Walking Day #129, Saturday, January 5, 2013...into and outta Little Rock with welcoming committee

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Big day Saturday. Today was driver number four's first day on the job. Valerie Shafer from Arizona kindly consented to finish the journey with me. While I didn't go over the "driver cliff" looks like the "fiscal cliff" cost The Walk a few dollars. Oh well, someone told me that we cannot have a better past and can ONLY deal with what IS and I tend to believe that. Thank you Valerie for your participation. After a brief, briefing on the functions of the support driver we all hit the road. The procession was led by brother Vic on his car with the hatchback open and a video camera trained on The Walker, then came The Walker and then came the newest member of the team, Valerie. We went down the road like that for about ten minutes and pickup up some decent footage. That and other material will soon be on YouTube along with some other stuff we posted a week or so ago. (see links) After the "dolly-cam" material was wrapped up Vic did a farewell walk with me for a few miles. Traffic was light and the weather was fine for walking. We had just a tad less then five miles to Maumelle (Victor's home) and when we got there Vic's wife, Pam had a welcoming committee. The first of its kind. Then on through Maumelle and down route 365 into North Little Rock and into Little Rock over the Arkansas River. After wandering around downtown Little Rock for a while "we" finally headed out of the city. At one point I called Valerie up so examine the maps so I could get through the city when a young lady hurried out of a coffee shop and asked, "are you Vic's brother?" It turns out that Vic's supervisor was having coffee at the same corner where our favorite walker turned up lost (actually taking the scenic route through Little Rock!!!). Lisa, I really wanted to stay and talk BUT I gave into to my not-so-inner OCD's as I wanted to get me 100 miles in for the week and had to run like a scolded cat. Thanks for greeting us and thanks for the coffee offer. Next time. The tour of some of the older parts of Little Rock was quite fun, so I guess I wasn't really lost, just creating a new adventure! By the time we got out of the city it was dark. It was a great day, turning Vic back over to his wife and breaking Valerie in through and urban area. When the day was over 23.3 miles (37.5807 km's) had been walked, 47,179 steps taken and \$1.10 in loose change picked up. The findings for the day: 1 long 1/4" socket, 1 deep #13 socket, 1 regular #12 socket, 2 quarters, 3 dimes, 3 nickels, 15 pennies and one pair of cheap sunglasses!!!...cheers

Numbers for week 31:

103.1 miles

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