

## LOOKING AT THE SANDMAN

Even though we were looking forward to entering the USA, we felt that we must experience Cultus Lake. Here is located, among other attractions, the only Thousand Trails Preserve in Canada. This time of the year, we got right in, as it is a small park and is very crowded in the summertime. It is a beautiful park with lots of large old trees, and setting at the foot of some tall mountains.



We had heard about Harrison Hot Springs, and there happened to be the International Sand Sculpture Contest in progress. From all over the world come sand artists to compete in this event. There were some of the most amazing sculptures in sand that we had ever seen. They ranged from Lewis and Clark statues to Frankenstein. They last for about 5 weeks, barring any vandalism.

The weather was clear the two days we stayed, and it looks like it will stay clear for the next few. We left today, the 18<sup>th</sup> of Sept. and drove a short day to La Conner, WA.

We are in the same park that we left, six weeks ago. There are noticeably less people staying here this time of year. Blackberry bushes, or maybe boysenberry bushes surround our site, as well as a lot of the other ones. The berries are just turning ripe now, so I went out and picked a good quart of them. We had some for dinner tonight. Yum!

This time is a good time to kick back and tend to some chores, like change the oil in the vehicles and such.

We should be here until Sunday, then we will head down the coast, stopping to see many friends on the way down.

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