

Walking Day #172...Thursday, March 7, 2013...more .22 shells, lost golf balls and strawberries

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20.9 miles (33.7097 km's)...41,009 steps...\$0.49 in loose change (1 quarter, 2 dimes and 4 pennies)...1 bracelet with "LIGHTNING" on the beads and 1 DeWalt 5/16" bit for a power drill

Perfect walking weather. Blue, clear skies. Gentle tail-wind. Wide shoulders with gently sloping ditch bank. Thin traffic (at least until 2:00 PM). A wee bit chilly as I started the day in Bushnell. Valerie my driver decided to go back and spend some time in Floral City. I moved up, she moved back to check out some old homes and a few little shops. Straight road with a few homes along the way. A little after midday I was passing the Whispering Oakes Golf and Country Club and gave a couple a hand looking for an errant shot. Dan and Donna Hanna (sp?) from Michigan were out in the sun swinging the sticks when Donna's ball decided to hide. It never did appear. Dan had spent time in the Army during Viet Nam, thank you for your service, sir! As I was leaving Bushnell I stopped to ask for directions and Christine was kind enough to tell me she did not know what I was looking for but she was kind enough to make a contribution which will go to Camp UTADA, she also wishes to remain anonymous, so THAT is all the information you will get! It was nice to see two golf courses today. I was beginning to think the game no longer existed! Now that I am focused on getting to Key West by Sunday the 14th of April I will put my golf game (or lack thereof) on ice until I am done. When "The Walk" is over there will be a rather long road trip in my future to reconnect to my children and grand children as well as other family and friends. During The Walk today I picked up four live .22 rounds. Just about an hour before the day was over I flagged down a Pasco Sheriff's deputy, J. Stimac to dispose of the shells. Officer Stimac was a real breath of fresh air (Jake, take notice) when it comes to law enforcement. Nice guy, down to earth and a man who likes to challenge himself through cycling and personal fitness. So far this year he has managed to get himself to a point where he can do 70 consecutive push-ups. I wanna see 71 or better yet 72!!! Best of luck to you. The area that we are in (Plant City(ish)) is the strawberry capital of the world (by their own admission!!!). Bought a loaf of bread AND two quarts of strawberries for \$5, YUM!!! They work very well for breakfast each morning. Well time to hit the shower for another 20+ tomorrow. Jonny, looking forward to seeing you in April, all the rest of you guys I look forward to April and May when I get to see all six of you at once. Can't wait!!! Thank you to Valerie for driving, couldn't do it without you. See ya'll down the road, CHEERS!!!

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