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Hello (see picture).

While in the Pacific Northwest (again) my colleague (Mike) & I found ourselves, by no fault of our own, with nothing to do today. Of course, for me that spells Road Trip. Since Mike had the rental car, he had no choice but to drive.

Our road trip began (see lower right of map) at our hotel in Bremerton Washington. We first crossed the Hood Canal and stopped at John Wayne Marina, where I needed to get a picture of the Olympic Venture (see picture). I've ridden the OV twice in the past but didn't have any pictures. The marina is named after the Duke because he donated the property that is now the marina. He used to keep his yacht (the Wild Goose, <http://www.hornblower.com/yacht.asp?port=nb&id=63>) here, and his family still owns much of the property in the area.

Next we went on the "Dungeness Scenic Loop" to get a picture of "New" Dungeness Light House (<http://www.newdungenesslighthouse.com/> - not to be confused with "Old" Dungeness Light House in Kent England) for our lighthouse groupie friends.

Then it was on to Ediz Hook to see the Bert Thomas International Swim Marker (good old Bert was the first to successfully swim the Straits of Juan DeFuca from Ediz Hook to Victoria, Canada in 1955) and to get a shot of Port Angeles with the mountains in the background. Mike (the driver) became the newest member of the Olympia Club after having his picture taken at the marker. As a founding club member (along with Bret Corey, also on the Postcard List) I waived the initiation requirement of chugging an Olympia Beer at the site. After all, Mike was driving.

We then followed the beautiful coastline (see picture) to Neah Bay. That was as far as we could go, the roads from that point were not suitable for cars.

Neah Bay is on the Makah Indian Reservation. It reminds me of places like Alaska & Scotland. The town appeared to be mostly supported by the fishing industry, and we experienced rain, snow, sleet, hail, sunshine and rainbows for

the brief period we were in town. Sorry, but the weather prevented me from getting any good photos at Neah Bay.

On the return trip, we cut through the very Northern edge of Olympic National Park, where we drove along the South Bank of Lake Crescent. Again the weather kept me from getting pictures, but the truth is that no picture could capture the natural beauty there.

Cheers,
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COMMEMORATING THE HISTORIC
INTERNATIONAL SWIM OF

BERT THOMAS

FROM THIS POINT TO VICTORIA, B.C.
ON JULY 8, 1955

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PORT ANGELES, WASHINGTON



