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Aloha from Aloha Hell (see attached).

I'm back here in Hawaii, again. Some of you might think that I'm lucky to be here, especially after the snowfall we've had in the mid-Atlantic. But if you've been here as many times as I've been, you might think different. Given the choice, I'd rather be home pulling myself a pint of Guinness.

Just a short visit, I'm on my way to my next destination early Monday Morning.

You may have noticed that I've been creating a lot of time-lapse video lately. Well this trip is no exception. The first thing I did when I arrived was to set up HawaiiCAM on the balcony of my hotel. Here is a video of one frame every ten seconds, played back at 30 frames per second. It begins at around 6PM on Friday evening and goes until just before Sunrise on Sunday morning. The road is the North entrance to Waikiki Beach. For those of you who are familiar with the area, it's where Kuhio splits from Kalakaua. In the lower left is a gas station.

<http://igx.net/Video/HawaiiCAM/HawaiiCAMBalcony100219-10Sec30FPS.wmv>

If you were wondering, yes, it's loud.

I didn't have any work to do today (Sunday), so I went on a road trip just to capture the island on video. Beginning at Waikiki Beach at nearly the Southernmost tip of the Island (see attached map), I drove up the East Coast of Oahu, to the North end of the island, then on to the Northwest corner to Dillingham Airfield where, if you remember, I took on a glider ride last June. The road ends there, so I turned around and came down through the center of the island. Before getting to Honolulu, I got on the Likelike Highway (pronounced lee-key-lee-key), went through the Likelike Tunnel, then doubled back on Intrastate (it can't be an Interstate, there are no connecting states) H3 through another tunnel. >From there I went to the West coast and went as far North as the road would take me, then back to my hotel. It took 8 hours with stops, and I travelled 215 miles. The satellite image shows the terrain, and why you just can't go from the East side of the island directly to the West. As you watch the video, you'll see planes, trains and automobiles, along with two wheelers, four wheelers, buses, a cruise ship, gliders, skydivers (you have to look real close to see the skydivers), and a runaway horse. And I caught a rainbow.

<http://igx.net/Video/HawaiiCAM/HawaiiCAMRoadTrip100221-1Sec30FPS.wmv>

But these roads were all roads I've travelled before. While here I had to do something I haven't done yet.....

....back in the late 60's until 1980 there was a TV show called Hawaii Five-O. It was a cop drama starring Jack Lord as a police detective in Honolulu. Many of the episodes used the Ilikai Hotel for scenes, and in fact the opening theme had a fly-by of the Ilikai Hotel where Jack Lord was standing on a penthouse balcony of the Ilikai. I remember seeing the Ilikai the first time I went to Hawaii in 1979, and I had always wondered what it was like inside....

Tonight I had dinner at the "Top of the I," an Italian restaurant called Sarento's. It was exquisite. Glass elevator to the top of the hotel, with a breathtaking view of Honolulu and Waikiki. From my table I was looking down on penthouse suites at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Undoubtably the most I've ever spent on a meal, and worth every cent. My only regret was that Denise wasn't here to experience it with me.

Cheers,
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