

Oliver to Hope to Home Jul 25-26

Well, the smoke from the fires in the OK Valley got to Jennie. I visited one college in Penticton, returned to the van, to have Jen ask if we could reschedule our visit to the colleges in Kelowna. Of course!

The smoke hung heavy in the valley; you could just about make out the hills on the other side of Lake Okanagan.

We headed south, took the turn to Keremeos then headed up and over into Princeton. The lake at the top of the first climb was pretty. We stopped and made coffee.

We enjoyed lunch at Thomasina's in Princeton, then up the almighty hill out of Princeton to Hope, BC.

On the way past the mine across the valley, we saw this.

It sure looks like what they take out of the ground, and don't need, they just push to the side of the mountain. It looked disgraceful.



At the western end of the Hope Princeton highway is the Hope Slide. In the early hours of Jan 9, 1965, the mountainside collapsed into the valley killing 4 people. I arrived in Vancouver in late 1967. I remember vividly my first views of the slide in 1968-rocks and boulders everywhere and not a stitch of green (trees, bushes, etc.) anywhere. It was quite the site.



←1965

Today



In Hope, we overnighted in the same campground as we did on the way out. There we met John & Ruby from the Cowichan Valley. They were on their way home too. They had just done a lot of what we had in their PleasureWay class B motorhome.



The next morning we drove into Maple Ridge. I visited a college there, met the director with whom I had dealt with a number of times via email. It was very nice to meet him personally and listen as he said some very nice things about Tusker and the quality of Jen's textbooks.

We decided that trying to visit any more of the colleges in the lower mainland, while dragging the trailer along, was not on, so we headed for the Tsawwassen ferry terminal.

We missed the first sailing, but managed to make it (just) on the next sailing.



We were home, quaffing a Shwartzbok with Betty and Frank, about 3 hours later.

Summary:

We left the Island on Thursday June 7 and returned to the Island Thursday July 26.

Length: 7 weeks

Total mileage: 3,819 miles or 6,110 kms.