

FOUND HIM!

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Armed with the coordinates of this statue in our GPS roadmap we drove to the city of Loveland, CO. He was originally carved in town, by a lake, but our map flag said, go on, out of town.

We turned on a dirt road where the map indicator said, and there was no statue! Of course there was no place to turn around, so we had to unhook the car, and when we turned around, there he was, in the middle of a field!

Along came a rancher, who stopped, and he told us that the statue was indeed in town, but the termites were attacking it. The city wanted it removed and a rancher bought it and put it in his field to preserve it. This field is 8 miles out of town, on the way to Estes Park.



Having extra time, we decided to drive on. The city of North Platte, NE was on our route, and we had been informed that the railroad yard was something to see. As we found out, this yard is the largest classification yard in the world. What this means is that trains from the West Coast, (and other areas) are brought in and pushed to the top of an incline, where the individual cars are coasted, and directed by computer to a myriad of tracks, and built up into trains to different cities to the East. We have similar operations in Colton and Barstow, but not of this magnitude. There are 2500 employees working for the railroad in this town.

We are proceeding East to Lincoln, NE and are presently stopping at a park named Mormon Lake in Grand Island, NE. The weather now is very hot and humid.

Dave & Bonnie

