

SKOOKUMCHUCK BY THE KOOTENAY, EH!

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If it sounds like some kind of foreign language, it is! After 5 days in Ennis, MT, where the long awaited computer arrived, we struck out for Canada. Our border crossing was uneventful, I guess we didn't look like terrorists this time. We spent one night in a place called Baynes Lake, a camp from a time ago. The quiet was deafening and the starry night was stupendous!

We experienced the shock of high priced Canada gas today. The last trip it was 55 cents/liter, this trip it was 96 to 100 cents/liter. This works out to be about \$3.75/gal Canadian, or with the now 16% difference, \$3.18 or so US! It could be \$5/gal sooner than we think at this rate.

The order of the day now is to check out Banff and Lake Louise. The day was gloomy and cool. It was 47 deg this am, (eat your heart out), it was heater time!

Nothing much has changed. The place is still inundated with Japanese and Asian tourists, by the bus load! The Lake Louise Hotel does a booming business with these Asian tours. No matter what, they still can't change the beauty of the lake and the mountains. It is entrancing, to say the least.



The city of Banff is still a Mecca for tourists of all kinds. The fabulous Banff Springs Hotel still stands as a magnificent relic of the past. It is huge! 770 rooms!

An afternoon thunderstorm pounds the rig and drops the temperature significantly, and we have to fix our steaks inside, all cozy. Tomorrow, we are off to Jasper, AB.

Dave & Bonnie

