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HURRAY THE LAST ONE!

We arrived in New Orleans area and decided to stay in Abita Springs, about 30 miles out. The next day we drove into the city on a 24 mile long bridge across Lake Pontchartrain. We stopped at AAA and got a map to the City Parks Yard, from the directions that Peter Toth gave us. After driving to a different part of the city, we arrived at the Parks Dep't, where they told us that the statue was in a different part of the city in a park and it had just been placed on display. But... the park was closed and would open this weekend!

A sympathetic employee told us of a hole in the fence, and we could walk on the road to the statue, about a half a mile! Off we went to a different part of the city.

Arriving there, it was becoming reminiscent of the near fatal statue quest in Charles Town, SC. This time, however, I was with Marti, so I had my phone, my hat, water, and John McCane with me! After hobbling about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile we found the statue, and then completed the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile walk!



The City requires every tourist to go to the Café du Monde and have a coffee and a Benignes, so we went there to pay \$8 to park and have some.

Being that it was too late to take a tour of the disaster areas, we elected to drive there ourselves. We drove to the 9th ward and there we saw what was left of it. Most of the debris has been cleared, but there was very little rebuilding at this time. It was a tragedy that all these people lost their homes, but it is a greater tragedy that nothing is being done about it.

Needless to say, we were anxious to leave this city.

Dave, Bonnie & Marti