

Earl's Diary - Friday - June 7, 2013
To all my many Loyal Readers,
CALIFORNIA, HERE I COME!

Today is another travel day and we are headed to California. Our ETA is Sunday afternoon.

We left Vincent, Idaho at 8:00 this morning. Our first stop was in Idaho Falls, for a few groceries and fuel. From there I-15 heads south to Pocatello, Idaho. Shortly after turning west on I-86, we came to a rest stop.

This rest stop indicated there was a point of historical interest. The sign indicated here was a good place to see wagon tracks from the Oregon Trail. Alan said did I want to see them. Sure, I said. What the sign didn't tell us how far away were they.



The three of us started walking, and walking, and walking. The trail to the ruts went under the west bound freeway, and under the east bound freeway and up a slight hill. I estimate the one-way walk was 3/4 mile! I took a few pictures. After 150 years the ruts appear as erosion caused drainage ditches. BUT they are plainly visible.



Back on the road again we came to another interstate split - I-86 and I-84. I-84 still heading west. Alan was driving for me while I took a little snooze. When I woke up I mentioned Dairy Queen since it was lunch time. Alan quickly checked his GPS, and yes there was a DQ in Burley, about 8 miles down the road. We quickly found the place and I enjoyed (probably) my last Blizzard for this trip. Alan and Michele both ordered Blizzards but put them in their freezer for dessert tonight.



We decided to take U.S. Highway 30 to our next turnoff in Twin Falls, Idaho. At Twin Falls, it was just a short 41 mile drive south on U.S. 93 to Jackpot, Nevada, where we are now staying for the night. An interesting thing: The Pacific time zone is on the Idaho/Nevada border, however, Jackpot, Nevada claims to be in the Mountain time zone. They claim Pacific time zone begins a few yards south of Jackpot. Is this an accurate account or are the Jackpottians being rebellious?

I was surprised at the size of Jackpot. There are a few stores, at least three casinos, a gas station, and a general store. It is a regular little town - AND there are mature trees and grass in this RV park!

Tomorrow we head for Winnemucca where we will spend the last night on the road. Thanks for coming along with me today. Bye for now - - Earl

