

**Ida's
Notebook**
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One thinks of summer as a vacation time but we just had a short one in the fall. Our oldest son lives in Delaware, and he invited us to his cottage in Virginia. This was quite a journey for us older folks.

We had never seen the new house that he had built in Delaware and so it was not easy for us to find. We worried a bit as we arrived late, but we still got to see our grandsons football practice. Our granddaughter, who goes to college in Richmond, drove to her home to visit with us and share a meal.

We really appreciated our son driving the last four hours in his big, new white truck. He was hauling a big computer for his son who also goes to college in Virginia. As our son has a large boat on the Piankatank River, all of us went fishing, we only caught small ones; however, we got a lot of blue crabs and used a net to get them out of the water. Our son will give them to a friend at his workplace.

I sat in the front of the boat and almost got blown away as he went 40 miles per hour to a large bridge off the Chesapeake Bay.

We just could not find fish even though his fish finder showed that a few were down there.

Our son has a beautiful place with all the conveniences of home, and we lived like kings. One night he made oyster soup for us, and it surely had a lot of oysters in it. I picked up some big pine cones for a daughter-in-law to use for her Girl Scout troupe. It seems that they do a lot of crafts.

We even managed to get lost on the way home, but with the use of maps we arrived safely.

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