

One Site Simple Ride

I admit I sometimes get a little over-passionate about getting my Steeple Chase sites. It's an addiction, I know. I feel like I have a responsibility to perfect my GPS listings (that I'm happy to share), and post my pictures so that others have a vision of where they're going.

It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it.

So it's early February, and I have my sights (play on words) set on getting the Port Ludlow site. It's less than 50 miles from my home in Redmond, but I get to go over the Edmonds-Kingston ferry, and I really like that. I have Friday's off, so I decide to ignore the forecast of scattered showers and just go for it.

Ferry's are fun. I wish I could take a ferry every week. I always have a good time when taking this ferry. I love getting on first, and off first. Makes me feel "special". Just another little advantage of taking a motorcycle. And, often as not, I meet people who love to talk bikes on the ferry. This trip I met someone from Sacramento who used to have Harleys when he was younger, but now that's he's retired he finds that his other friends are getting them once they retire. And he doesn't have one now.

The trip to Port Ludlow is uneventful, albeit with a modicum of rain. I get to the site, which is a lovely place in the woods with a Bay view. Very cool place.

When I try to take the picture, I discover my camera batteries are dead. Drat! So I'm packing up, planning on going to get new ones, when the pastor, Dennis LaMance, drives up and wonders what I'm doing. I explain about Steeple Chase (which he had never heard of before), and that I have to go get some batteries. He says they just opened a box in the office, and offers to give me some. Rock 'n Roll! I give a \$5 donation to the church to cover the batteries (I hope).

Dennis takes my picture, and I really appreciate his help. Dennis asks how many to expect coming by, and other things about Steeple Chase. I show him the map I have made, and he seems interested. We chat for a bit more, and then I pray for his church, and he prays for my safety on the way home.

I enjoy the warmth of the nice folks I met all the way home. Enjoy the ferry ride, and notice that it's not raining on our side of the water. A nice ride, nice ferry rides, meet nice people, and enjoy a good site. A great Steeple Chase adventure!

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