

Travel Diary

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11/24/2008	11/28/2008	Lake Louisa State Park (3.1)	Campsite #1. Stayed here because couldn't get in to Fort Wilderness for a Thanksgiving Day weekend at Disney World! - Wed- EPCOT. Mission Space may be the best ride EAK has ever been on. Wendy thought the 2G centrifuge was a bit much. Test Track is fun. - Thu: Magic Kingdom: With Joe and MaryAnn, Margaret and Jim (and Maggie, Kate, and Mary) plus Bill and Jennifer and Michelle. Great day. - Fri: Tday dinner at the Sandes (Lakeland)	880Miles	11.4
9/19/2008	9/21/2008	Clarksville RV Park and Campground (1.2)	Trip up to see RAK on R&R. Went to Grand Ole Opry on Friday, Jazz on the Lawn on Saturday, and Cracker Barrel breakfast on Sunday. What a great trip!	616Miles	11.7
8/29/2008	9/1/2008	Tugaloo State Park (3.2)	Site #73: Property-hunting trip over Labor Day weekend. Campground was completely packed. Site itself was OK -- on the water, although Lake Hartwell was about 15' down. Fair amount of boat traffic on lake, but not obnoxious. Except for the new craze -- waterboarders who have humongous stereo systems on the boat, pointed back at them, blasting out music loud enough that they can hear it (and of course, so can everyone else).	201Miles	10.4
7/31/2008	8/3/2008	Hilton Head Harbor RV Resort and Marina (2.1)	Site #56 (Waterfront). Here for State Bar Environmental Section meeting. Thu p.m. - took Gary Ellis (Winter Env'r) to dinner at Ocean Grill; very nice. Fri - played Palmetto Dunes Robert Trent Jones Course (50/57).. Sat -- dinner at the Crazy Crab -- unbelievably good sea food.	594Miles	10.6
5/23/2008	5/26/2008	Paynes Creek (2.8)	Memorial Day weekend. Site #38. A really nice site, except that we had some refugees from a Jeff Foxworthy routine next to us, complete with 24-hour hot and cold howling mutts. Campground very nice, Lake Hartwell very nice, and several of the sites (see details) would lend themselves to a big family campout. Wendy pulled up the boat and had a great time boating and fishing. CB came along. Ended up tearing my biceps tendon.	238Miles	10.9

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3/21/2008	3/23/2008	Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park (4)	<p>"D" Loop - Site 131. First trip of 2008 season (after a too-sparse 2007 season) (which follows a too-sparse 2006 season). And first trip with new Silverado as tow vehicle (works fine with standard hitch) (good-bye Hensley). And first days off after working 7 days/week for 3 months after forming KGL.</p> <p>Campground only medium-full. (Maybe 8 empty places in "D" loop.) Site 131 is OK, but not as good as 119-area. Lucked out the 133 stayed empty the whole weekend.</p> <p>Spent the first day dewinterizing and cleaning the camper after 9 (!) months of non-use! Saturday was the usual: haul bikes over to Callaway, ride around with Sally in the basket, picnic lunch by the lake.</p>	208Miles	10.8

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6/8/2007	6/18/2007	Piney Campground (Land Between the Lakes) (3.9)	<p>Site #D25 (Full Hookup)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6/8: Arrived and set up; went to the BN Hail & Farewell at LTC Rohling's home. - 6/9: Robert and Laura came out and set up camp. Spent the day familiarizing Robert and Laura with the boat. PM - Engine trouble; barely able to limp home. - 6/10: Cliff and Summer showed up. Biking around the campground, fishing, swimming with the dogs, etc. - 6/11: Mostly spent the day making arrangements for new motor - will be ready on Wednesday. Also running miscellaneous errands. GPS-generated route from Exit 11 to LBL was wonderful--followed the Cumberland River through scenic country and winding roads! - 6/12. Toured around. Wrangler Campground - interesting, but no shade; Barclay Lake State Resort Park - nice golf course, trap range, camping area OK wooded but not great lake access. Dinner at Longhorns with the whole family. - 6/13 Picked up boat; started breakin with new motor. - 6/14. Spent 6+ hours (100 miles) on the lake breaking in the new motor and verifying the locations of marinas. Dinner at Cindy's Catfish Kitchen.. - 6/15. Cliff and Summer came back out. Spent the day out on th boat. Mitzy is definitely a boat pooch. - 6/16. Cliff and I had an unbelievable morning fishing, pulling in white bass as fast as we could throw the line out. Spent the day boating and sitting around. - 6/17. Guided fishing trip--great striper fishing! Cliff and Summer had to leave. Robert and Laura came back out. - 6/18. Robert and I got up early for a fishing trip. Not great luck, and ran into early a.m. thunder storm, which cause us to beat feet off the lack pronto. Eventually hooked up (after worse hook-up experience in the world. No one can hook up a Hensley on a hill/turn!). 	750Miles 11.5
4/6/2007	4/8/2007	Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park (4)	<p>Campsite #115. First trip of 2006-2007 season. Kids were supposed to come down, but none could. Besides, it was cold as a witch's you-know-whatty. Missed Easter service because too cold. Brought bikes, but never took them off the rack. Spent most of the weekend in the trailer, with the heater going full throttle!</p>	211Miles 11.1
8/25/2006	8/27/2006	Clarksville RV Park and Campground (1.2)	<p>Went up, spur of the moment, the weekend after Robert got home. Great time, fun dinners with the kids, and got to tour Land Between the Lakes. What a place! Book a trip to Piney Campground!</p>	597Miles 11

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4/14/2006	4/16/2006	Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park (4)	Site #119. First trip of 2006 season. Way hot (upper80's)! Bill and Jennifer came down and stayed at the Callaway Inn. Spent Saturday riding bikes. Missed Easter sunrise service because EAK forgot to set the alarm! G-r-r-r. But did the Mountain Creek trail instead. Great hike -- except for poor Sally, who ran herself into exhaustion!	209Miles	11.3
9/16/2005	9/18/2005	Clarksville RV Park and Campground (1.2)	Trip to Fort Campbell to get Robert ready for deployment (Cliff had already left on Wednesday). Toured the base. Got to have a couple dinners with Summer. Brought the dog. Good weekend.	611Miles	11.5
8/19/2005	8/21/2005	Clarksville RV Park and Campground (1.2)	First trip to Fort Campbell. Had intended to stay at one of the "Land Between the Lakes" campgrounds, but switched to private "Good Sam" campground only about a mile from Cliff & Summer's. Nice enough place to stay in lieu of a hotel, but basically just a well-equipped parking lot.	598Miles	11.4
7/3/2005	7/3/2005	Keowee-Toxaway State Park (0)	Gettysburg Trip - Leg #5. Typical Kazmarek approach: checked in, set up, decided it was too hot and humid to sit around in the camper when we could be sitting around at home, so we pulled out and headed home! So, it was 258 miles to the park, then 127 home!	385Miles	11.5
7/2/2005	7/3/2005	Fort Chiswell RV Park (2)	Gettysburg Trip - Leg 4: Just an overnight stop on the way home.	329Miles	11.5

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6/28/2005	7/2/2005	Drummer Boy Campground (3.3)	<p>Gettysburg Trip Part 3. Site #143. Very nice private campground. Most sites are very wooder and private (site #143 is an exception, although it's not bad).</p> <p>- Tuesday (6/28): Toured the Gettysburg NBF Visitor Center and Cyclorama. Wendy's great great great great something-or-another (Oliver Willcox Norton) is all over the place; mos of the rangers know him by name. We bought one of his books that they sell in the Visitor Center.</p> <p>- Wednesday (6/29): Horseback ride in the morning. Wendy rode Skippy. Isn't that apropos Skip was on Buster, an enourmous horse, so big he had to get off of it kid-style, by laying sprawle across the saddle and sliding down to the ground. Afternoon spent doing the auto-audio tour. And crying. This place is too moving.</p> <p>- Thursday (6/30). After driving around trying to figure out what to do with Sally all day tomorrow (no good options), we spent the day touring the NBF with the audio-auto tour, this time stopping at each of the major memorials and battle scenes. Found O.W. Norton's 83rd PA memorial. The Southern memorials are far better. Both of us spent most of the day teary-eyed.</p> <p>- Friday (7/1). Walked around the various vendors, toured the reenactor camps, and then watched the artillery demo. After returning to the camper to deal with Sally, returned to watch the reenactment of the opening day of battle. Watching the reenactment puts a whole new perspective on how the battles unfolded.</p>	184 Miles	12.3
6/26/2005	6/28/2005	Big Meadows (Shenandoah National Park) (3.9)	<p>Gettysburg Trip - Leg #2. Handled the road up to Skyline Drive OK, although didn't break any speed records. Handled Skyline Drive just fine.. Site # H-214. Shenandoah NP is great! Did a 3. mi hike to Lewis Falls, and did the campfire program (on wildflowers) that night. Also checked out Loft Mountain and ##name## campgrounds; Big Meadows is the best. Toured Luray Caverns, and it was great, well worth it!</p>	184 Miles	10.8
6/25/2005	6/26/2005	Claytor Lake State Park (2.2)	<p>Gettysburg Trip - Leg 1. Handled the I-77 hill (7% for 7 miles) just fine; 2nd gear yielded a comfortable 45-50 mph. Site # D-20. Circuit breaker kept tripping with TT AC on; turned out not to be a problem because night was relatively cool. Loop "D" is more like an RV park than a campground. Seems like it would be a good campground for kids. Sally went swimming in lake.</p>	381 Miles	10.8

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5/8/2005	5/11/2005	Topsail Hill Preserve State Park (2.8)	EAK Solo. Site #84. Trip to Destin/Tallahassee for SLF work. Spent 2 nights at Topsail Hill, then one night at Tallahassee West KOA (where I have a one-night credit; see Matt) due to moving rig to Big Oak RV Park in Tallahassee, then day parked at Big Oak before driving home until midnight! Weird trip.	840Miles 10.7
4/29/2005	5/1/2005	Cloudland Canyon State Park (3.9)	East Rim, Site #55. Near cabins, but nice sloping green field out the back door; only 2 other campers. West Rim campsites may be a little more secluded. Left ATL at 2:30 pm and seemed to be in surprisingly heavy traffic all the way through Chattanooga. Saturday hiked to both waterfalls (waterfall #2 has approx. 337 steps back up! So do #1 first!); Sunday hiked to the promitory on West Rim (maybe 2.5 mi round trip?).	266Miles 11.3
4/5/2005	4/9/2005	Sunset King Lake Resort (2)	EAK Solo. Site #H-18. Stayed here during SLF pro bono case because Spring Break had filled up all hotels and all nearby state parks. First trip (and perhaps last) to an "RV Park." (See campground report.) Trip down was a nightmare -- discovered a major gash in front tire (a blowout waiting to happen) just after I passed through the one-lane head-to-head zone of US-431 south of Phenix City. As the song goes, "I wish I didn't know now what I didn't know then." And, on Wednesday night, I got to hear that there was a tornado spotted, 24 miles west of the campground, moving east at 35 mph. Hmmm. But, on the upside, visited Robert on the way back.	665Miles 10.7
3/25/2005	3/27/2005	Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park (4)	Site #113. Great trip over Easter weekend -- sort of a tag team sequence of kids. Cliff and Summer showed up around noon on Friday, staying until noon on Saturday. Jennifer and Bill showed up late morning on Saturday, staying through dinner. And Robert and Laura showed up around dinner on Saturday, staying through mid-day on Sunday! Went bike riding with Jennifer and Bill on Saturday afternoon, then with Robert and Laura on Sunday morning. The skies opened up right after that ... and stayed opened up through the ride home, which took nearly 7 hours!	212Miles 10.7

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3/12/2005	3/13/2005	Pottery Campground (2.9)	Site #7. Decided on spur of moment to do Spring shakedown and dewatering trip at Commerce and check out the outlet malls at the same time. It's a surprisingly nice campground and a great place to go for a shakedown! Ate at the Applebee's near Tanger II (West side of I-85). Only 5 vehicles in campground on Saturday night. Will definitely come back again! First trip with Hensley Arrow hitch -- what an incredible invention. Assuming I can figure out the hitching and unhitching part, I'll never go back to a conventional hitch again.	132Miles 11.3
11/11/2004	11/14/2004	Topsail Hill Preserve State Park (2.8)	Site #71. Good site, but not the best. A little open, with too much of a view of other RVs and surprising amount of noise from Hwy 98. Thursday -- Had a great walk (in the rain) to the beach (about a 15-20 minute walk), which is beautiful. Ate dinner at "Bayou Bill's Crab House" (only about a mile away), and Skip got to have Dungeness crab! Friday -- Took Highway 98 past Hurricane Ivan damage (which was impressive, but not as widespread as we thought). Visited Naval Aviation Museum, which is terrific. Drove back on I-10, which turned into three-hour trip because the bridge is still out and I-10 was down to one lane. Robert arrived around 7:30. Saturday -- Great Blue Angels Homecoming air show; weather was overcast with low ceilings, which limited the aerial displays, but not the enthusiasm. Sunday -- The Highway 231 route through Dothan is much better than 331 through Montgomery.	684Miles 10.3
10/22/2004	10/24/2004	Tugaloo State Park (3.2)	Site #6; probably one of the best sites. Campground 100% full, which seemed surprising for the end of October. Boat noise is supposedly bad on lake, but was not for us (perhaps because weather was cloudy, rainy for one day). Sally went after a skunk--fortunately for everyone (especially her), she didn't catch it. All things considered, a pretty good campground, at least on days when the boats aren't out. (Plus, there's a Flying J a mere 30 miles away, just in case one has to run to the WiFi hotspot to download stupid files from stupid work!)	187Miles 11.1
10/11/2004	10/12/2004	Tallahulah River Campground (3.9)	Site #3. First boondocking trip, and special EAK/CAK trip after CAK's return from Iraq. Over Mon-Tues of Columbus Day weekend, of 17 campsites, one was occupied by Host, two others by trailers, one by tent (who left just as we got there). Drove up dirt road to Tate Branch Campground (which had only one occupant); it's no better than Tallulah River, and it's a long 3-mile drive. Cliff says that Summer would love the Tallulah River Campground, so we'll plan a trip when they're down here for ICC (March to Jun 2005).	257Miles 10.6

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9/24/2004	9/26/2004	Trackrock Campground (4)	Site #43. Invited to go along as part of Jack and Mary Martin's "RV Gang." First trip to Trackrock, and what a wonderful surprise! This may be the campground that breaks our ban on private campgrounds. We were part of a group of about 8 families, with 40 people total. The outing culminated in the traditional Saturday night "fish fry," which in turn completely obliterated our attempt at the South Beach Diet. The best part was the fried biscuits, filled with honey, although the apple "dump cake" was a close second!	208Miles	10.9
8/20/2004	8/22/2004	Black Rock Mountain State Park (3.2)	First trip to Black Rock Mountain. A pretty nice, but not great, campground. There were some beautiful overlooks, but the best part was that the temperature at the campground was, no kidding 10 degrees cooler than that at Mountain City 1600 feet below. NOTE: Mileage was an average of 9.4 (!) up and 13.1 (!) on the way back. Go figure.	209Miles	11.2
5/14/2004	5/16/2004	Fort Mountain State Park (3.7)	Site #51 (Handicapped site, but they insisted). Our first trip to this campground, and we cannot imagine why we never discovered it before. By far the best place we've been to in Georgia, and equal to many of the sites out west. Our new favorite campground.	182Miles	10.1
4/23/2004	4/25/2004	Doll Mountain (Carters Lake) (3.2)	Site #46. Not that great. The campground itself was OK, but the banks are really steep and it's not easy to get to the lake anywhere. There's not much to do in the campground itself. Overall, go somewhere else.	132Miles	11.8
3/19/2004	3/21/2004	Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park (4)	Site #119 -- first time in that area. Great site! #121 might be a little better, but this was terrific. And ran into Jack and Mary Martin, along with their whole contingent. And, Wendy pedaled her rear-end all over Callaway!	186Miles	11.8
11/19/2003	11/22/2003	Skidaway Island State Park (4)	Site #60. EAK came down for various Savannah MGP activities, so we hauled down the RV and made a vacation of it. Great park! Hiked the nature trail, went to 8th Air Force Museum, Ft. Stewart Museum. Chose site #60 (rather than 54 or 55) so that alligators wouldn't eat the camper. We might think about reconsidering that logic on our next trip. Only problem -- Savannah has terrible traffic, so getting to and from the park at rush hour is a nightmare.	744Miles	11.4
9/4/2003	9/6/2003	Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park (4)	Campsite #4. Note quite as good as #6, but it was taken. Down here for EAK MLA partner meeting; WWK came down to relax, read, hang around the dog, and generally do nothing.	196Miles	11.4

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8/11/2003	8/12/2003	Duckett Mill Campground (Lake Lanier) (3)	Prior to Cliff's first deployment, said all he really wanted to do is go camping.	100Miles	11
7/31/2003	8/2/2003	Fort Clinch State Park (Amelia Island, FL) (3.2)	EAK Solo. Site #42 (Amelia River area). Stayed there during annual State Bar Summer meeting. Area is pretty hot during Augusta, but the Amelia River sites are nicely shaded. Campground is quite, with lots of trails, bike paths, bird watching areas, beach, fishing pier, etc. Would be a great park during the winter. First long trip towing the trailer -- went fine, even on I-75 and I-95 traffic, several doozie boomers, and navigating in and out of unknown gas stations and restaurants.	767Miles	11.7
5/30/2003	6/1/2003	Duckett Mill Campground (Lake Lanier) (3)		100Miles	11
5/16/2003	5/18/2003	Bald Ridge Creek Campground (2.8)	Site number #25 (pull-thru, although it's not indicated as such on the website). Friday drive on Ga-400 at 6:00 not too bad. Site on the water steep, wooded site but with close access to waterfront trail. Campground ~1/3 to 1/2 full, but quiet. Only problem is that south end of Lake Lanier is full of jet skis, hot rod boats, and other menaces. This was our Ron Blue goal-setting weekend. Spent 5 hours Saturday night watchin "Prairie House" on PBA. Rained a lot Saturday night and most of the day on Sunday.	98Miles	11.6
4/11/2003	4/13/2003	Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park (4)	Area #1/Site 6. Best site in the park! Shakedown cruise in new Forest River Surveyor SV260. Campground entirely full (combination of Spring Break and peak of Callaway flower season, although maybe a tad early). Tons of young families with pop-ups and tents, plus healthy number of motorhomes and trailers. Hiked Mountain Creek trail, with detour to CCC hatchery ponds (3.6 miles).	179Miles	11.8
2/9/2003	2/10/2003	Stone Mountain Park (2.8)	Trail "O", #394 (might not be the best site in summer since next to Water Taxi parking area). Rate: \$27 + \$7 per vehicle entrance fee to park. (Rented Thor/Chateau 28A, enroute back to Camping Time RV from FDR State Park).	Miles	
2/7/2003	2/9/2003	Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park (4)	Rented Thor/Chateau 28A Class C: Area #1/Site 3. Mostly empty - ~8 RVs. Visited Little White House State Historic Site (\$5 fee); very interesting. Visited Callaway Gardens (\$25+); need at least a full day, maybe more if going to hike trails, ride bike path, spend time at exhibits, etc. Would be a great place during the winter.	Miles	
<i>Total miles to date:</i>				13520 Miles	