

Earl's Diary - Monday - July 20, 2009

Most of The Gathering participants had either left or were getting ready to leave this morning. I said goodbye to those still there and headed north on highway 101. The appearance of Bullard's Beach State Park sure had changed when all those fiberglass trailers vacated the place and other types of RVs took their place.

I left Bandon at 10:00 and passed through Coos Bay headed for Reedsport twenty-six miles further north before turning inland. Highway 38 followed the Umpqua River through beautiful forested land before coming to Interstate 5 heading toward Eugene, OR. Highway 58 through the Willamette Valley was another beautiful drive following the Willamette River.

I reached the small community of Crescent and the Big Pines RV Park at 3:30 where Brother Richard and Suzie were already waiting for me. (They had arrived around noon.) This is a nice park nestled among the pines (of course with full hookups AND WiFi.

After setting up and eating dinner we headed north to the town of LaPine where a **Dairy Queen** was spotted. Some people will drive miles for a Dairy Queen ice cream treat!!!

The weather here was/is certainly different from the coast (I already knew that but going from one to the other takes an adjustment. It was 65 in Bandon and hit 95 in Crescent.

I'm not sure we have any plans for tomorrow, We'll just have to wait and see what happens. Wednesday we are planning on going down to Crater Lake.

Bye for now - - Earl