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## NEVER ON SUNDAY!

We had eagerly packed and were anxious to hit the road. In fact we were so anxious, that we decided to leave on Sunday. The premise was that most of the folks would be in church. Many people would be in jail, and many couldn't get their cars started. Wrong! I just knew that the light traffic would let me take a new route. We went down the 91 thru Riverside to the LA airport, then to the 10 west, to Santa Monica, and then the Pacific Coast Highway north all the way to Oxnard, along the ocean.

Of course exactly 1,642,874 other motorists had the same route in mind. Seven hours later we arrived, leaving the 10mph traffic behind! Never again.

We arrived at TTN Rancho Oso preserve in 100 deg. temperature, parked and discovered the battery on the tow car was dead. No matter, go for the jumper cables. (back at home!). Oh well, use the battery charger. (back at home!). Tried the cell phone, no signal! Tried the computer air card, no signal! We are beginning to wonder if this first day is telling us something.



The next day, it was proven that a good night's sleep cures all ills. We toured the area and visited Red Rock Canyon Recreation area. Other than this small lake, pictured here, the river was dry. Much more rain is needed in these mountains.

We have changed plans, and decided not to meet Marti at Portland, as she would miss all of the

beautiful Oregon coast. We will stay around areas close to the Oakland airport, until she arrives there.

Dave & Bonnie