

Earl's Diary - Wednesday - July 15, 2009

One left-over piece from yesterday: I found out "Hiouchi" is an Indian word for deep blue water. Apparently an Indian woman looked at the water and declared: "Hiouchi, deep blue water."

This morning I awoke to fog!! It was also very cool! I ate breakfast and did a little house cleaning then it was time to head down the road. 101 basically follows the shore line in this area. It was so foggy driving that I had to turn on my headlights. I stopped at the first rest stop just past Brookings where it was still foggy and wind blowing and cold!!

The highway in this stretch of Oregon is mostly two lane with lots of passing lanes. The forest is very beautiful. Along the way I passed through Brookings, Gold Beach, Port Orford and Bandon. I was early getting to Bandon so I stopped at a beach day use spot to eat lunch and take a nap. It was still foggy, windy and cold but I slept quite comfortably in my Peanut.

Upon arriving at Bullard's Beach State Park I found my camping spot for the next 5 nights. I was surprised that very few fiberglass trailers were here and lots of the "Big Boys" (or Girls). After a thought I realized the "Gathering" doesn't start until tomorrow. By the evening time more of The Peanut's relatives started arriving. Tomorrow there should be at least 97 trailers here.

Tomorrow morning after registering I will head for town (which is about 2 miles south of here) to find a WiFi spot (perhaps at the local library?). By for now - - Earl

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Today is a beautiful cool day, probably in the high 60's with a cool breeze blowing through. (I can't help but rub it in to you people suffering in the 100's!)

The first thing I did this morning was get the Peanut weighed. (I hadn't had a chance to get it done up to this point.) This is a service provided by the "Oregon Gathering" hosts. At last I know - Axle weight: Right 1240 lbs, Left 1400 lbs. Trailer hitch: 680 lbs. Total = 3320 lbs.

I have signed up to play in a Golf Ball Horseshoe tournament. (Two golf balls are tied together between a 24inch cord and thrown at the target for points.) I practiced a little bit this morning. Tournament starts at 1:00.

Hey what do you know????? My partner and I won the Golf Ball Horseshoe Tournament!!!! There were 16 teams playing and we made it through 4 rounds! We will get some kind of award and Saturday night's campfire. I understand it's not too serious.

It's still cool here - almost time to put on some other clothes. You all keep cool now - I still note how hot it is in Idaho, Arizona, and California's Central Valley. The family right across the road from me have a 13 foot Scamp and they live in Phoenix. They sure are enjoying this cool weather!

I'm now on my way into town to find the library. I found the library and they have WiFi throughout the building and also outside if they happen to be closed so you will be hearing from me on a regular basis.

Will report more tomorrow. - - Earl