

## T-RAD Day 3 – Littleton to Barr Lake and Return June 13, 2020

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### **Ride Log**

The ride today for Ken was pretty emotional. The training ride on Black Tuesday was in conjunction with leisurely conducted picture taking with Teddy and Freddy. So every time we passed on of the picture site, a wave of sadness washed over me. For the first time this year, the river was up and running. The river was so low the last time we were out that I was thinking of trying to have Teddy and Freddy on a rock in the middle. However, the rive water guys open the gates at Chatfield, and the river was running. So we started at the rapids running site – the Mary Carter Greenway Park/Peter Norwood Golf Instruction and Golf Course off of W Oxford Ave. Teddy and Freddy saw one of the rapid's sluices.



They decided to get a real close up of the rapid's sluice.





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After they got back up on the bike path in the sluice overlook parking area, they noticed the Thistles with their appealingly beautiful blooms.



They then went past the Southwest Generation power plant, and Freddy saw that a car was about to go through the gate. He wanted to ask the driver if he and Teddy could have a photo op on the big piston steam engine, but could not react quickly enough to be able to gain access.

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They then eased on up to the Grant Frontier Park, where they sidled up to a hitching post. Teddy tried to be responsible and use his cape as a mask, but it would not stay put.





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The hitching post was next to the Conestoga wagon. First check out the rear wheel,



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then the driver's seat.



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When getting back to the hitching post, they encountered a frontier artifact. Teddy said “Sock it to me”





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At the north end of the Frontier Park, there is a tree sculpture in an area that also has tree stump and log furniture. Teddy and Freddy checked out the sculpture,



and the tree couch,





and the wooden steps cut directly into the log.





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They then travelled north on the Mary Carter Greenway trail to Johnson Habitat Park. At the curve in the trail at W Exposition Ave and S Jason St, they discovered an advanced mode of transportation, and just had to experience sitting in the cockpit.



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Assembling themselves again, they proceeded north on what was now the Platte River Trail past LifeScape Associates (Where Teddy wanted to see if they had a course in Spiritual Development to improve his lifescape). Passing up that photo op – maybe on the return going south - they next stopped at the Denver Animal Shelter, where there is a Big Silver Dog. First they sat on the front paw, discovering that the dog's skin was made up of stainless steel dog tags.





The dog was big.





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They found out the dog's name and who designed and built the sculpture.



The shelter is located at 1241 W Bayaud Ave.



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They then travelled north to discover Elych Gardens Amusement Park and a big Roller coaster. They hung around and watched for any coaster rides, but found out that the park was closed.





There was a second coaster on the north end of the park.



It was between that point and REI that Freddy bailed out of the backpack because Ken did not strap them in thinking that it was just a short ride to REI. So this is the last picture in the current epoch of the two pals together.

As we passed each of the photo locations, the grief was acute. On the Day 3 ride, we did not make any of these stops. We met Jeff and Cathy at the Carson Nature Center near Aspen Grove, and pedaled straight up to REI. We re-checked the trail from the place where the backpack was hung up on the pole to the bridge across the Platte at Confluence Park and on to REI.

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We took on liquid and did a photo op of the humans,



then headed north toward Engineer Lake about 7 miles away. For the entire ride from the start until we got back to REI on the return leg, Teddy did not get out of the back pack to do any photo ops.

We stayed on the Platte River Trail all the way up to 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue where we exited the trail for a side trip. We went east on 88<sup>th</sup> to Dahlia St and travelled south to get to the Broken Shovels Farm Sanctuary. The Sanctuary had horses, cows, sheep goats, lamas, and two turkeys with attitude – Claude and Celia.



Celia was making sure that we knew who was boss as she positively vibrated her fanned tail feathers while issuing directives to all in attendance.

We unwound the side trip, getting back on the trail. We rode up to 120<sup>th</sup> Parkway and turned east toward Barr Lake. We stopped at a Conoco – R & B Food & Gas, which had a car wash, the R&B Food convenience store, a liquor store and Tailfeathers Bar. We were some 3.2 miles from the Nature Center at Barr Lake. The weather forecast called for rain beginning at 3:00 pm. After some discussion, a consensus was reached that we should start the trip back in order to avoid getting soaked. So we did not make it to Barr Lake.



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The trip back was smooth and fast. We did stop again at the same picnic table as last week, the one next to the access bridge to Riverside Cemetery, and read up on the cemetery and on Burlington Ditch. After hydrating and getting an energy bar, we headed back to REI.

We were cruising at just over the trail speed limit (15 mph) close to REI when Ken slammed on the brakes calling Stopping to warn Jeff and Cathy who were following. Ken had caught sight of Freddy's helmet lying on the bike path! Jeff and Cathy pitched in to help with an area search, to no avail. The thinking (and Ken's hope) is that someone has found Freddy, and has been carrying him with them as they travel the trails, looking for the Blue Tandem so that they can return Freddy to the guys that dropped him.

When we got to REI, finally Teddy got out of the backpack for a photo op with the team who had shown their true value in looking for Freddy.



We hydrated again, and headed the 13 miles back to Littleton center, 16 miles to Carson Center. We split up, Jeff and Cathy being interested in avoiding the weather. Ken and Judith and Teddy did go to Inside Scoop for a single and a double cup, and then on to home.

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Teddy worked to create a photo where he is staring at Freddy's Helmet to help create a NEARLY LOST poster, since we know that Freddy is alive and wondering around with caring strangers looking for the Blue Tandem.



The 2 legged's will now post a LOST poster for Freddy, and a NEARLY LOST poster in the REI area in the hopes that the person that had been caring for Freddy will give us a call and allow us to re-unite. This was done Saturday June 20 around Noon.

Teddy has also called in Freddy's Herd. Missing from the herd were Dallas, Butterscotch, Capitan, Diego, Piper Pony, Star, Scout, and Sprite Pony, all of whom could not make flight

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arrangements on such short notice. This portion of the herd will deploy as necessary to help find Freddy and fill in until his return and keep the rest of the herd up to date.



The mileage for the trip on the tandem day was 65.79 miles. The weather was exceptional, and we did not get rained on.

Will keep you posted about any response to the posters.

Teddy, Freddy, The Herd, Judith and Ken