

May 30, 1992

Dear Tom,

You need to be at Deb's by noon on Friday, June 12, but it might be easiest for you to get there Thursday evening and stay the night at Deb's. Other relatives will be there, but if you bring your air mattress, you will have a place to sleep. Take U.S. 65 north to Nashville and on through to the Portland exit, which is about 40 miles north of Nashville. You will take highway 52 east to Portland. In Portland, 52 joins and merges with highway 109 for about 1/2 mile, then continues east as 52. About 8 miles east of Portland you will turn right on 174, which crosses 52 at a very small town called Oak Grove. Go about 3 miles on 174 to Rockbridge Road, which may not be clearly marked. Look for a sign on a white birdhouse. I think Rockbridge only goes one way, because Deb didn't tell me which way to turn. Anyway, turn on Rockbridge. After about 3 miles, you will come to a store. Continue past and down the hill and look for a mailbox on the left with the numbers 1360 and a steep driveway with a retaining wall made of railroad ties. The house is out of sight up the hill. The driveway is steep and long, but you will make it. If you get lost or have questions, call Deb at (615) 841-3751. It is Deb and Jerry Wilson, in case you forgot.

We plan to get there Friday morning.

More kids than I thought will be there. Cindy's kids are coming and so are Jenny and Andy.

Bring a set of sheets and a pillow and pillowcase, if you use them. Also a sleeping bag, towels, some old shoes that you can get wet, and any water toys you might have. The lake is very deep and clear, good for snorkeling. Since you won't be able to touch bottom, Deb recommends a ski belt so you don't tire yourself out staying above water. The water is deep even along the shore. You will be able to dive off the rocks.

The houseboat sleeps several people, but some of us will have to sleep in tents. Deb has reserved two campsites along the shore at a State park. We will park the houseboat next to the campsites.

We get off the boat on Monday morning, but of course you can leave earlier if you need to.

I found out that Ross Perot was talking about his "electronic town hall" in 1969, long before I sent him my letter.

The check is for your birthday. Happy birthday!