

## Travel North to Ithaca, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Maine, and Nova Scotia – Summer 2023

### Part 1

July 6, 2023

Drove up to Ithaca to stay with brother Dave at his place. Settled in and slept in the master bedroom. Dave likes sleeping in the far bedroom since it is quieter at that end of his place. Beautiful cool weather in the mornings, with sunshine a lot of the days. We enjoyed watching some shows together, and did a few home improvements. We also drove around in his Mini Cooper.



July 8, 2023

Visited with son Scott at his place. Always nice to spend time with him. (Scott has the far right end unit)  
Scott does the web orders for the Cornell University Bookstore.



Scott at Cayuga Lake, Ithaca, NY

July 9, 2023

Played Pickleball at the new indoor courts at Arnot Mall in Big Flats, NY with Dave. Saw some friends there and enjoyed the play.



July 10, 2023

Went to dinner with Scott and then went to see the movie MISSION IMPOSSIBLE/DEAD RECKONING with Scott.

July 11, 2023

Played golf at my old home course GRANDVIEW FARMS in Berkshire, NY. I visited with the family who owns it, and had a beautiful day playing there again. It's always in excellent condition.



July 12, 2023

Went to the Salt Point Brewing Company in Lansing, NY, to surprise visit my old college buddies and musicians Richy Stanojev and Kip Opperman. Kip's wife Mary and family were there, and we had a wonderful visit. I got up and sang "I Saw Her Standing There" on ukulele with Richy. Fun time.



July 13, 2023

Dave & I drove to Corning, NY to play Pickleball with Don H., who built a nice court inside his old air-conditioned building. We then drove to our friend Paul's [Clover Knoll Creamery](#) / Pizza / Mini Golf place in Savona, NY, where Paul cooked up a fresh pizza, and let us play mini-golf, and gave us a tour of his new place after selling his Watkin's Glen hotel.



Clover Knoll Creamery

July 14, 2023

Went to Scott's place and had dinner, then we watched some episodes of The Witcher together.

July 18, 2023

I did laundry in town with Dave, and walked over to see the Ithaca Falls. Nice day. Then had dinner with Scott that night.



July 19, 2023

Drove up to Canandaigua, NY with Dave & Jason Murphy to play Pickleball, visiting with friend John Mabie, and enjoy the sunny weather.

July 20, 2023

Drove down to Nichols, NY to visit with my old friend and music-duo guitar player/singer/Luthier/Artist Roger Bacorn. We sat by the Susquehanna River, talked, and had a great visit. He gave me a tour of his home town Waverly, and we visited Pat Ayers' [Broad Street Records](#) Store. Roger even gave me a beautiful oil painting of a Covered Bridge that he had done.

July 21, 2023

Had dinner at Scott's again and watched more Witcher episodes.

July 22, 2023

Went to The Barn nearby and played Pickleball, and visited with Mark Murphy, wife Diann, son Matt, grandson Jason, and family & friends.

July 24-30, 2023

I got invited and drove to my friends Carlos & Christine Gutierrez's house in Niagara-on-the-Lake. It's a beautiful community on Lake Ontario. I stayed a week at their beautiful house there.



Niagara-on-the-Lake



Carlos & Christine's house

We golfed 5 times at 4 different golf courses there:

[Whirlpool Golf Course](#)

[Bridgewater Country Club](#)

[Thundering Waters Golf Club](#)

[Willodell Golf Club](#) (Carlos' home course)

The courses were in lush, excellent condition with fast greens and great layouts. I met and played with Carlos' friends Boyet (Raul), John & Gerry. All great guys, fun to play with, and great people.





Carlos at Willowdell

We went to a local Town Carnival and had homemade pie, burgers, and met an NHL player from the New York Rangers, Ben Harpur.



Jim, Ben Harpur, and Carlos

We ate one lunch after golf at a Vietnamese Restaurant with John & Boyet (Raul).



John & Boyet

Carlos drove me down to Niagara Falls, where I jumped out and took some pictures, and drove through the crazy part of town. We then had a quiet lunch at a restaurant nearby.



At Bridgewater Country Club, I hit a 5-Hybrid about 150 yards out of the deep rough into the hole for an Eagle. Last eagle I had was about 7 years ago!



Raul (Boyet) invited us to a dinner at the Hilton Hotel downtown to celebrate his wife's birthday and retirement. It was a wonderful "Tour of Italy" served Family style, and we all had a wonderful time. I played & sang "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" & "Happy Birthday", and I ended up singing a number of tunes on ukulele and people all joined in with singing.



Carlos took me down hiking to the Niagara Whirlpool, which had hundreds of steps down and back up, but was a beautiful hike along the great River.



I had a wonderful time with Christine & Carlos, enjoying their beautiful home, swimming pool, company, tours, and great hospitality.