

Swap it Backward

Well, you've probably heard of the "Pay it Forward" idea where someone in the drive-thru line at a restaurant pays for their order and the order for the car in line behind them... It is certainly a nice gesture. I must admit, I have never done that, and it has never been done for me, but... today I think I may have found a new (and similar) thing, and I may call it the "Swap it Backward" movement.

To help celebrate the 2nd Annual Slawburger Festival in Fayetteville, I drove over to Ken's Fast Foods and ordered three slawburgers for Nancy and me -- and 2 orders of fries. Nancy wasn't feeling very well, so I was going to buy the food and drive 7-8 miles back home to eat it with her. The restaurant was insanely crowded -- after all, this was the day of the 2nd Annual Slawburger Festival. It took quite a while, but I waited patiently for my order to be filled and chatted with some of my fellow customers.

Finally, I received my sack of goodness, and after almost forgetting my Large Sweet Tea, I dashed out the door and headed south. Before I left, I took a quick peek into the bag -- I saw some fries and some burgers -- looks good to me! On the way home, the glorious aroma of slawburgers filled the car, and it was all I could do to keep myself from ripping open that bag and scarfing down some of their fries.

Everything had gone so smoothly -- I should have known something weird was going to happen. When I got home, I plopped the bag of goodness onto the kitchen counter and began un-packing it. Oh boy! One slawburger, two slawburgers, three -- wait a minute -- four, five -- hold on now -- six, seven! What in the world?!? But only one order of fries! And wait a minute -- one of those slawburgers is really a fish sandwich in disguise (what manner of person would order a fish sandwich at the 2nd Annual Slawburger Festival?), and another was actually a chicken sandwich. It was too late and too far to drive back to the restaurant... So we just enjoyed our alternative lunch, and stuck the leftovers in the fridge. And the fish sandwich -- actually, it was pretty good!

But after all of this bountiful feast, it occurred to me, someone out there is going to be very disappointed with their 2nd Annual Slawburger Festival experience -- possibly 5-6 people! Whoever got the lunch I bought is going to feel a little short-changed. Oh well, I guess that is the way the "Swap it Backward" thing works. Sometimes you win, and sometimes they win. Today, we won!

(By the way, if you ordered 5 slawburgers, one fish sandwich, one chicken sandwich, and an order of fries -- I'm sorry, but it was delicious!)

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