

From South Bend to Louisville and back
Across the muddy rivers and flooded fields
or The Berry Soccer Wipeout
a hot time with Ava and Tyra and family (and Daniel)
Memorial Day weekend 2011 Photos

Record rains this month - starting off in cold wet drizzle, the drive south early Saturday morning was a series of crossings of brown muddy rivers overflowing or close to overflowing their banks into the flooded fields of flat Indiana - the Yellow, the Tippecanoe, the Eel, the Wabash, the White (2 tributaries), the Driftwood, the Blue and the Miscatatumuck , and finally across the mighty brown Ohio itself and into hot and

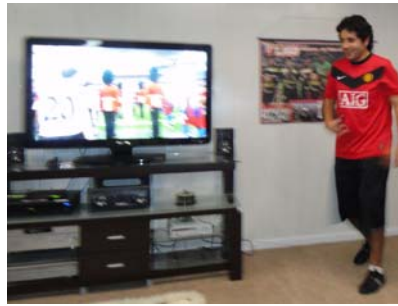
sunny
Louisville.
Daniel had
popped
over from
Frankfurt,
Germany,
almost
enroute to
Singapore
to help
entertain
the natives,
as seen
here in
their
backyard..
We were
all



prepared for an
afternoon cookout
with Sebastian's
(mostly) South
American soccer
team and their
friends to watch the
match of the day -
Manchester United
versus Barcelona in
the Champions
League final - a big-
screen TV in a nice
comfortable
basement (with
Andreas our host),
and about an equal
distribution of
supporters from both

sides. The various shirts were a clear indication of which team....





while outside, was cooking a fabulous meal - you meat-eaters can drool at the Brazilian style cooking over the brand-new wood fireplace - other trimmings including chicken, polish potatoes, and the usual Memorial day drinks in abundance - we were out in the suburbs of Jefferson County....



Several Ecuadorians were at the party (including Andreas and family). A good soccer game, but the other side (the hated Barcelona) won - too bad, but perhaps Huddersfield would win on Sunday....





Sunday: The house next door (left side) has been spruced up - for sale; and the Ginkgo tree is bigger than ever... (these panorama pics are a little distorted).

After a quick trip to the park - climbing, swinging and teeter-tottering, Sebastien Daniel and I went to *Molly Malone's Irish pub* to see Huddersfield play well but lose their League One playoff final - (Daniel's hex! - I think Sebastien did not allow to watch him play his soccer league game in the afternoon!). Before that, the rest of the family joined us at *Molly's* for a great brunch - those girls do know how to eat...

The temperature had climbed into the 90's by the time I left for the drive home. But as I drove, the clouds gathered, the temperature dropped - and by Kokomo the roads were wet. Just before reaching home, I was delayed in the south suburbs of South Bend due to fallen trees sprawled across all four lanes of the highway - possibly due to a tornado that had come through a few hours before - or a localized wind gust in the latest summer thunderstorm; but all was fine at home, back to 65 degrees and more light rain.

Thanks to Sebastien and Mia for hosting, and to Daniel for giving up his comfortable "Tyra bed" for one night.
Gordon - Memorial Day 2011

