

## APR 27 - AZALEA GARDEN & CHETCO POINT, BROOKINGS, OR

Well, clear overnight, so cool this morning. But the sunshine is much appreciated!

We met with our awning guy late yesterday afternoon. Installation is scheduled for Friday, so today we have the whole day to ourselves. Off we go! First stop, the Tourist Bureau.

We asked about the condition of Hwy 101 south of here. Not good at all. While we have seen many "patch" jobs on our way here, unfortunately Hwy 101 south of here is another story. California DOT is still repairing the highway so there are, apparently, numerous delays with one-way traffic around the problem areas. Good to ask and we now have an alternate plan to get out of here this weekend.

So we decided the next order of business was a coffee. We stopped at Down Town Coffee Lounge and Café and I could not resist the sound of a fresh sticky bun. (We shared one but I really wished I didn't have to). It was soooo good. Mmmmm, delicious (and not too sweet)!!

After coffee we headed to the Azalea Park. We're a little early - there are many rhodies and azaleas yet to bloom - but the park was very impressive nonetheless.



We walked by Capella by the Sea, a small chapel on the grounds.



Then we strolled through the rhodies and azaleas. Absolutely beautiful!!



Lots more blooms to come.



On the base of the artwork was this dedication.



If the weather stays dry, this park will really be pretty in the next couple of weeks.

Okay, tour guide, where are we off to next? Oh, Chetco Point. Chetco Point is a headland that juts out into the Pacific. It's such a beautiful afternoon; we just have to go have a look.



While Jen waited on the beach I headed up the trail to the top.



I found these guys growing on the windswept top of Chetco Point.



The view from the top was quite spectacular. I took these pictures and also 3 videos.



I walked back down the trail to where Jen was and couldn't stop myself from walking onto the beach to take some more photos. The views are so dramatic.



Walking back along the trail, we wondered which way the prevailing winds blew.



The winds certainly re-arranged my coif!



We headed back to the rig for lunch. While Jen rested I hit the library to work on the blog. Our new awning is installed in the morning. We're looking forward to that!