

## APR 21 - YAQUINA HEAD OUTSTANDING NATURAL AREA AND NEWPORT

Last night, the stars shone brightly in the heavens. We should have gone to the beach take them in but didn't. It's many years ago, at Nehalem Bay State Park south of Cannon Beach, when we wandered over the dunes in the dark to the water's edge and gazed skyward - an awe-inspiring spectacle we both remember to this day.

The sun was shining again this morning - time to get out and enjoy the lack of rain. On the way into Newport, we visited the Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area. We toured the Visitors Centre then drove to the lighthouse.



It was another beautiful day on the coast!

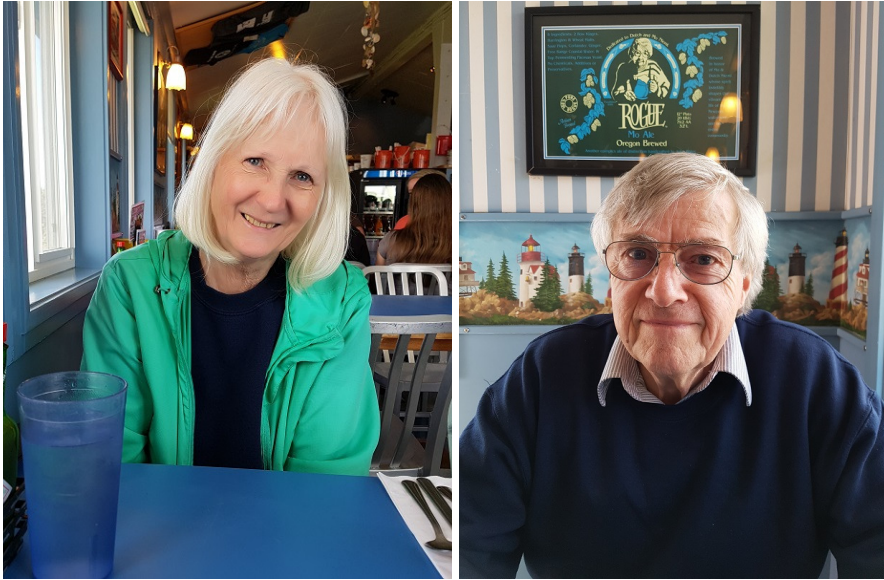


After touring the lighthouse, we continued our drive into Newport and Starbucks. While there we checked our email.

For lunch, we drove north, past Beverly Beach SP, to the Devil's Punchbowl. And there was Mo's, right at the side of the parking lot,



just where it was when we first visited Mo's decades ago on our first camping trip together.  
After a bowl of Slumgullion (J), Chowder and Shrimp (me), we headed back to camp.



While Jen rested, I attended to business. At the beach, the temperature reached 23C in the sunshine. Sadly, the forecast for the coming week is a return to cooler temperatures and dampness.

Tomorrow we head south towards Florence and one of favourite Oregon State Parks - Jessie.M. Honeyman.

Until then.