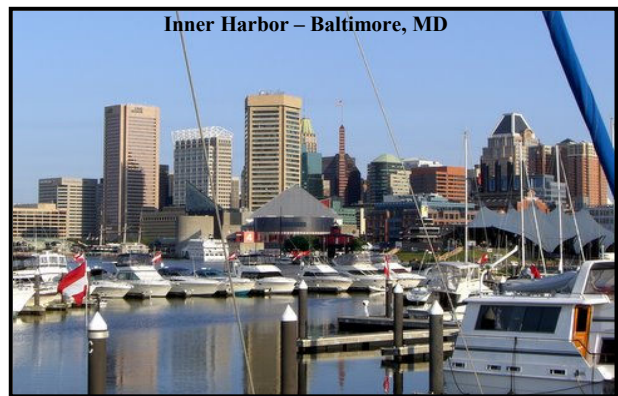
I checked the web for prices on Raritan icemakers, the West Marine price (10% off out of crate and on the shelf) was best, by several hundred dollars... and there was no freight to pay. It is an all stainless steel freestanding unit but I can use the trim from our old unit, by drilling a few holes.

We thawed the Stoney’s (Solomon’s Island) cream crab soup for dinner... still emmmm good!

Monday, August 27, 2007 – Docked, Inner Harbor East Marina, Baltimore, MD

72⁰ - 89⁰ Clear, Wind NNE S 5-10 mph

I made coffee at 0600, checked email and went to work installing the new icemaker... just a 3 ½ hour project including cannibalizing the old one for spare parts. Whalaa... we’re making ice... finally getting somewhere!



Tuesday, August 28, 2007 – Docked, Inner Harbor East Marina, Baltimore, MD

72⁰ - 88⁰ Clear, Wind ENE S 5-10 mph

The Chrysler’s A/C worked fine on the way to the Safeway but not on return??? With exception of the grocery run, my entire day was devoted to a development project proforma, related feasibility matters, conference calls and such. Closing is Thursday, it’s complex, and we have many traps to run in the next two days. Calls ran late so we canceled plans for dinner with Ken & Helen Britton *Tantiana*... and had ‘lean cousin’s with a salad instead.

Wednesday, August 29, 2007 – Docked, Inner Harbor East Marina, Baltimore, MD

73⁰ - 90⁰ Clear, Wind SE 5-10 mph

Kathy arrived at 1100; Charlie flew her into Martin State Airport from Cambridge. Bob & Sue drove in from DC a little after 1200 and we went for lunch at Bertha’s Mussels in Fells Point... excellent. Afterwards Bob and I walked the docks of Baltimore Marine Center while the girls shopped. We ran into Jay Lutskus ‘Sea Clean’ and he got us over to the Marine Max shop for a bottom job quote.

Captain Bob Janes was not the best salesman... attitude problem. After spending a good while discussing merits of different paints he scratched some numbers on a piece of paper, saying, “When you decide what you want I’ll work up a formal quote”... my response... “That’s what I’m here for!” He then pointed to a guy in the outer office, saying “You’ll have to get with so and so for that.” I had already decided this was not the place for me but told him I would get back with him later. Bob had the same negative feeling about it. Ralph and others have told me Marine Max centers all seem to have the same independent attitude. Jay has a good deal with these folks, so they must not be all that bad but my first (and last) impression was... no way Jose!

We all arrived back at *MIMI* in time for cocktails. Our reservations at Da Mimmo's in 'Little Italy' were for 1915; the restaurant is only a few blocks walk but Kathy said no way so Bob drove. We had great food and a good time... perhaps the three bottles of fine Italian wine helped a little. Kathy whined until the waiter convinced the chef to prepare her a special dish they used to serve... \$69! Do I sound like Ben? We made it back fine and immediately turned in.

Nemacolin Woodlands Resort

Thursday, August 30, 2007 – Docked, Inner Harbor East Marina, Baltimore, MD

76^o - 91^o Clear, Wind Light & Variable

We departed IHEM at 0915 and drove to Martin State Airport to meet Charlie at 1000 hours. Kathy gave Bob hell for driving the speed limit; she has just one speed... as fast as conditions will permit... or maybe a little faster. Charlie was waiting for us; we quickly loaded our luggage and climbed aboard. If not for turbo, we would have been substantially overweight... no problem though, Charlie's Piper Maibu *N19CP* quickly climbed to 17,000 feet.

Our destination was Nemacolin, a resort in the mountains, near Farmington, Pennsylvania. The haze was so dense we were almost 'IFR' but no problem for Charlie and his gaggle of electronics' gear. We landed on the narrow 3,000-foot Nemacolin airstrip, taxied to the apron, and dropped the girls. Our next stop was Mt. Pleasant to see a 9,000 square foot, 3-story old mansion Charlie recently purchased. The place is in decent shape for its age, but will require some fixing up before he can turn it into a halfway house.

From Mt. Pleasant, we flew to Waynesburg, PA to see 'Right Way Academy'. Located in the mountains on 115 wooded acres, the coed boarding school was for students age 13-22 needing a "safe, secure, therapeutic environment" while recovering from chemical dependency and other high-risk disorders and behaviors. Charlie purchased the facility and converted it from a minimum-security prison a few years ago. Unfortunately, the school was unsuccessful in reaching sufficient enrollment levels and recently closed. It is in remarkably good condition and appears to have tremendous value, which will help as Charlie explores opportunities.

We landed, back at Nemacolin at 1600, just ahead of thunderstorms... good timing Charlie. The girls spent the afternoon at the spa and pool. Nemacolin Woodlands Resort www.nemacolin.com is a beautiful resort founded by Joseph A. Hardy, III and is part of a large family of businesses, including [84 Lumber Company](#) which was founded in 1956 and is now the nation's leading privately held building materials and services supplier to professional builders.



I enjoyed a cocktail in the Cigar Bar... Betty joined me... the others couldn't handle the smoke. We dined in one of the restaurants in the complex... so, so service. After dinner, we walked the Nemacolin complex; the buildings are connected and seem to ramble forever, boasting multiple bars, restaurants, shops, arcades and so on.

Friday, August 31, 2007 – Nemacolin Resort (near Farmington, PA)

Farmington: 54^o - 76^o Partly Cloudy, Wind NNE 5-10

Baltimore: 66^o - 88^o Partly Cloudy, Wind N 5-10

We met the Powell's and Grote's in the lobby, checked our luggage and caught a shuttle to 'Fallingwater', the Frank Lloyd Wright home designed for the Edgar Kaufmann family. Kaufmann was a successful Pittsburgh businessman and founder of Kaufmann's Department Store. Fallingwater was the family's weekend home from 1937 to 1963. Fallingwater is now a museum. Since 1964, when it opened to the public, nearly four million have visited the house.

Fallingwater stands as one of Frank Lloyd Wright's greatest masterpieces both for its dynamism and for its integration with the striking natural surroundings. The house is well-known for its connection to the site; it is built on top of an active waterfall which flows beneath the house. The fireplace hearth in the living room is composed of boulders found on the site and upon which the house was built - one set of boulders which was left in place protrudes slightly through the living room floor. The stone floors are waxed, while the hearth is left plain, giving the impression of dry rocks protruding from a stream.

Fallingwater's structural system includes a series of bold reinforced concrete cantilevered balconies. However, the house had problems from the beginning. Pronounced sags were noticed immediately with both of the prominent balconies - the living room and the second floor. The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy conducted an intensive program to preserve and restore Fallingwater. Results of the study indicated that the original structural design and plan preparation had been rushed and the cantilevers had significantly inadequate reinforcement. As originally designed the cantilevers would not have held their own weight.

The contractor, also an engineer, produced independent computations and argued for increasing the reinforcement. Wright rebuffed the contractor and Kaufmann took Wright's advice. Wright's team did not update their design. Nevertheless, the contractor quietly doubled the amount of reinforcement in the cantilever's. Even this was not enough, but likely prevented the structure's collapse.

Given the humid environment directly over running water, the house also had mold problems. The senior Mr. Kaufmann called Fallingwater "a seven-bucket building" for its leaks, and nicknamed it "Rising Mildew".



Fallingwater

The tour was fascinating and the home and setting incredibly beautiful. However some rooms in the impressive home gave a feeling of Claustrophobia. We returned to Nemascolin for lunch then returned to Baltimore. Charlie & Kathy dropped us at Martin State Airport and flew on to Cambridge, MD.

Bob & Sue delivered us to IHEM and returned to Washington. They will prepare for returning *Ragtime* to Morehead City as Captain Bob goes to Newport, RI Monday to transport *SeaBird II*, a 'Marlow 68', south in two legs, the first to Morehead City and the second November 1st to Sarasota, FL. Thorn Gillins is coming up from St. Augustine to serve as mate.

We made it back at 1600, just in time to meet Ellen & Pat Patterson, from Temple. Pat is a good friend and competitor in land development and homebuilding in central Texas. Ellen is from this area and they are here visiting her sister. We motored around the inner harbor and out to the bay and back. On the return we slowed for a tanker being undocked by tug's that blocked much of the channel for a short time.

Ellen & Pat treated us to dinner at G&M, a locals restaurant, in Linthicum, MD. Known for its' fabulous crab cakes, the restaurant has received 'Best Crab Cakes' awards from the Washington Post and Baltimore Sun. We could tell it was a locals place... Pat brought us in through the back door and bypassed long lines



SeaBird II



G&M Crab Cake

out front! G&M serves single and double crab cake orders... fortunately we ordered singles... no way we could have eaten two! G&M ships crab cakes nationwide... www.gandmcrabcakes.com.

Saturday, September 01, 2007 – Docked, Inner Harbor East Marina, Baltimore, MD

67^o - 85^o Clear, Wind NNE 10-15 mph

Gorgeous day... not a cloud this morning then mostly sunny in the afternoon. We've enjoyed going places with friends and seeing lots of interesting things, but it is nice to be 'home' and relaxing with only a few 'chores' to keep us busy. I caught up on email, the log and belatedly delivered documents to FedEx that were needed for last weeks land closing and otherwise enjoyed the beautiful day. IHEM is loaded with holiday week-ender's; its nice seeing a lot of boaters on this 'last boating weekend' for the average boater across the nation!

Sunday, September 02, 2007 – Docked, Inner Harbor East Marina, Baltimore, MD

65^o - 85^o Mostly Sunny, Wind E 5-10 mph

Another Gorgeous day. Many of the holiday transients departed this morning, making room for new arrivals. With the long week-end, many boaters make two stops. The cool morning was a good opportunity to clean the bridge and cockpit cushions. Mildew & Stain Remover, and a small amount of brushing, did the job followed by '303 Fabric Guard' waterproof treatment... they look as good as new... It only took one West Marine trip for '303'.

Monday, September 03, 2007 – Docked, Inner Harbor East Marina, Baltimore, MD

68^o - 86^o Mostly Sunny, Wind SW 5-10 mph

The light breeze made it chilly sitting in the cockpit until mid-morning. This summers weather has been the best we've had in our three Chesapeake trips. We had a relaxing day doing a few more projects, watch the U.S. Open and reading. After cocktails, we dialed 'Gunnings Sea Food', Hanover, MD, into our GPS and 'she' delivered us right to the door. Gunnings is a locals restaurant that has several times been voted one of the 'Ten Best Crab Houses on the Bay'. Betty had 'Crab Fluff' (huge crab cake, battered and deep fried) and I had 'Hard Crab' (crab cake stuffed crab, battered and deep fried). Both unique and delicious.

CTU agent Jack Bauer is still fighting terrorists.

Tuesday, September 04, 2007 – Docked, Inner Harbor East Marina, Baltimore, MD

72^o - 91^o Mostly Sunny, Wind NW 5-10 mph

The power went off around 0930 so we fired up the Genset and motored over to Tidewater Marine for a pump-out then circled the inner harbor and back to IHEM. Hurricane Felix slammed ashore in Central America as a category 5. If a hurricane is forecast to affect this area while we're in Texas, I'll quickly return to make ready. In the meantime, I set the heavy spring-lines and an extra fender.

Tomorrow, we return to Texas early, so today is make-ready day... Ken Britton will check daily that *MIMI'S* power and refrigeration systems are on and Jay Lutskus will check all systems once weekly. Jay will also take a look at our dinghy; he's considering buying it. We should have sold it to Jim McKay last summer in Tennessee but it ran so well, after having it tuned up, we decided not to... but should have. Jet powered dink's just don't do well in the Keys because the floating sea grass chokes the jet intake.

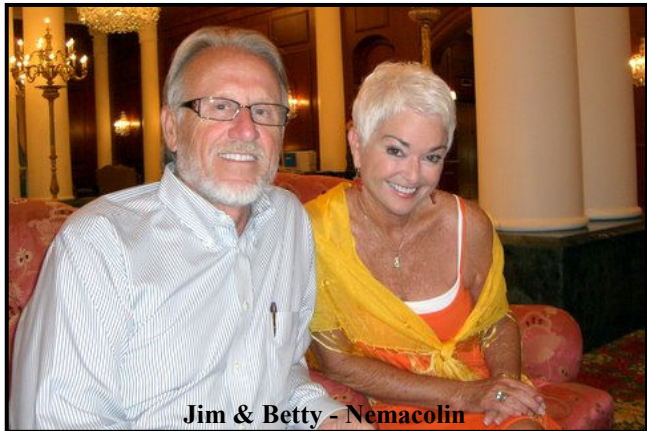
The dink battery no longer holds a charge so I drove to Autozone in Dundalk, MD for a new one. I had forgotten how many different 12v jetski batteries there are... and failed to bring the old one so I stopped at Home Depot for a couple of items... not a wasted trip! I got it right on the second trip, fired the new battery up, put it on the charger for a couple of hours and... whala, she fired the dink right off... now we're getting someplace! We had an appetizer dinner at Pazo... emmmm good... exactly the same order as last time.

Wednesday, September 05, 2007 – Docked, Inner Harbor East Marina, Baltimore, MD

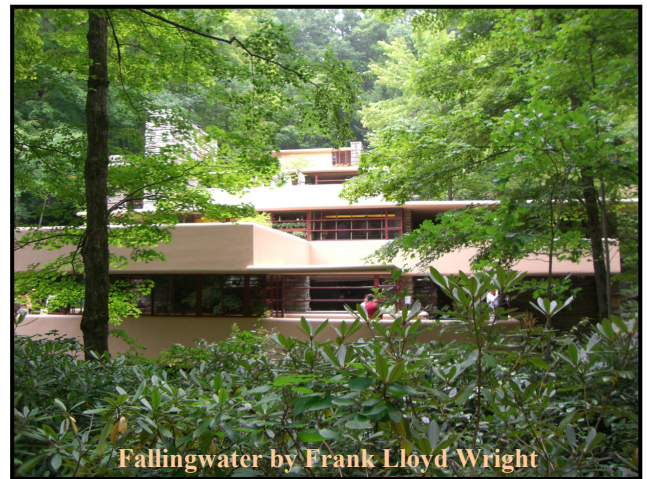
Baltimore: 71^o - 91^o Mostly Sunny, Wind ENE 5-10 mph

Temple: 73^o - 89^o Scattered Thunderstorms, 70% Rain Chance, Wind S 10-20 mph

Our 0600 American flight was on time and in DFW we squeaked onto an earlier American Eagle flight and I was back in the office by 1030... way to go American... the way it should be!



Jim & Betty - Nemaclin



Fallingwater by Frank Lloyd Wright



National Aquarium – Baltimore, MD

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