

Moving on to Tennessee

Labor Day marked the last days at ESC before moving on to Renfro Valley, KY and Eastern Tennessee. On Tuesday we left with the Lees and the Kaisers, leaving the Trumbulls behind to get their coach painted and to fill in for us as Camp Hosts for ESC. Our destination was Renfro Valley, KY where we planned to take in some Country Music Shows. Neither the Lees nor the Kaisers have been here before. We made one stop in Scottsburg, IN to brake the trip up and arrived at Renfro on 9/11. We spent four days here before moving on alone to Chuckey, TN. We always enjoy Renfro Valley and I think both the Kaisers and the Lee's were pleasantly surprised on the quality of the shows. Walt even found some alternate entertainment for himself, as noted in a picture which is self explanatory. All three of us camped in the newer section which is more open. We had a pleasant few days together before going our separate ways. This marked the end of a rather unusual Summer and this was probably the longest period of time we have spent with members of our HR 400 family and it couldn't have worked out better.

Bob & I arrived in Chuckey on 9/11, where Henry & Anne were expecting us. As you can see, Henry had both of us nicely set up next to one of his barns. This is such a beautiful area in the foothills of the Smokey Mountains. This is real country! Bob had told Henry he would help him do some maintenance on his rental properties, and farms in the area. Somehow I think Bob forgot what yard work entailed, let alone on a farm. The last time he had to clean a yard, rake leaves, etc was 10 years ago! There was bush hogging to be done on over grown fields, burning off brush, etc. We ended one day with a hotdog roast over one of the fires. We didn't want to waste a perfectly good fire! All I can say is we had quite a full schedule. One of the weeks they left to see their grandson, David, graduate from Army Basic Training in Missouri. We didn't go because of our kitties. They went by car, leaving the motor home behind. David has done extremely well and is really looking forward as his career took a first step. He begins Perdue University in January.

Since Minnie has a few things to say, I will give her to you on page 2.

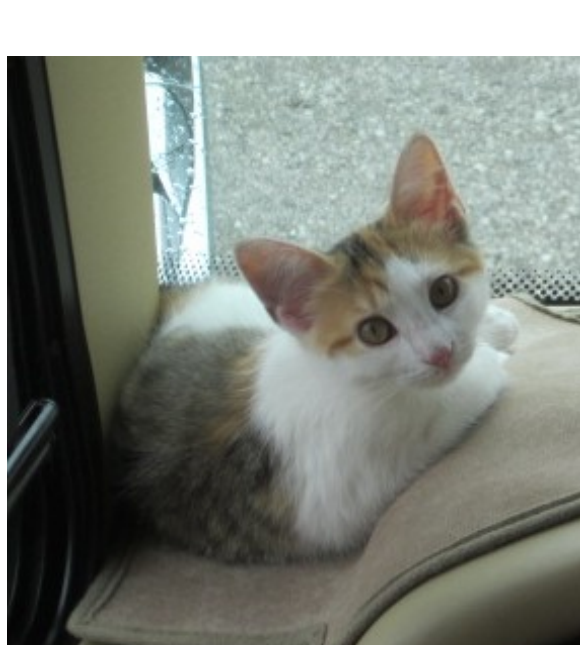


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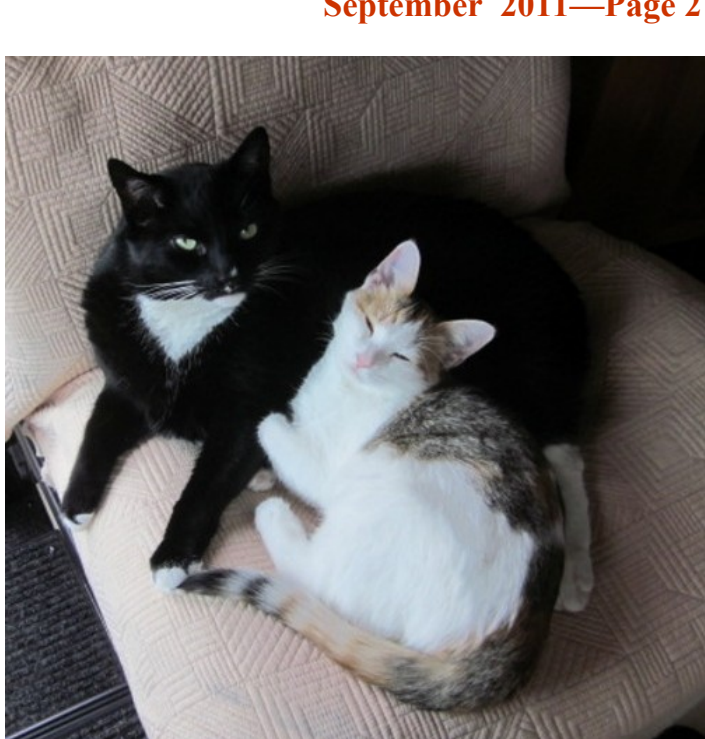


Hi !!! It's me again, "Minnie No No" or it could also be "Little Piggy", I am not really sure? I don't really know what these words really mean, although I have noticed that I hear the latter when I am being creative in my sand box. I have also noticed that when I hear "Minnie No No" the tone goes up quite a bit. I'm not hard of hearing, so I will have to think about this some more. Then when mom speaks softly to me I hear her say "Minnie Mouse". Oh well, I'll figure it out one of these days.

So much has happened since I last talked to you! I had my first trip in my house, which scared me half to death. Now it's routine stuff. Who knew that a house could move like this! When it stopped moving and I got to look outside through the screen door, there were lots of huge animals across the road. They didn't sound like Whiskers and me....they made a Moo sound...interesting! It is sooo much fun sitting in my big window (see above), I can see everything that is going on around us....I love it!

As for my new family, I love them more every day and I think they feel the same about me. Whiskers has been so good to me. He lets me climb all over him, and I just love playing with his tail! Sometimes we really get into it! He even lets me eat his food, but mom gets upset when I do that. I don't know why, because I let him eat mine too, which he just loves. That really gets mom upset....hmm? Another minor problem is that mom puts me in my personal bedroom (in the Shower) at odd hours, like 3:00 AM. I was trying to get someone interested in playing with me by hopping up and down on the bed! I don't think that went over very well....could it be my timing?

Thanks for listening.....I will keep you up to date from time to time..... Love, Minnie ??.



Whiskers says, " What did I get myself into? I knew I should have stuck to my guns, even if she is cute! I'm too old for this stuff!"