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THE LAST OF THE MOHEGANS

We took a couple of days to wend our way north to Duluth, MN. We found a statue in Hayward, WI, and then continued northward to the town of Two Harbors, MN. It is about 25 miles north of Duluth, and is a major port to load iron ore pellets for the steel mills in Detroit.

The efficiency of loading, and the huge size of the ships that transport the ore to the blast furnaces, are a testimony to the fact that it is cheaper to make new steel from ore, than to recycle our old cars and scrap metal! In fact the steel that we do recycle is loaded onto ships and sent to Japan.

The Indian we see here is the last one that we will find on our current quest. So far we have seen 39 of them. 10 statues have been destroyed, or otherwise eaten by bugs or dry rot. Some states we have seen 2 or more of them.

Finishing our trip is next on the agenda. Following Hwy 2, we spent the first night in a State Park at Turtle River, ND. The TV was interrupted with a severe weather tornado warning. It was for Fargo area, about 50 miles south of us. All we got was a thunderstorm with torrential rain. We lucked out again! It is forecast for clear weather across Montana this weekend.

It never ceases to amaze me that they have all these nice freeway systems and no cars on them. We cruised across North Dakota yesterday, and sometimes there was not another vehicle in sight. We could drive for a half an hour and only see 3 cars. We are crossing Montana today. Maybe we can figure out some kind of celebration, when we see a car go by.



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