

Dear Friends,

Greetings from **Harrisburg, Oregon**.

We are sad to say that we are still in Camp Monaco in Harrisburg, Oregon. Progress on the coach is continuing, but at a snail's pace. Monaco farmed out our paint work to Guaranty in Junction City so we spent two days sitting in Guaranty's waiting room. Boy, those were long days. Now we are back at Camp Monaco waiting for our sidewall decals to arrive. They are supposed to be here the first week of November. Will they show up? Will they be the right ones? Will Monaco install them promptly? Who knows! For now, our life is in limbo. We intend to stay here and harass Monaco until everything is completed.

When last you heard from us, we had just completed our tour of the fabulous **Butchart Gardens**. After that, we hopped on our double decker bus and continued our tour of the city of **Victoria** on **Vancouver Island**. The various neighborhoods were interesting and worth seeing. Our bus tour ended back at the beautiful Victoria Inner Harbor. We walked to one of the many harbor restaurants and had a nice lunch. With a couple of hours to kill before the ferry back to **Port Angeles**, we chose to see more of the beautiful inner harbor by a cute little water taxi.



**Empress Hotel as seen from a water taxi.**

All around the shoreline of Victoria's Inner Harbor there are interesting things to see and do. Expensive condos, beautiful hotels and restaurants, beautiful boat harbors, sea plane docks, floating homes both large and small, museums and government buildings. The harbor itself is very active. Sea planes and tour boats are constantly coming and going. Below is a picture of a community of very expensive floating homes. Over a million dollars each and often with yachts. Microsoft owns one of these floating homes.



**Expensive floating homes in Victoria's Inner Harbor.**

Much of the inner harbor has a lovely promenade that allows a person to walk between attractions. The picture below is taken from the promenade and shows one of the harbors in the foreground. The large white boat in the middle of the photo is actually permanently moored in that location and has a glass bottom which allows tourists to view the sea life of the inner harbor. A scuba diver goes down to feed the fish on a regular schedule making the viewing more interesting. The building just to the left of the glass bottom boat is a wax museum.



**One of the small boat harbors of Victoria's Inner Harbor.**

Along the promenade is a wide selection of entertainers and vendors. Some offer music, others art,

jugglers, jewelry makers, basket weavers, pantomime, and others for which we have no description. Below is what appeared to be a bronze statue of a cowgirl. In reality, it was a young lady who had every inch of herself spray painted. She had the amazing ability to remain absolutely motionless. She didn't move a muscle. You couldn't even see her breathe. Occasionally her eyes would follow a tourist walking by. It blew them away. It was fun to stand back and watch her work. At the bottom of our photo you will see a bronze cup for tips. Boy, she earned them.



**Bronze cowgirl.**

After the water taxi tour, we walked back to the main ferry terminal and boarded the Victoria Express for our trip back to Port Angeles. It was nice to settle in to the comfortable seats of the ferry as we were worn out from walking the Gardens and the harbor. As you can tell, we saw a lot in one day, but if we were to do it again, we would stay overnight in Victoria and make it a two day trip. We got off the ferry, rushed to our motorcycle, and gassed it hard back to the motorhome in **Sequim**, pushing the speed limit as total darkness was imminent.

While parked in Sequim, we met **Bill and Arlene**, a delightful RV couple parked near us. They insisted that we had to see an unusual attraction quite near our park. They kindly offered to drive us there in their car. Well, the word unusual doesn't even begin to describe the home and grounds of a local character. Over years and years, this artistic fellow built a castle and carved dozens and dozens of trolls. These were major carvings, some more than six feet tall! This is a real castle complete with

dungeon. The artist no longer lives there so if you and your friends want to rent it, you can.  
<http://www.trollhaven.org/>

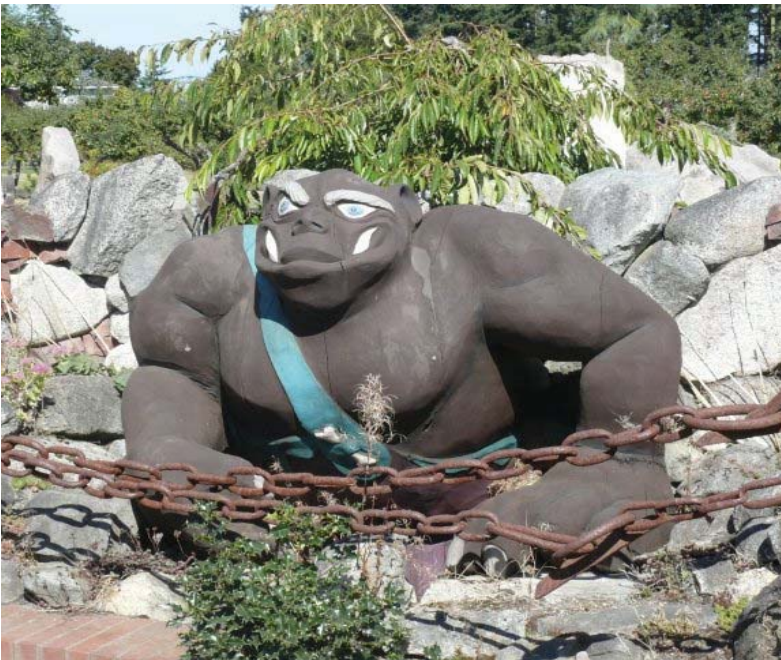


**Castle at Bandy's Troll Haven, Gardiner Road, Sequim, WA.**

The castle is actually quite large and the above photo definitely does not show all of it. Likewise, the two troll pictures below are nothing more than a drop in the bucket. There are trolls everywhere. Fence posts are carved into trolls. Support beams are carved into trolls. Free standing trolls are all over the property and in the properties of some of the neighbors. It is absolutely mind blowing. In spite of the uniqueness, there are no tours and, in fact, visitors are not really welcome. Other than the website, there is virtually no advertising. Certainly without Bill and Arlene, we would have never seen this unusual property.



Hand carved troll at Bandy's Troll Haven.



Another troll at Bandy's Troll Haven.



Interesting plaque hanging over one of the doorways.

Our stay in Sequim was limited to the two weeks that we could spend free at **Diamond Point RV Resort**. There was so much more to see that we will definitely have to return. But enough for now.

A couple of newsletters ago we told you about a new Internet marketing company that we were involved with. Recall that all the selling work was done by an automated computer system. We are happy to report that the system is working as advertised and our checks are coming in. If you'd like to make a couple extra bucks a week, we strongly suggest that you take a free tour of the system. Without spending a dime, you can watch as the system builds you an actual organization.

Take a look for yourself at [www.freedemo.me](http://www.freedemo.me)

We write these travelogues to document our travels so that we can remember where we've been and reminisce a bit. We also write them for your entertainment in the hope that it will encourage you to get back to us and let us know what's happening in your lives. So, please, write, email, or phone and say hello.

Until next time, home is where we park it.

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