

Friday, August 31, 2007

After work, I drove to my brother Jay's place in Washougal and he was not back from hiking with his daughter Kati. Jay's son Nick tried calling him and could not reach him. When Jay showed up we finished packing my car and drove to Spokane. We arrived at our hotel around 11:00 PM and as we were checking into the hotel Dad and Dave showed up. We talked a little and then went to sleep.

Saturday, September 1, 2007

Jay had woken up early and was walking around. When I woke up, I took a shower and found that I had forgotten to bring a comb, deodorant and a razor. I walked a long Distance looking for a store. Jay called my new cell phone to locate me and I told him I was on my way back. Then we packed my car. Next, we took dad and Dave for a walk to the Spokane waterfalls in a park near the hotel. As we were talking, Greg pulled up and then we tried to eat at Anthony's, but it was not open yet. Then we all drove to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. I did not want to pay for valet parking at the hotel, so I went through a lot to avoid it. I was able to get temporary free parking and then got a pass to put my car in the garage at the hotel. We ended up eating very light and then renting a powerboat. The boat did not seem that exciting to me, but everyone else really enjoyed it. Next Dave, Jay, Greg and I biked on a trail along the shore of Coeur d'Alene Lake. Dave and Greg had to rent bikes. We got back to the motel around 5:00 PM and took dad out to dinner in town. We planned on going to the Cricket to eat, but Greg thought it was not fancy enough, so we went to a fancier restaurant. The class of a restaurant is not important to me (I like bar food), but everyone else likes to eat expensively.

Idaho – 16.19 bike miles – Near Coeur d'Alene.



Left to right – Dave, Ted, Greg and Jay – Coeur d'Alene Lake.



Ted's brother, Greg driving the boat we rented on Coeur d'Alene Lake.



An interested house we saw on rock next to Coeur d'Alene Lake.



The boats docked under our (Jay and Ted) hotel room at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



The hotel Ted stayed at with his brother, Jay in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



A record setting speed boat docked below the hotel where Ted stayed in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



A band set up on the dock below the hotel where Ted stayed at in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



Coeur d'Alene Lake in Idaho.

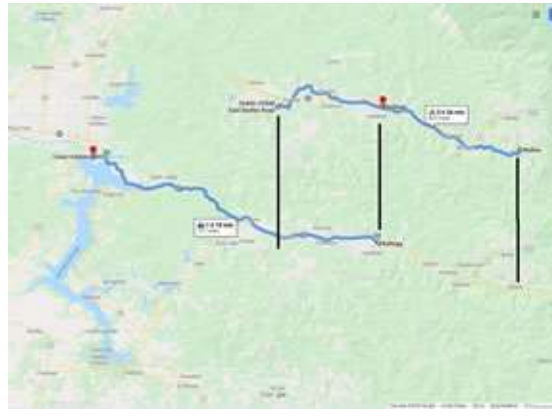


Ted's dad waving from the room he stayed in at the hotel in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Sunday, September 2, 2007

By this time in the trip, I was tired of listening to Greg brag about all his great investments. He was bragging about how he bought this or that for several thousand or even over 100 thousand dollars. It seems to be exactly the talk my dad enjoys, so the trip was great in that since. It was a great family bonding experience. I felt relieved to get away from the money talk when Greg, Dave and dad decided to golf. Jay and I ended up biked about half of the trail of Coeur d'Alene (the total trail is about 73 miles, we cycled a round trip ride of 64.4 miles). We drove from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho to Kellogg, Idaho to park my car. Then we cycled to the north end of the trail (Mullan, Idaho) and then turned around to head back to Kellogg. Jay wanted to make it a 50-mile bike ride day. I convinced him if we just went another 13 miles, it would be 100 Kilometer. To me 100 KM is a lot more impressive than 50 miles. So we cycled in the other direction on the trail of Coeur d'Alene to mile post 40 (near Dudley, Idaho). Jay told Dad, Greg and Dave that we would be back at 2:30 PM. We were running late so Jay called Greg to tell him we would not be back until around 7:00 PM. Greg said that he wished he had gone with us, his golf game was not going so good. We cycled back to Kellogg and then drove back to Coeur d'Alene. Once back at the hotel, we went to an expensive dinner with Greg, Dave and Dad. We

stayed in a very nice hotel, which seemed too expensive for to Jay and me. However, it was perfect for Dave, Greg and Dad. The trip was about having a fun family trip with my dad and it was fun for sure!



Map drive from Coeur d'Alene to Kellogg and then back to Coeur d'Alene (73.7 miles). With our 64.4 mile bike ride from Kellogg to Mullan to Dudley and then back to Kellogg superimposed over drive route map.



Touring map of the 73-mile trail of Coeur d'Alene bike trail.



Ted on the trail of Coeur d'Alene.



Mullan, Idaho.



Jay (Ted's brother) standing next to the trail of Coeur d'Alene.



Wallace, Idaho.



Jay (Ted's brother) on his bike riding the trail of Coeur d'Alene.



Gondolas at Silver Mountain ski area near Kellogg, Idaho.



Jay (Ted's brother) with our bikes standing next to the trail of Coeur d'Alene.



Jay (Ted's brother) walking on the trail of Coeur d'Alene.



The trail of Coeur d'Alene.



Jay (Ted's brother) on his bike riding the trail of Coeur d'Alene.

Idaho – 64.41 bike miles – Kellogg, Idaho to Mullan, Idaho to Dudley, Idaho and then back to Kellogg, Idaho

Monday, September 3, 2007

I woke up early and hiked around the short hill trail across from the hotel. Then we all had breakfast together. Greg had to leave at 11:00 AM. The rest of us left the hotel around noon. I was very tired and Jay drove my car back for the first half of the trip while I slept. I drove the rest of the way home. We got to Jay's place around 6:00 PM and I arrived at Andrea's house around 8:00 PM. Andrea was not home; she had gone to Aberdeen for the day and got home around 10:00 PM. I ended up going on a little more than a 7-mile bike ride while I was waiting for Andrea to get back to her place.