

A VISIT TO TUG HILL

Karl and I just took a trip to Tug Hill on June 24, and it's unbelievable what we saw. When we were seven miles from Lowville we caught our first glimpse of the wind turbines. We started tracking them.

The first we came upon were units that they had just set up and were getting them ready to be "fired up", as the construction people called it. We drove up to one and talked for a minute with one of the workers. Of course, the first thing he said to us was we weren't supposed to be on the access road, but since they were not marked to stay out we had no idea. The tower was 280' and blade was 130' for a total of 410'.

We also stopped and talked to a farmer (run down farm but still milking), and his response to the turbines was "Well, it pays my taxes." The road was a mess, but he said they were supposed to be fixing it. He said the only reason why there are so many that don't like the turbines is because they are not getting any money because they don't have enough land to have them. There they have to have 50 acres to have turbines. He received \$1000 to sign up. If they have to dig in front of his house he gets \$1500, and he said they are nice people.

Again we traveled on to get to other turbines that were running. I was lucky to walk up to the base of one running and had a tape recorder. The people that told us they stood right under one and it didn't make noise were liars -- it makes noise under them and away from them; I have it on tape. I also have four rolls of pictures. I had my camcorder, but wouldn't you know although I had charged the battery it went dead so I went to WalMart to see if they had one. They didn't, but we did get to talk to some people there in the photo part and they told us that the general consensus was that they don't like them, they are against them. At first it seemed like the thing to do and once the newness of them was gone they think they are ugly and out of place. They get nothing from them, and think that it was a big mistake.

Well, we went to Radio Shack, and the two older people in there stated that the turbines had something to do with the price of oil. What don't these people get that these turbines are not going to make the price of oil go down? This is the mindset that people have if they agree with them. In fact they are having a photo contest going on with the turbines. With all of them they have, someone doesn't have a hard time getting pictures of all of them. In fact, we came across where they are putting more up. I think we counted another 12 or so foundations for more.

Unbelievable. They are so out of place and ugly, let alone the noise, which we did catch on tape. We left there with exactly what we thought they would be -- monsters that are noisy, and if you looked at the blades (that is how close we got) they are covered with dirt. So that's the clean power people would want you to believe in.

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