

So we have come to July. It is the first of the month and I am talking with an online girl friend. We have been talking about getting together for some time now. One of the major problems has been transportation. So she told me she was finally getting a new car. So I said, "So when are you gonna come pick me up?" "Soon", she said.

Then we started talking about other things and she said she was planning on a cruise to Alaska but that she was having trouble getting someone to go along with her. More or less half joking I said, "I'd be happy to go with you if I could afford it." We talked some more and when she asked if I wanted to go I said, "Well I did just invite myself, didn't I?"

Since we have each others phone numbers we left it that we might call each other later and talk. Little did I expect she would call me later that same day. Of course, since my cell is usually off when I am not using it, I did not get the message (at least 3 of them asking me to call her soon) until the next day.

So I checked my voice mail and sure enough, she had gotten a great deal on a cruise and needed information from me to book us. More than a bit excited, since I hadn't expected a call so soon, I tried returning her call. Got her voice mail and left a message then sent an email with the same information.

She finally called my phone and we talked about the cruise, verified the information she needed about me, and I re-located my passport which I had so safely stored that I could not find it even though the envelope it was in was clearly marked. Can you say 'blonde cell failure?' My original premise was that I would drive to her place in California and we would go to the cruise line there but she said she had planned to drive up to Washington to connect with the cruise line so I suggested we save money on cars and have her come pick me up here and we could use the one car to get there. This will also get her to meet my sister, Karen.

Tomorrow is July 8th and since my information was turned in, and she had to wait for funds to hit her back, the cruise line put the reservation on hold till then. This will mark my second trip, other than by car, traveling as Rosaliy and I am so excited about the whole thing. I already have part of my wardrobe for the trip planed. Mostly the night wear and swim wear. I'll still have to pack clothes for an eight day trip. Other things to do so sis won't have to while I am gone are to set the cat's bulk feed and water dishes and make sure the litter is clean before I go.

I plan on taking pictures so will have my camera batteries charged and ready. I may have to get at least one new battery as one of the two I have is being difficult about keeping a charge. I have plenty of drive space for the pictures so I should have plenty to show for this trip.

Next stop, round trip cruise from Washington to Alaska in September 2013. We are both looking forward to this trip and just maybe, we will have another girl friend along with us. Either way, the two or three of us will have a great time!!!

Life is, after all, what you make it and mine is FABulous. I kept this quote here from my previous entry because it is so true.

Update - 07-21-2013: While playing canasta online with my sister, my friend came in and chatted with us. Sis commented how lucky we are to be going on a cruise she had always wanted to go on. The long and the short of it is sis is now going with us on the cruise. Yee Haw !!!!