



Starting out at the hotel in Strasbourg

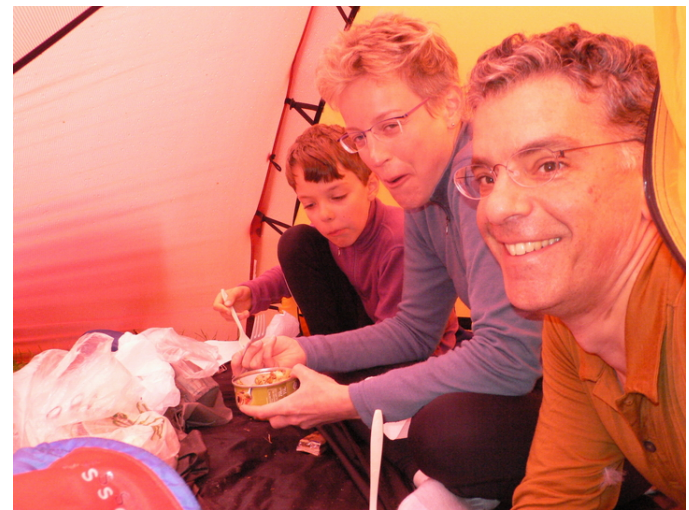
The weather went from bad to worse for the first two weeks of our tour around Alsace. We wore our tights and wool sweaters nearly every day until the hot sun arrived toward the end of our stay. We managed to frolic in only two campground pools this year. The usual assortment of ruins, great old and new architecture, and museums (trains, toys, Bartholdi, chocolate) added to the great bread, cheese and fruit that we have come to expect. We ended our 450 miles with a fast 60 mile push from Colmar to Strasbourg on our last day of riding. Only the slugs put a damper on our three weeks in the tent.



In front of Strasbourg's Notre Dame Cathedral



Between rain squalls at Fleckenstein



Entire rainy day in the tent with "emergency" food



This is what cold & miserable looks like



Impressive ruin of Castle Fleckenstein



Grocery shopping can be a handful – no bags are provided



Enjoying 45 minutes of warmish sun



Out of the rain at a church entry porch



Sunny smiles make a sunny day



Dominick measuring a haystack



Another picturesque lunch of bread & cheese



Susan checking the next day's route



Feeding popcorn to Barbary Macaques at Montagne des Singes breeding preserve



Castle at Ht Koenigsbourg

Great stone detailing

Up close to nesting storks at the Center for Reintroduction of Storks near Hunawirh

Beautiful town of Requewihir

Cold and lovely skies during a break in the rain



The Secrets of Chocolate Museum in Geispolsheim

Top of a mountain pass at 473 meters



Dominick trying to keep warm during our tour of Castle Fleckenstein



Pool was too cold, but sun was warm



Kevin sans Speedo – Thank God!



Exhibit of sample vines for different wine grapes



Finally found a heated pool after a warm and sunny day



Dominick thought this castle ruin in Ferrette was too "ruined"



A restored 1930's passenger rail car



Fantastic train museum in Mulhouse



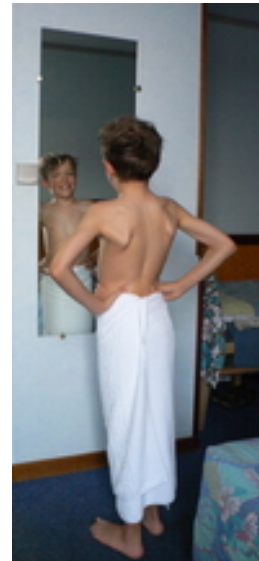
Reading at poolside after a day of riding and a dip in the pool



The Bartholdi Museum in Colmar and the real model for the Statue of Liberty



Waiting for the Tram in Strasbourg



Admiring his fine physique



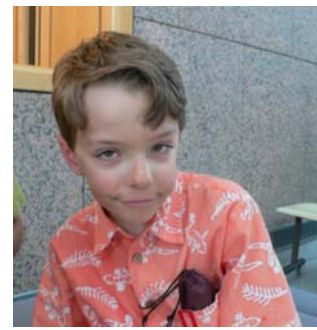
Another Bartholdi masterpiece



Susan was hugely impressed with some of the modern art



The chocolate mousse was lip-smacking good



Dominick mugging for the camera at the Musee D'Art Moderne in Strasbourg