

Torgoblog I:

A New Blog

Let's try Apple's iWeb for a while, shall we? [LiveJournal](#) was nice, but now that there's this shiny deal that has comments and RSS feeds, I'll give it a try!

Of course, my [BikeBlog](#) is still where it always was, so don't forget it!

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Good news, everybody!

Saturday, July 29, 2006

I swapped phone cables on the DSL modem, and now I'm getting the correct speeds. No more 636 / 512 Kbps for our downs and ups.

Connection Status

Speed (down/up): 1536 / 896 Kbps
PPP Connection: [Connected](#)

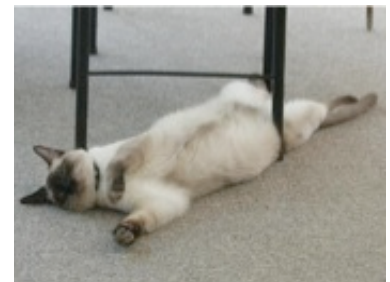
I guess the 20'-ish cord that Qwest gives you isn't always the best one to use. All hail the 4 foot Apple modem cable that I dug out of a random box! Now when we ravage the bandwidth downloading [podcasts](#), it won't hurt as much.

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Summertime and the Goomba's easy

Saturday, July 29, 2006

Cats are weird. They know full well it's almost 100° outside, and yet the way to go lay on the porch. Maybe it's nice for them to be closer to their 102° body temperature.



At least Goomba knows how to relax.

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RSS and BikeBlog

Friday, July 28, 2006

I've got basic RSS going in there. I still need to deal a little bit with the UI side, especially for those that publish locally (which may not be many, but ...). And what to do when previewing. Should a preview generate RSS? Most likely not.



In other news, dad got a RSS reader going. We'll see if he gets notified when this new article goes up. Comment if you did!

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BikeBlog needs an RSS feature

Thursday, July 27, 2006

That's what I've come to realize. I may put out a version sooner rather than later that implements it. And maybe CSS instead of hard-coded HTML for the formatting.



'Cause it gets tiring telling everyone that there's a new entry on the current

[BikeBlog](#). :)

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A small victory

Thursday, July 27, 2006

I managed to get the garage cleaned out the other day to the point that we can park in it! Now I just need to continue to clean it out so I can use it as a workroom as well. Gotta continue to get rid of old computer stuff.

Anyone want owners manuals for a PowerMac 8500? Rare collector's items. ;)

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Talk about service!

Tuesday, July 25, 2006

I've got a [Kinetic bike trainer](#) that I got about a year and a half ago. When we moved, I found out that the tension knob that keeps the roller up against the rear wheel had stripped off the L-bolt to the point that I couldn't get it tightened down. I managed to kludge it up by tightening it before the bike was in the trainer, but that was a pain.



So I contacted the company to see if they sold the replacement part. Here's a basic timeline:

Sunday afternoon: Send email

8:00-ish Monday morning: Get email saying a part is on the way.

In the mail today (Tuesday): The L-bolt and the knob.

Meanwhile, we continue to wait for the other 2 out of 3 replacement parts for our dishwasher (we're on day 12). Guess who has the better service.

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The Day of Many Accomplishments

Sunday, July 23, 2006

Aside from being Rebecca's birthday today, we got some important stuff done.

We finally got Rebecca a garage door opener at Sears. Not that either of us can park in the garage yet, but now we're all set when we can. I also picked up a workbench there (as shown above), so I can start figuring out how all that part of the garage is going to look. That's an important part of getting it clean!



We also picked up some solar-powered lights at Menards for the back walkway to the hot tub. See?



This picture also greatly demonstrates the need for me to get a new camera. I had it set on a 6-second exposure, and the full-size image is littered with hotspots.

Anyway, we also got some more chocolate at Target, and a cake for Rebecca's birthday. Mmmmm cake.
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Believable? Naw.

Sunday, July 23, 2006

I had some spam on my Yahoo account, and I figured I'd read what my good buddy georged abington was sending to me. Nothing really out of the ordinary:

43xJsojgGiC1cl it's time for you to bang married women, she's available @ www.dontwaitnow.com opssy delete space before com

What I always think is funny about these spams is this: Why would my "friend," who obviously can't type very well, take all the time to type "opssy delete space before com" - 26 characters - rather than just hit the delete key 4 times and retype it? Or use the mouse to delete the space?

I almost believed this one, except for that fatal flaw. Better luck next time!

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What kind of sick person wants this?

Sunday, July 23, 2006

I've never understood the desire to have a "realistic" doll baby. But this one (from this Sunday's paper) really takes the cake.

Who would want such an ugly doll in their house? No, I didn't Photoshop this thing to make it look worse. Maybe it's just because of my Y-chromosome, but getting a free sleeper gown and a freakin' comb to style its creepy hair isn't incentive enough to pay \$150 for a doll that looks like a giant apple that's been in the sun too long.



We all know newborn-ish babies are just ugly. And yeah, if we have kid(s) they'll be ugly for a time. But at least that ugliness won't be frozen in time, glaring at us every time we go to style its hair.

Shudder

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Biking again!

Friday, July 21, 2006

[BikeBlog's](#) got all the info from our bikeabout tonight. Read about our exciting trip to our old rollerblading grounds in St. Louis Park!

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