

Dear Friends,

Greetings from **San Luis Obispo, California.**

First of all, we hope that all of the mothers out there had a great Mother's Day yesterday. We went into downtown San Luis Obispo and Donna opted for burgers and beer at the Laguna Grill. We have discovered a new beer called Double Barrel Ale made by Firestone Brewing. This is a first rate brew, at least on draft, and we recommend it to all.

There is so much to see and do around San Luis Obispo that it would have taken more than the two weeks we had allocated. For example, about 60 miles south is the Danish town of **Svang**. Quite local is **Pismo Beach, Avila Beach, and Morro Bay**. A little further north one can visit the historic town of **Cayucos** which has a lovely beach. Further north still is a rocky coast populated by elephant seals. Also north on Highway 1 is **Hearst Castle**.

We have been parked for a little over two weeks on the land of our longtime friends (more than 50 years,) **Paul and Marie**. Chuck and Paul worked together at Ampex Corporation and later at Vidar Corporation. It's been a lovely visit with generally gorgeous weather. What a treat to get away from the high winds and dust of this year's desert visit.



The motorhome and Honda Fit parked at Paul and Marie's.

Notice that the patio side of the motorhome is nestled into the pepper trees which provided a delightful shaded area.



Motorhome at Paul and Marie's.

The wind and dust was so high this year in the desert that we almost never got a chance to bar-b-que. But in this cozy little spot, bar-b-queing was delightful.

As luck would have it, Chuck's cousin **Paul** and his wife **Ellie**, just happened to be camping in their RV with their old college hiking pals at **Morro Bay State Park**. We took a ride out to visit with them for a few hours and see the state park, which we might add, is very nice, but in our judgment, overpriced.



Cousin Paul and Ellie at Morro Bay State Park.

We also had the chance to spend a lovely afternoon in the nearby town of **Nipomo** visiting with our new friends, **Bruce and Mary**. Nipomo has some very lovely farm land and Bruce and Mary have horses, cows, and chickens.

In a few hours, we will also have the treat of drinks and dinner with **Marilyn** who used to work with Chuck at the University of Santa Clara. Marilyn and her husband, **Dusty**, have permanently moved to Avila Beach. Marilyn and Dusty have been friends for more than 40 years. Yeah, we know, Chuck is in reminiscent mode, but he will recover.



Historic town of Cayucos.



Chuck at Cayucos Pier built in 1875.

Well, we told you that Cayucos was a historic beach town. How about this pier? It was built in 1875. They did good work in those days.



The Smoke House Restaurant in Cayucos.

There's lots of good food in Cayucos. Paul and Ellie took us to a delightful lunch of smoked fish tacos at the Smoke House. Donna had a smoked salmon taco and Chuck had a grilled shrimp taco. We washed it all down with a couple of beers while listening to the guitar player. Hey, life doesn't get any better than this!

It's time to sign off and go back to work. Tomorrow afternoon we're on the road again and expect to arrive in **Redding, California**, on May 12. On May 13, we are hooking up with a lot of our old Trinity County friends at the **La Grange restaurant** and bar for happy hour. So, Trinity friends, be there or be square.

Until next time, home is where we park it.

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