

On The Road Again

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Sounds like a Willy Nelson song but we are finally on the road again. We had a late start due to the fact that the bodywork required some time because the paint had to dry. It was a small repair but time consuming so even though it was started at 6:30 this morning, we didn't leave there until after 5:00 p.m. We went back to the service centre in the morning to say goodbye to the crew and we brought them some wonderful homemade donuts from an Amish bakery in Nappanee, a nearby town. They all gathered around so we could take a picture of them as you can see, but it was hard to get them to crack a smile. By the picture, you would think they were a surly bunch, but they have always been courteous, friendly and cheerful.

From there we went to nearby Goshen, to a tourist site called [The Old Bag Factory](#) to poke around and kill some time. It was built in the 1800's and was initially the home of the buttermilk soap factory. Later they produced bags of every description, flour bags, feed bags etc. Now it is the home of 17 stores and artisans and there are endless things to spend money on including beautiful artwork, glass beads, gifts, candles, woodwork, stained glass, antiques and two restaurants. It figured that the last day in the area, we finally went there and discovered wonderful vegetarian entrees at both places. Oh well, at least we know where to eat out whenever we come back!

In the afternoon, we took in a tour of the [Newmar Coach](#) factory. Newmar manufactures Dutch Star, Kountry Coach and Mountain Air RV's as well as two others. They have a huge,

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impressive facility where they put out 17 RV's a day, which is quite a feat. After really examining the different models, we left there feeling extremely satisfied with our coach. In our opinion it is a superior coach with a lot more attention to detail and quality. We had a great day and are just happy to be on the road. The forecast for tomorrow morning in this area is freezing rain so the more distance we can put between us and here, the better.