

Our Trip to Bend, Oregon



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Hi Everyone,
Just thought
I'd share the
latest trip I got
to make, and
of course the
photos I
took. This time
the job sent
Clyde to the
Bend, Oregon
area. This is
considered
Central
Oregon. I did
not know this; I
thought I was
in Eastern
Oregon! LOL.
Again, I got to
ride along and
keep my
husband
company while
he

worked. This time we did not use the company van, which is not allowed if spouses want to ride along. We used my car this time. I kind of hated putting the miles on my vehicle, but I really enjoy going out and about with Clyde and getting to see new people, places, and things like that. Anyways, Bend is in the High Desert. We are talking elevations ranging from above 3,000 feet up to around 4,500 feet. So, I don't know what in the world I was expecting, but gee, there was a lot of ICE! I live in an area where it is really much colder than where I came from in California, but

truly when you
get down to it,
still pretty
moderate
temperatures.
We've had a
few freezes,
and some
snow. But,
really it's been
a fairly mild
winter. I had
no idea that if
you just drive
20 miles east
of Roseburg
and into a little
town called
Glide what a
difference in
temperature it
is. By the time
we reached
that area on
our way to
Bend, we were
seeing ice on
the ground,
and on other
things. It was
frozen fog. And
frozen fog
seemed to be
the theme of
this weekend
we took in
Bend. We
stopped in
Glide at the
Colliding
Rivers Ranger
Station to use
their boys and
girls rooms.
And Clyde
noted that I

had seen that
awesome
spider web. I
had stopped to
look at the ice
on the leaves
of the
manzanita
there, and had
not seen the
spider web.
So, I had to go
back and
look. And then
after I saw it I
had to take a
picture! Then
as I tried to get
the picture, I
told him to
move that
dang car! Who
wants a car in
a spider web
photo? LOL...

So here are
the pics I took
at the Ranger

Station: <http://i192.photobucket.com/albums/z177/pegrowe62/jan2009/freezingfog01.jpg>
<http://i192.photobucket.com/albums/z177/pegrowe62/jan2009/frozenfog09.jpg>
<http://i192.photobucket.com/albums/z177/pegrowe62/jan2009/frozenfog10.jpg>

Another, two
thousand feet up
in elevation and
we hit snow. So,
that by the time
we were around
Crater Lake, we
had snow almost
up to the roof of
my vehicle. We
lost our fog
somewhere
around the top of
mountain at
Crater Lake. And

we kept it until
we reached just
outside of
Bend. Once we
were there, we
realized that
there was frozen
fog on
everything! But,
it is a four hour
trip over there
from here and by
the time we got
there it was
almost dark, so
we got dinner
and our room
and we settled in
for the evening...
Just in time for
him to get a call
in Redmond (19
miles away) and
then another in
Bend....Such is
the life of an
ATM repairman!
LOL We
wondered if the
would still be
around the next
morning and it
was. He had a
call by 6:30 in
the morning, so
we were up and
at-em pretty
early. Unfortunat
ely it was a
cloudy day. I
really don't like
taking pics on
cloudy
days... but, I took
some, and I
think they turned

out really
good. The ice on
Sunday was
even thicker
than it had been
the day
before. Here are
those pics: <http://i192.photobucket.com/albums/z177/pegrowe62/jan2009/frozenfog02.jpg>
<http://i192.photobucket.com/albums/z177/pegrowe62/jan2009/frozenfog03.jpg>
<http://i192.photobucket.com/albums/z177/pegrowe62/jan2009/frozenfog05.jpg>
<http://i192.photobucket.com/albums/z177/pegrowe62/jan2009/frozenfog06.jpg>
These were all
taken from within a
parking lot of a
bank in Redmond,
Oregon. Here is
some of the
proof. My beloved
calling the network
to see how the
ATM was
responding to what
he was doing: <http://i192.photobucket.com/albums/z177/pegrowe62/jan2009/clydeatm.jpg>
I wondered if
Monday we
would get up
and go home,
or if he would
work his eight
hours and then
we'd go home
or what. It
turned out that
he had two
calls in Bend,
and one in
Redmond and
then
nothing. The
day before
we'd gone
from Redmond
to Klamath
Falls, we were
kept busy all
day. When you

have nothing
to do, and no
home to go
home to, you
kind of sit and
be bored. Until
you think of
something to
do. Clyde took
me to
Peterson's
Rock
Museum. You
should be able
to Google that
if you want to
know more.
But, basically
this guy
named Rufus
Peterson had
some kind of
obsession or
something with
rocks, and he
made this little
rockery
wonderland
outside of
Redmond,
Oregon. He's
long gone
now, and from
what I
understand his
descendants
still own the
place. But, the
place is in
disrepair. Clyd
e got upset at
all the hard
work being let
go. You know,
I think the cold
(like 23

degrees!) and
the ice made
for some
awesome
photographs. I
could imagine
these little
gnomes or
elves living
their lives in
these tiny little
buildings on
the
property. Most
of the buildings
you will see in
the pictures
are less than a
foot tall. I think
I got some
good pics..

here you go: <http://i192.photobucket.com/albums/z177/pegrowe62/jan2009/rockgarden06.jpg>
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<http://i192.photobucket.com/albums/z177/pegrowe62/jan2009/rockgarden11.jpg>
<http://i192.photobucket.com/albums/z177/pegrowe62/jan2009/rockgarden12.jpg>
<http://i192.photobucket.com/albums/z177/pegrowe62/jan2009/rockgarden03.jpg>

After we were
done here, we
actually sat in
different parking
lots until three
o'clock, when a
call for Coos Bay
came in. That is
another two
hours past our
home – in the
direction of
home. Since we
had to drive
home after a
regular day
anyways, he
called dispatch

and told them we
were done sitting
and waiting, there
had been no
more calls since
the morning. He
said he'd take
the call to Coos
Bay! Egads! I
want you to know
we did not get
home until
midnight! He's a
more dedicated
fellow than I am!
On the way home
it was a pink
sunset, and the
way it reflected
off of Diamond
Peak and Mt.
Thielson was just
... well, Wow! But
we could not get
a really good
clear shot of
either
mountain. Eventu-
ally, I just picked
a spot where it
looked like I'd
get some view of
Mount Thielson
and asked Clyde
to stop for me. I
took three shots,
by the time I had
the third shot
taken the
beautiful pink
sunset was
gone. Even in the
two that I did get
the pink is so
close to gone that
you can barely

see it. But, I still
think it's a pretty
shot. So, I will
share it. I hope
you enjoy it. <http://i192.photobucket.com/albums/z177/pegrowe62/jan2009/MtThielsen.jpg>
Have a great day! Peg