

Earl's Diary - Tuesday - July 14, 2009

The weather yesterday at Ancient Redwoods RV park was very pleasant. Although the trees within the park were still very small there was a pleasant cool breeze blowing through. It remained cool during the night also. I understand that for you people in the Central Valley, Arizona, and Idaho that temperatures were reaching 100 degrees, plus!!

I left Redcrest at 10:15 heading north on the Avenue of the Giants. This is truly a magnificent drive! The road winds in and out of those beautiful old trees. The deep shade makes a good growing ground for all those ferns and forest plants.

I did lots of research work from the AAA Camp Book and the Good Sam Travel Guide to find just the right stop for tonight. My original plan was to get to Brookings, OR. There were lots of RV parks but I couldn't find just the one I wanted. I opted instead to stay in California near Crescent City.

I am now parked in the Hiouchi RV Park just 4 miles north then 5 miles east of Crescent City on Highway 199. (Hiouchi - now that's an interesting name! Sounds Japanese doesn't it? It's possibly an Indian name. The Yurok tribe has a reservation near here.) It is a beautiful park - not like so many others. It has 120 spaces on 30 acres. AAA describes it: "A nicely laid-out campground with well-tended grounds and modern facilities. Plenty of open spaces, surrounded by forest." Most sites are pull throughs along side the interior roads therefore units are not stacked like cord wood!! Most of the sites are in the sun but my site is under the shade of some large trees. And WiFi!!!! (I had selected this RV park for my first night's stop but decided it was too far. Now it's my second night's stop! It was a wise decision! That drive between Redcrest and Crescent City is definitely NOT a fast drive. The drive here was only 150 miles but it took 4 hours! (with a couple of rest stops along the way!) I got here at 2:00 just in time for lunch and afternoon nap!

The trip on 101 is a beautiful drive if one is not in a hurry. The road goes in and out of the forests of pine and redwoods. Some of the road is freeway while some is two lane roads. The State has installed lots of passing lanes however.

Tomorrow's travel will be 104 miles in to Bandon where the "Gathering" will be held. My next report will come from Bandon, when I can find WiFi access (the park where we are staying doesn't have WiFi access). Until then all you people try to keep cool! - - Earl