

# BODY SLAM

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OREGON



## Spring break road trip '12

IT SEEMED LIKE IT HAD NEVER NOT BEEN RAINING IN PORTLAND. SO I TAGGED ALONG ON GROVER'S CALIFORNIA ROAD TRIP.

IT CAN BE TRYING TRAVELING WITH AN EIGHT YEAR-OLD, AND A COUPLE OF FORTY YEAR-OLD TEENAGERS. BUT WE DID EVENTUALLY SEE THE SUN AND RIDE SKATEBOARDS.

IT WASN'T ACTUALLY RAINING AS WE LEFT PORTLAND, BUT IT BEGAN SOON ENOUGH AND BY THE TIME WE GOT TO ROSEBURG IT HAD BEEN PRECIPITATING FOR A WHILE.



FIRST STOP: THE SIDEWALK AT  
THE MYRTLE CREEK SKATEPARK



IT LET UP LONG ENOUGH TO  
GET IN A SHORT SESSION WITH  
THE LOCAL BIKE & SCOOTER  
SET AT

## myrtle Creek

SKATEPARK. FIRST CASUALTY  
OF THE TRIP WAS BRAD MIS-  
JUDGING THE DISTANCE TO  
THE SIDEWALK AND EATING IT  
GETTING OUT OF THE CAR.



IT RAINED SOME MORE AFTER  
WE LEFT MYRTLE CREEK BUT IT  
SLOWED DOWN A LITTLE BEFORE

## grants pass

THE SKATEPARK WAS DRY.





## matt's bowl

WAS TOO. WE SKATED A LITTLE  
AND SPENT THE NIGHT THERE.

IN THE MORNING IT WAS WET  
AGAIN, SO WE HIT THE ROAD  
SOUTH AS SOON AS WE GOT UP.



JACK AT MATT'S





IT RAINED & SNOWED OVER THE MOUNTAINS AND WELL INTO CALIFORNIA, SO WE MISSED THE NEW PARK IN MT. SHASTA, AND THE NEED SKATEPARK TOO. IT WAS DRY BY THE TIME WE GOT TO SACRAMENTO, AND THE...



**GET OUT OF HELL  
FREE**

**THE GIFT OF GOD  
IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH  
JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD**

ROMANS 6:23  
(SEE BACK FOR DETAILS)

AN OMEN FOR OUR TRIP?.



## granite

EIGHT BOWL BONANZA! A PIPE! A PEANUT! A TEARDROP! COMBI BOWLS! LITTLE CLOVER AND FLOW BOWLS! WHAT SHOULD WE SKATE FIRST?! THE PARK HAS

SOME BUMPS BUT PLENTY OF VARIETY. AFTER A SATISFYING SESSION, WE HIT THE ROAD INTO WINE COUNTRY WHERE WE HOPED TO ENJOY MORE BOWL-TASTING.



WE ROLLED UP TO THE NEW  
**Saint Helena**  
PARK A LITTLE BEFORE DARK.  
IT WAS ALL CHATEAUX AND  
GRAPE VINES RIGHT UP TO THE  
SKATEPARK AND IT TURNED  
OUT TO BE AN IMPETUOUS  
LITTLE PARK WITH OVERTONES  
OF STREET AND A DISTINCT  
VERTICAL FINISH.



BRAD, OVER THE BENCH





A FUN LITTLE ANCEBA, FLOW  
BOWL WITH OVERVERT AND  
BURNSIDE BANK AND A TALL  
POOL-COPINGED CORNER, LOTS  
OF BANKS AROUND THE BOWLS,  
DYED CONCRETE IN A HANDSOME  
SETTING. WE ROPE FOR AN HOUR  
AND THEN HAD A NICE MEAL AT  
GOTT'S ROADSIDE DINER. OUR  
WAITER WAS ABLE TO SUGGEST  
A PLACE TO PARK OVERNIGHT BY  
ONE OF THE BIG VINEYARDS.

WE SKATED THE PARK AGAIN



ST. HELENA, LIKE SON, LIKE  
FATHER. THINK ABOUT IT.

A person is captured in motion, riding a skateboard on a paved surface at night. The scene is dimly lit, with a bright light source in the background creating a strong silhouette effect on the skateboarder. To the left, a white SUV is parked. In the background, there are various lights, including a prominent red light, suggesting a commercial or public area. The overall atmosphere is dark and moody.

IN THE MORNING. GROVER GOT TO  
PLAY WITH SOME OTHER LITTLE  
KIDS WHO WERE IGNORING THE  
ADJACENT PLAYGROUND TOO.

JACK, ON THE ROAD



# Sebastopol,

WAS NEXT, A COMBINATION SKATEPARK AND COMMUNITY GARDEN. IT DRIZZLED ON US A COUPLE OF TIMES BUT DRIED QUICKLY SO WE GOT TO SAMPLE THE FLOW BOWL, PEANUT POOL AND OTHER DELIGHTS.

HEADED FOR POINTS SOUTH OVER THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, IT WAS GETTING LATE SO WE DECIDED TO HEAD FOR SAN JOSE'S LAKE CUNNINGHAM SKATEPARK. WHEN WE GOT THERE, IT WAS CLOSED! STEVE WAS FRANTIC, TRYING TO JIMMY

THE GATE: "GET OVER HERE AND HELP ME GET THIS OPEN."<sup>1</sup> FORTUNATELY, WE NOTICED THE SECURITY CAMERAS BEFORE HE SCALED THE RAZOR WIRE.

BUMMED OUT, WE DECIDED TO HEAD FOR LOS ANGELES.

WHEN WE SAW A SIGN FOR IN LOS OSOS, CA. BRAD AND STEVE WANTED TO STOP AT GO WESTY, A RESTORER OF VIN VANS. AFTER THE PILGRIMAGE TO WEST-FALIA, WE GOT LUNCH.



# Los Osos

HAS A SKATEPARK WHICH WAS ALSO CLOSED, ~~SO~~! TWO IN A ROW! BUT THE PARK OPENED AT NOON SO WE GOT TO SKATE. IT WAS ALSO FREE UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF SUMMER, WHICH SAVED ME HAVING TO PITCH A FIT ABOUT PAYING TO SKATE.

THE BEARS HAVE A FUN LEFT KIDNEY POOL, NO-WATERFALL STYLE BUT BIG AND PLENTY FAST. ALONGSIDE IS A GOOD-SIZED OVAL BOWL AND BIG FLOW AREA WITH A GAPPED WALL.

AFTER A SHORT SESSION, WE HIT THE ROAD AGAIN FOR...





# Venice

THE SKATEPARK THERE WAS JACK'S MAIN REASON FOR COMING ON THE TRIP. IT'S A GOOD ONE. BRAD WAS AWED TO BE IN SUCH FAMOUS SURROUNDINGS. WE MADE IT THERE IN TIME FOR AN EVENING SESSION.





BRAD, VENICE





WE SPENT THE NIGHT WITH MY  
SISTER'S FAMILY IN TORRANCE,  
CA. - MY OLD NEIGHBORHOOD.

THE NEXT MORNING WE VISITED

**channel st.**

WHICH IS RAD! THE D.I.Y. SPOTS  
ARE SOME OF MY FAVORITES.

THERE WAS WATER IN THE  
NEWEST SECTION, WE SKATED,  
THEN BAILED FOR AN HOUR, RODE  
A LITTLE MORE AND THEN IT WAS  
BACK ON THE FREEWAY TO  
VENICE FOR ONE MORE SESSION.



MC NOT BAILING

WE HEADED BACK NORTH THURSDAY MORNING. WE MADE IT TO **lake cunningham** SKATEPARK AND IT WAS OPEN! I FORGIVE THEM FOR BEING CLOSED EARLIER IN THE WEEK, WHAT A GREAT SKATEPARK.

BUT IT WAS TIME TO HEAD BACK AND HERE CAME THE RAIN AGAIN SO NO SHASTA OR WEED

SKATEPARKS THIS TRIP. IT KEPT RAINING MOST OF THE WAY HOME.

A GOOD TRIP! WE GOT TO SLEEP IN A WALMART PARKING LOT, BURN ABOUT  $\frac{1}{2}$ 600 WORTH OF GAS AND ENDURE 36 HOURS OF AUTOMOBILE TRAVEL. WE ALSO RODE SEVEN SKATEPARKS THAT WERE NEW TO ME. CALIFORNIA HAS SOME GREAT SKATEPARKS AGAIN.