

Two Sites on a Catch-up Ride

When I had to change plans on MLK day, I was left with rescheduling 3 sites. Comes a nice Friday (OK, well, one without a whole lot of rain, I guess), and I decide to catch up on two of the sites, Carnation and Lakewood.

Getting the Carnation site (Tolt Congregational) is an easy ride for Joint Heirs. It's close, it's convenient, and it's a real church. I actually stopped to see my friends at Onthree Trikes on my way over 15 miles to Carnation, taking 203 to Tolt Hill Rd, and then into Carnation. The site is less than a mile north, right on the main street in town. Easy, squeezezy, lemon-peezy.

I had never been to the American Lake area, just south of Tacoma, where the VA Chapel is located. Just 63 miles from Carnation, it was to be less than an hour and a half ride, down 202 to 18, then down I-5 to the Gravelly Lake Rd exit. I'm traveling mid-day, and the traffic isn't bad. It's January, so it's cold, but it's not raining (much), and I'm grateful for the opportunity to ride in general.

The address I had (9600 Veterans Dr) gets you close, but you still have to find the chapel, which is about a mile further. The location is clearly an old military base, but there is no guard per se. The buildings are clean, but the architecture is clearly from the 50's or so. The view of American Lake itself is spectacular, and very cool. (I'll look forward to coming this way again.) I find a person walking by, and get them to take my picture. Neat-o.

Taking I-5 back in the early afternoon leads to the inevitable traffic. Stop-and-go from well before the Tacoma Dome until after the Federal Way rest area. But it does lighten up, and I welcome the chance to take the HOV lanes on 405. I'm home in time to make dinner for the wife.

Nice January day ride, getting 2 sides, finding a place I had never been to before. My kind of day!

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NEW WORSHIP TIMES FEB 7
8:30 AM WORSHIP
9:30 AM EDUCATION TIME
10:30 AM WORSHIP





Building
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Chapel
Catholic Mass
Sunday 8:00 am
Holy Eucharist 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist 12:00 pm
Holy Eucharist 5:00 pm
Weekend 8:00 am
Week 7:00 am
Thanksgiving 10:00 am