

Snow's Excellent Vacation

2010

We started for the HLAA Convention in **Milwaukee, WI** from Phoenix, AZ—gorgeous weather and a song in our hearts!



We were on our way to see Dorothy's house in Kansas when Anne realized that her mother was in the Amelia Earhart Hall of Fame so we scooted over there first.. Snow loved the green. Presidents and astronauts have been honored here at the International Forest of Friendship in **Atcheson, KS.**



Not to be outdone, we HAD to stop at **Leavenworth**—they tried to arrest us but Snow was quick and hopped up into the car and away we went.



Found our way to the Largest Truck Stop in the World somewhere in **Iowa!**

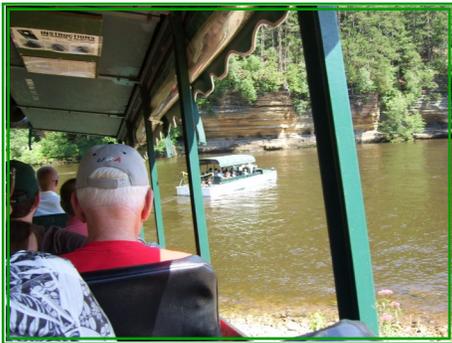


Finally got to **Milwaukee** and stopped for a beer at the **Pabst Brewery** turned museum. Wayne's brother Bill joined us from Ohio and friends from Fountain Hills, AZ

We had a ball in Wisconsin and thoroughly enjoyed the Convention. Spent a few more days then it was off to the Wisconsin Dells.



Snow is having a ball—see the smile on his face? He is having a Duck ride. The Duck rides are famous. They are a tour in an amphibious vehicle that travels on the roadway and into the water



The next day we were off to the **Corn Palace** in **Mitchell, South Dakota**—being from the southwest, we had never heard of such a place. This was extremely fascinating.



The most fascinating part is that it was started in the 1800's by two men trying to bring business into "town" and lighten the lives of the hard working people in that area. The murals you see are made of corn, wheat and seeds from the local farmland. By the end of the "season" the murals are empty because the building has become a giant bird feeder and everything has been eaten. The local artists then redo the murals every year. It costs approx \$130,000 per year but brings many tourists.

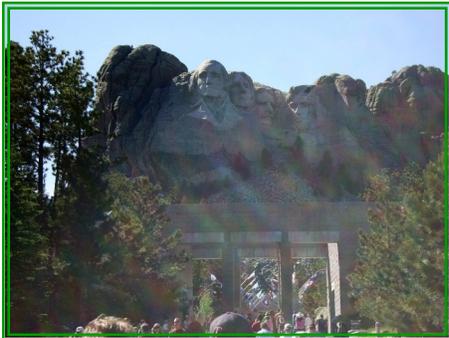
Well, next came the **Badlands**—you really don't want to get lost here! Beautiful but desolate





The next day we went to the VERY famous **Wall Drug Store** (again, we had never heard of it—we're so sheltered). And once again American ingenuity and entrepreneurship succeeds. In the late 1800's a couple was trying to find a way to get people from driving by on the highway into their drug store. They put up signs on the road advertising "FREE

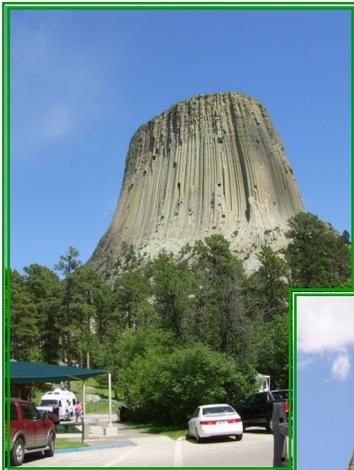
ice water" and the rest is history. Wall Drug Store signs are so popular they are found all over Europe—especially on military bases. Snow wasn't too thrilled with this really big dog called "Buffalo."



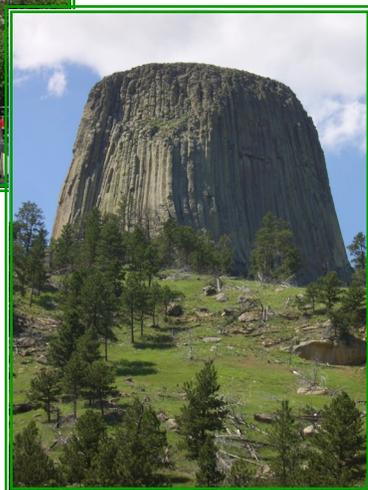
Mt Rushmore—what more can we say—truly an awesome endeavor by one man and then his crew. Wonderful museum and film explaining their processes.



On to Wyoming and **Devil's Tower** – more awesomeness



Who knew there was so much to do in the midwest?



A brief stop in **Vancouver, BC** for two weeks to catch our breath



Snow rode the tram at **Stanley Park**



And had lunch . . .

And it was back to work through **Las Vegas** for the DeafNation World Expo
then home to Arizona

Snow immediately went into his room and stayed for a week to chill out.

