

Palm Springs City Sign

Palm Springs, California, USA



Hi Eliana! Thanks for sending me to California!

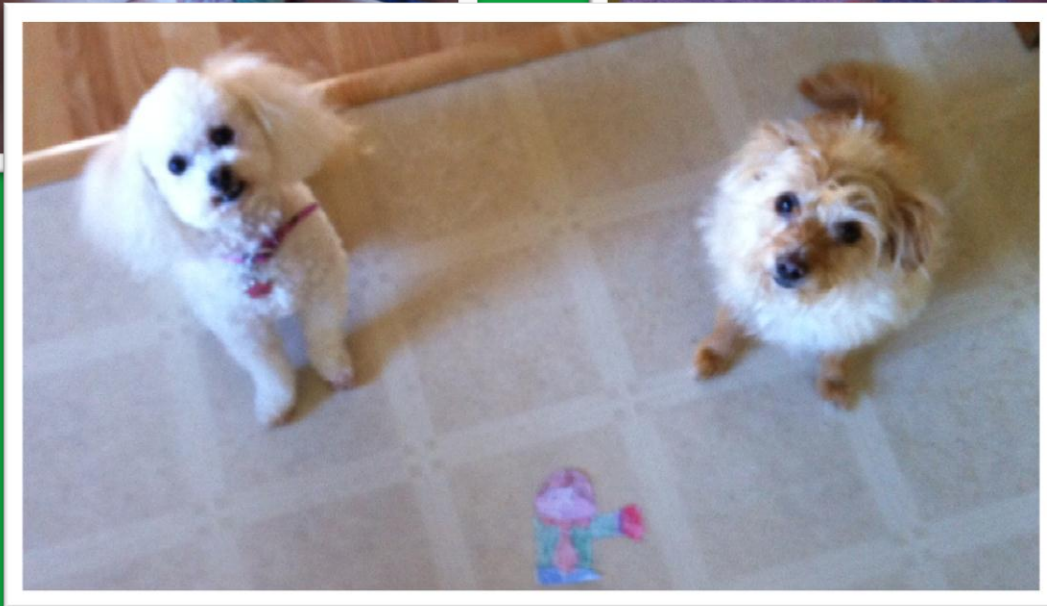
**For my first travel adventure, Ernie and Auntie Heather took me Palm Springs.
My pictures show us at the city border. Since it's a desert, it can get very hot.**

The temperatures reached 112°C while we were there!

Hope you like the rest of my travel journal.

Make sure you try to find me – I'm in every picture!

**Rachel, Kailoa, Maile and Tony Lownds
Pacifica, California, USA**



After leaving southern California, I headed up to the Bay Area of California to see family! Rachel, Tony, Kai and Maile Lownds were waiting for me with open arms! They live in a city called Pacifica – it's just south of San Francisco on the coast. I also got to play with Sadie and Lucy!

Pioneer Square Portland, Oregon, USA



When I left California, I headed north to Oregon to visit with Kris Leonor. We took the train (also called TriMet) to a place called Pioneer Square – some people call it “Portland's Living Room.” One of my favorite pictures is the one I took with *Umbrella Man* – I fit perfectly in his hand! Thanks for showing me around Kris!



Pioneer Square Portland, Oregon, USA



KOMO 4 News Station Seattle, Washington, USA



When I left Oregon, I traveled even further north to Washington to see Nick, Kiersten, Fiona, and Matilda Pavlovsky in Seattle.

Nick works as a Producer / Cinematographer / Editor and was nice enough to take me to work with him – I got to see the inside of a real television station: KOMO 4 News!

When we left the building, he told me to look up, that's when I saw we were right next to the Space Needle! It's one of Seattle's famous landmarks! Check out my photo – it kinda looks like I'm swinging around the base of the tower!



**Space Needle
Seattle, Washington, USA**



Crystal Lakes Trail - Mount Rainier National Park Ashford, Washington, USA



I stayed in Washington to visit with Eileen Roxas-Wilkinson and she took me on a hike at Crystal Lakes Trail (about an hour and a half drive from Seattle) with two of her friends. We started around 9 a.m. and reached the lake shortly after 10 a.m. It took us about an hour and 15 minutes to reach the lake with an elevation gain of about 2300 ft! During the winter time, on another part of the mountain, there is a ski resort that opens up.

**Thanks, Eileen, for taking me on such a fun hike!
I loved the fresh air and pretty green landscape!**

Capital Building Boise, Idaho, USA

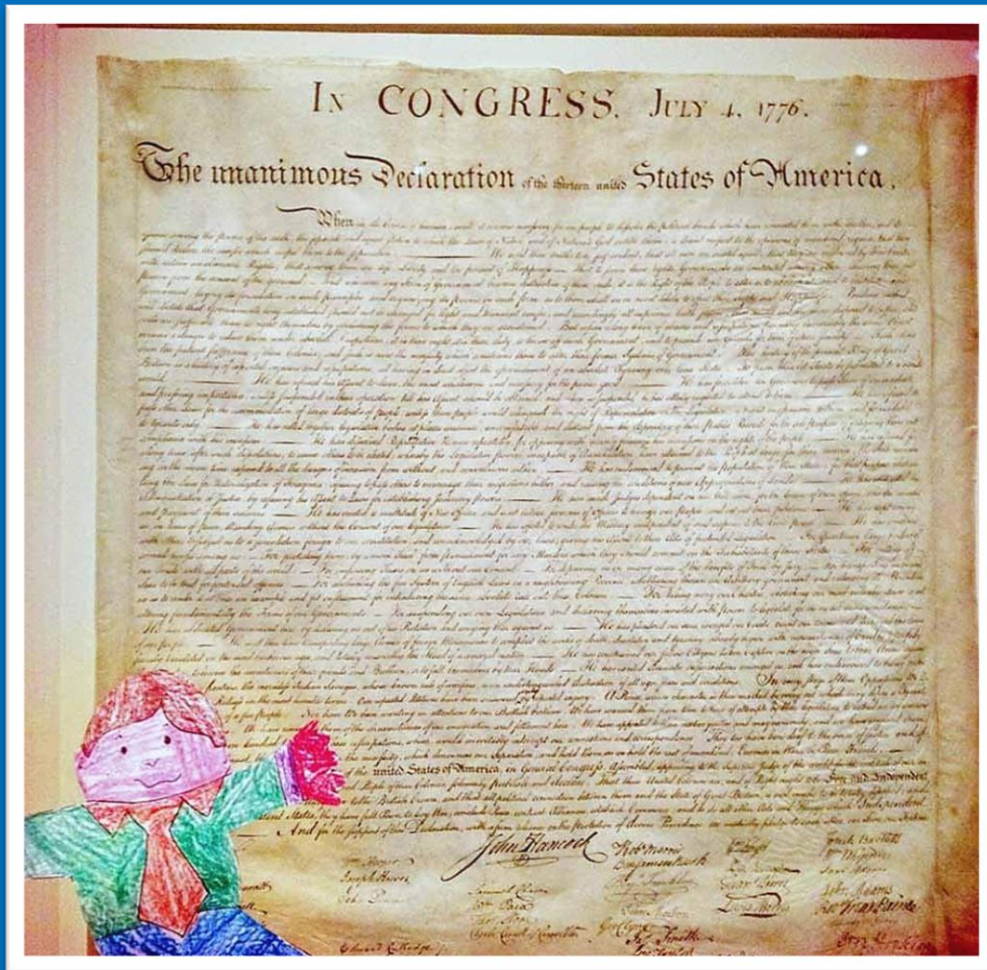


Then I traveled to Boise, Idaho to see Shantel Adair. She took me to the Boise Train Depot – she told me it’s a Spanish-style structure that was opened in 1925. It’s used as a public meeting space and historic site.

She also took me to the Capitol Building! I learned that it is the only one in the United States heated by geothermal water. The hot water is tapped and pumped from a source 3,000 feet underground.

Thanks for the fun learning experience Shan!

National Archives and Records Administration Washington, District of Columbia, USA



I visited our Nation's Capital – Washington DC! While I was there, I went to the National Archives and Records Administration building on Pennsylvania Avenue and met Debra Wall. She is the Deputy Archivist of the United States.

The National Archives Building has 72 Corinthian columns that are each 53 feet high, 5 feet 8 inches in diameter, and weigh 95 tons. I also learned that the Building contains 757,000 square feet of storage space!

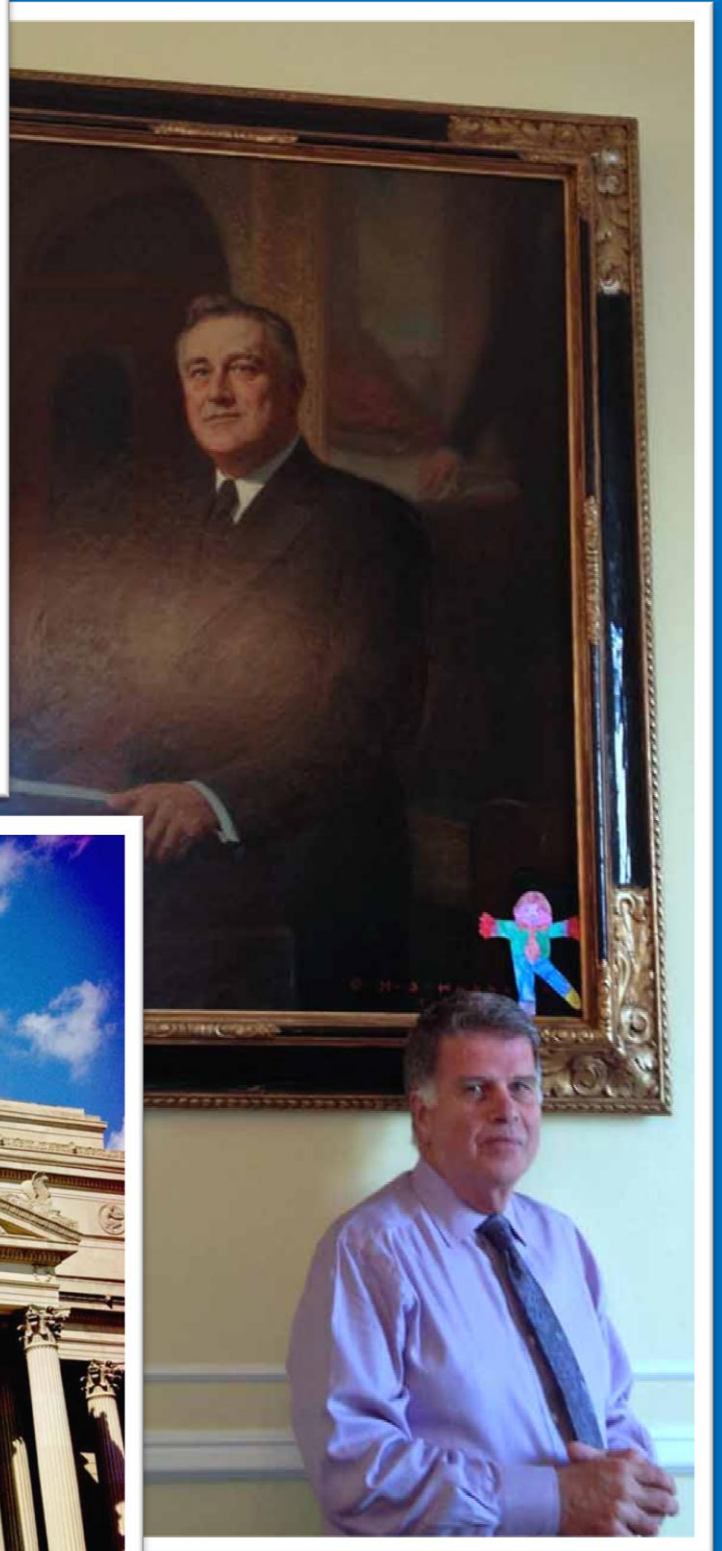
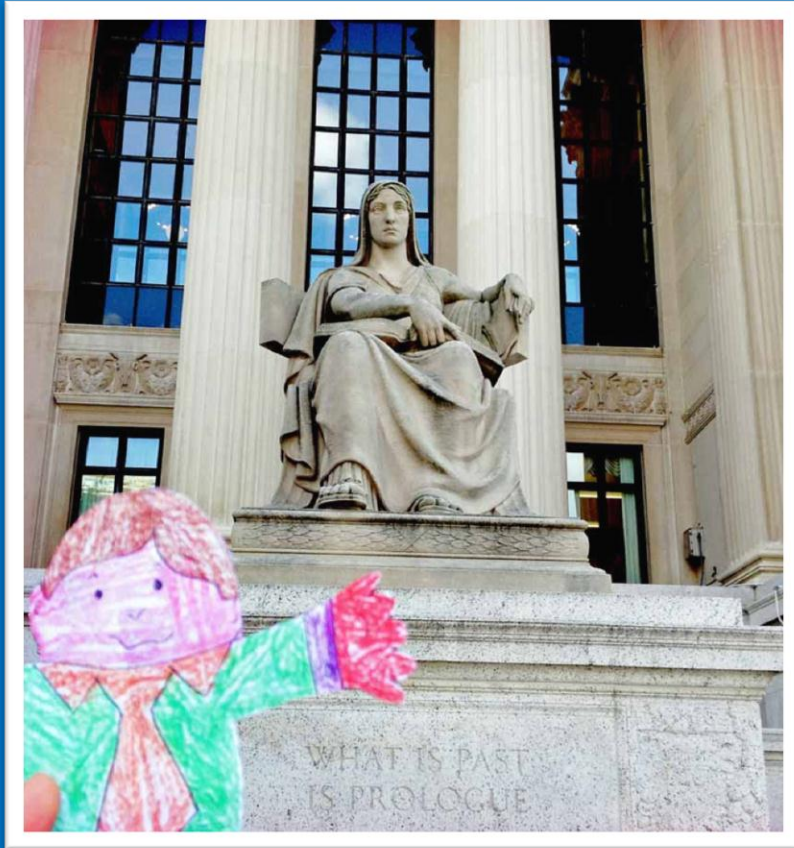
Then, Debra took me into the *Rotunda* for the *Charters of Freedom* – that's the permanent home of the Declaration of Independence, Constitution of the United States, and Bill of Rights.

I also met the Archivist of the United States! His name is David Ferriero and he was very nice to take a picture with me. We're standing in front of a picture of President Franklin Roosevelt – he signed "An Act to Establish a National Archives of the United States" in 1934.

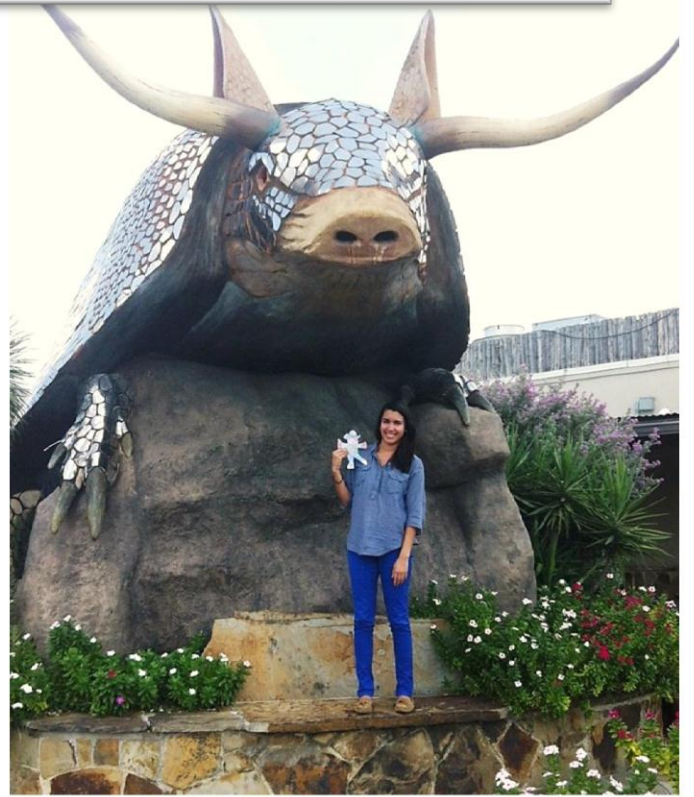
I had an amazing time at the Archives – thanks Deb!



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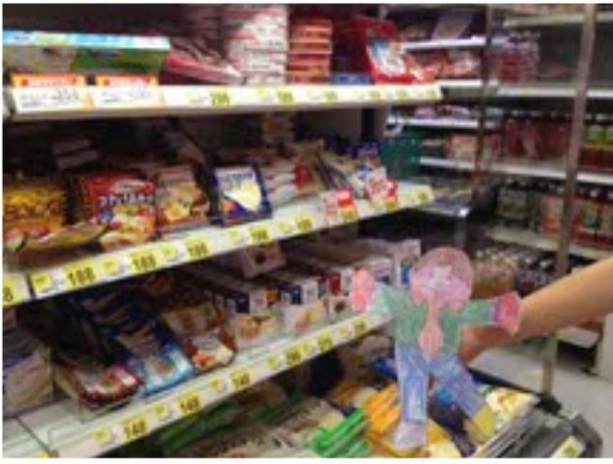


The Armadillo Palace Houston, Texas, USA



I had a very "Texas" experience when I went to see Clair Hollingsworth. She took me to a restaurant in Houston (The Armadillo Palace) where there is a giant Armadillo statue out front. I learned that the armadillo is the official "small mammal" of Texas, with the official large mammal being the Texas Longhorn. The restaurant we went to is known for its live Texas music and is a popular hangout during the month long Houston Rodeo that occurs every year. Guess what? Clair made me my very own cowboy hat! Thanks Clair!

Fukuoka, Japan

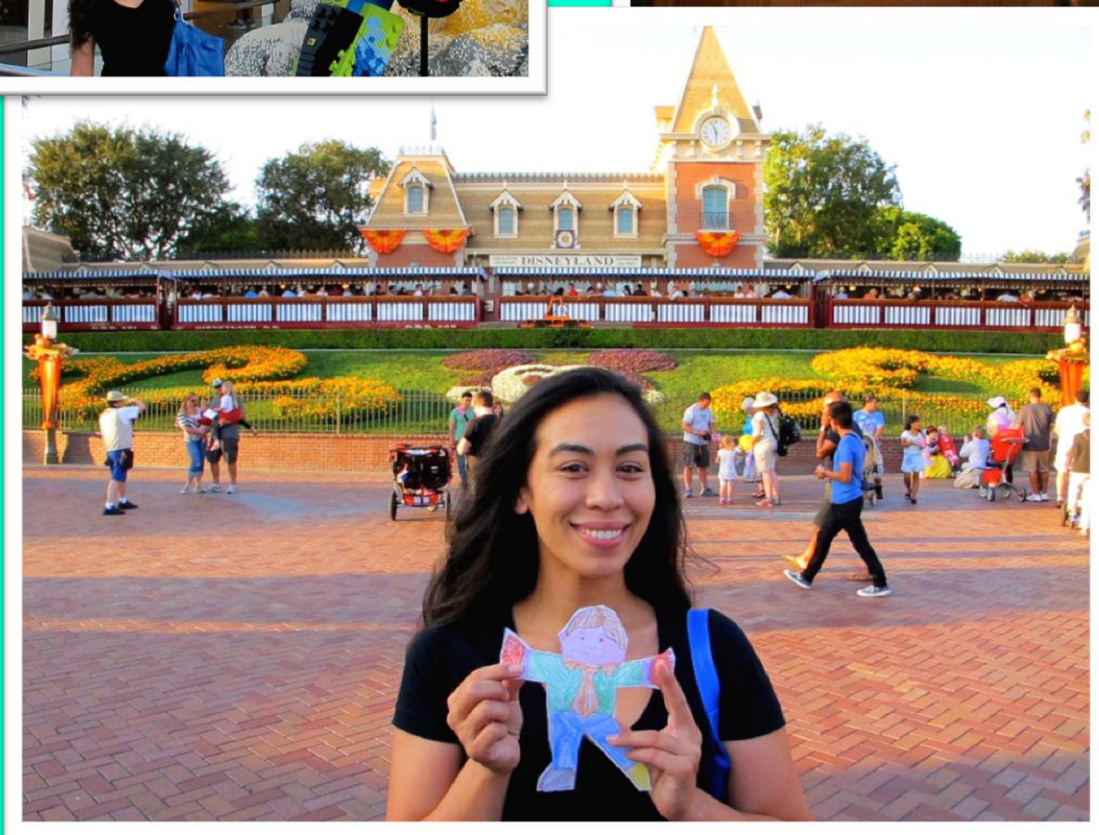


I visited Japan! Our friend Kumi's family lives took me all over Fukuoka:

- A small supermarket called "Sunny" which is in the group of Walmart.
- "Gokoku-shrine". "Gokoku" means to protect the country. This was built to acknowledge people who died during the war
- the statue of Peace
- A kind of history museum, called "Korokan".
- A famous hamburger shop called "Mos Burger"
- A picture of vending machine

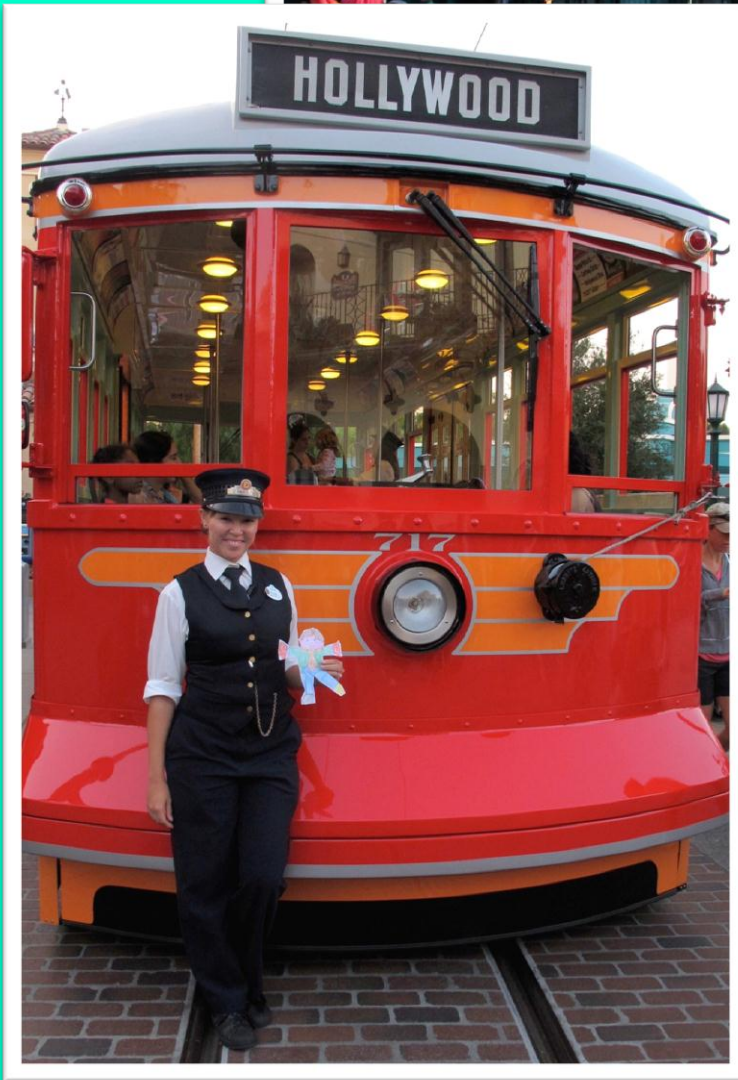
Domo arigato!

Disneyland and Disney's California Adventure Anaheim, California, USA



Finally back in California! For my last adventure, Auntie Heather and Ernie took me to Disneyland! These photos show us at the Lego store in Downtown Disney (with Woody and Buzz Lightyear from Toy Story made out of Legos!), at the entrance to Disneyland, and going into the Main Street Cinema to watch Mickey Mouse's Steamboat Willie – a film from 1928!

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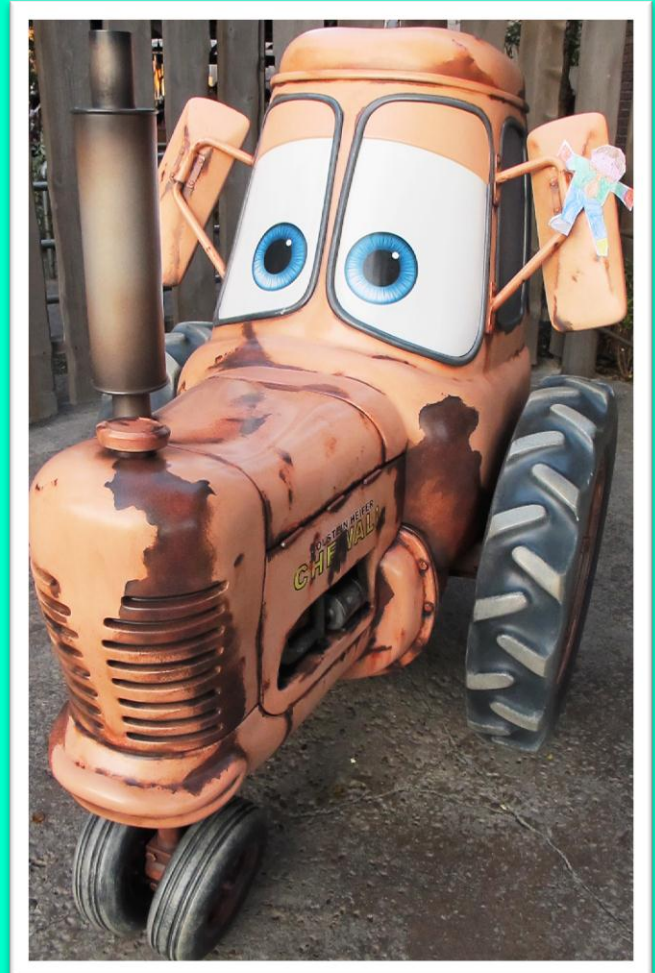


Then we went over to the California Adventure Park! Disney reopened this park in June 2012 with the brand new Buena Vista Street and Cars Land! The Cast Members were nice to me, too, and I got to take photos with a couple of them.

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For my last photo in my travel journal, I added a picture of me with another Stanley - a statue of the Radiator Springs founder in Cars Land. I had so much fun on my travels! Thank you for sending me on this great adventure, Ellie! I enjoyed meeting all of my new friends!