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While Scott is out wandering the world, we are left to more pedestrian, plebeian pursuits.

Devoid of exotic destinations, we must settle for the typical, the mundane, the merely domestic.





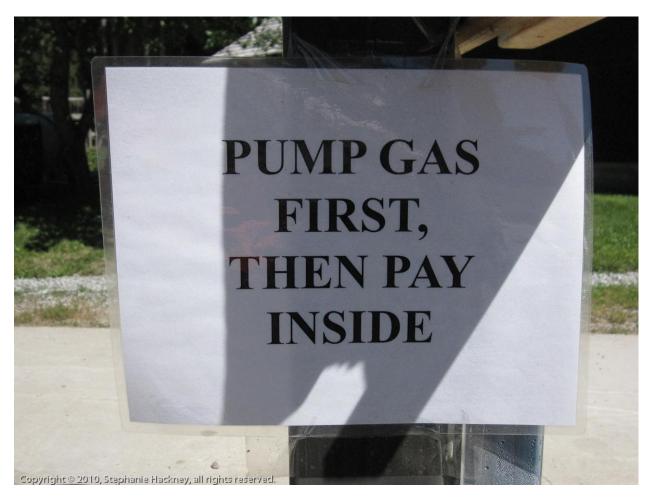
That's not to say it is without its simple pleasures.

And charming character.

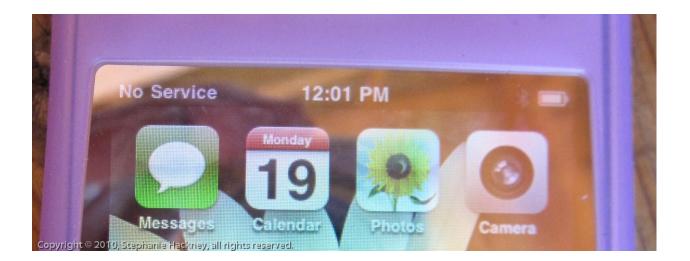


## And elegant beauty.

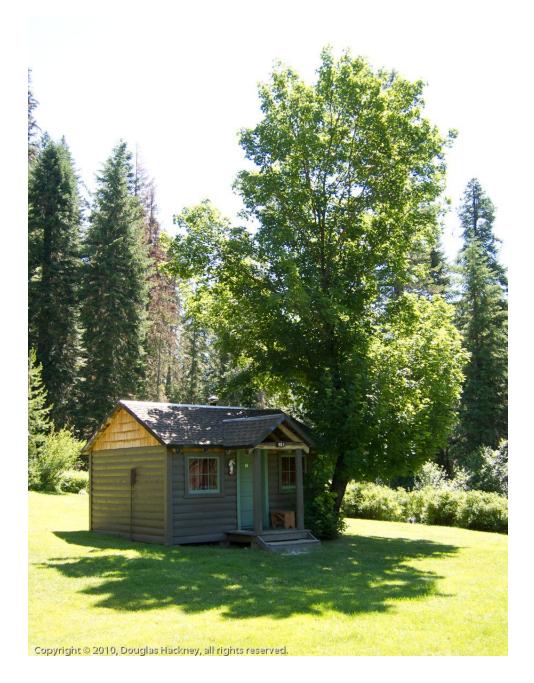




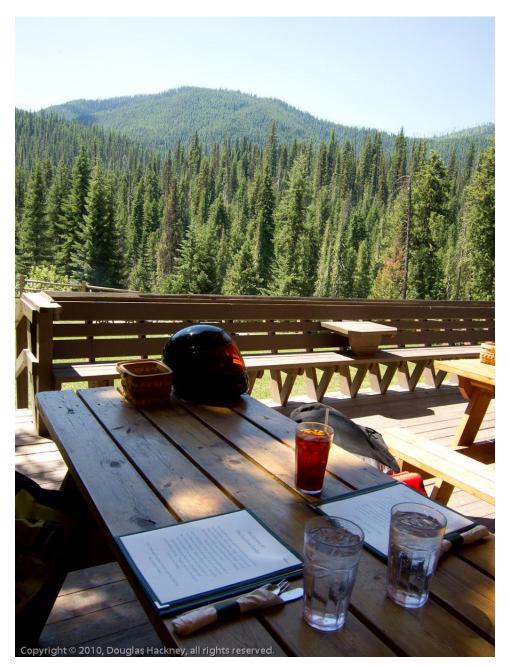
But out here, where things are simple, and a reminder of a by-gone era,



there is accommodation that is yurt size, but sans yurt smells.



The lunch views are good,





and there is more on the menu than fermented mare's milk.



But, even out here, when things go bad,



you can still find a little piece of heaven in the customer lounge.

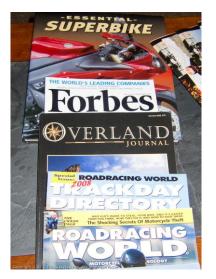
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"Scott" refers to our friend, Scott Brady, who is currently participating in a Europe to Mongolia rally.

I wrote this for Scott, the publisher, and our other friends at Overland Journal magazine. Everybody there except Scott is like us, stuck here stateside, while Scott enjoys the fermented mare's milk and boundless skies of Mongolia while sleeping off the last stage of the rally in a yurt.

I think Scott will like this composition, since he was recently featured in a story in Forbes and the arrangement here implies he owns one of the world's leading companies.



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Tire replacement, a little bit of heaven and the best customer lounge I've ever seen, anywhere, courtesy of Big Sky BMW, Missoula, MT.

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Post Script:

Sport bike riders and road racers will look at this photo and wonder, "How did that tire get scrubbed all the way to the absolute edge like that? Don't they ride two-up with big camera bags and a bunch of luggage?"



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And the answer is, yes, we do.

