

SOLAR FLARE: THE HITS JUST KEEP ON COMIN'

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I am on the road and have crossed the 45th parallel, headed to the top of the Michigan's Upper Peninsula in hope of seeing the potentially-strong aurorae Saturday night caused by this current CME (Coronal Mass Ejection) event. The huge tide of geo-magnetically-charged solar plasma will sweep past Earth in the next couple of hours. It is 5:30 AM right now and I am near the top of the mitten, as we say in Michigan, and will soon cross the Mackinac Bridge into the U.P. From there I will travel up to the town of Brimley near the Canadian border, about as far north as I can get on the eastern side of Michigan.

My daughter Anne, Emma, and her family are minding the home front and taking care of the dogs. I spent most of Friday at the Blissfest Music Festival near Bliss, Michigan where my daughter May and her husband Seth Bernard were performing. The temperature soared somewhere in the 90s, so it was hot. The Bliss Festival is one of the finest music festivals in the Midwest, and harkens back to the 1960s in quality and spirit. I heard a little of the Nitty-Gritty Dirt Band, and some Corey Harris, not to mention my daughter and/or her husband Seth several times.

Because of the heat I spent a good amount of time walking the many trails in the woods surrounding the festival. There must be miles of trails (or so it seems) threading their way through the camping area. Everywhere you see tents, either singly, in groups, or whole little walled compounds that have sprung up. And many of them featuring (as walls) tie-dyed cloth the size of bedspreads...perhaps they are bedspreads.

I must have taken at least one-hundred photos of these lovely bedspreads or banners and will try to post some in a forthcoming blog. I can't get the photos out of my camera right now because I forgot to bring my flashcard reader. I always forget something important.

As for the effects of the current solar influx, I see them all around me. Many people I have spoken to are kind of in limbo, with many things up in the air or hanging fire. Others I know are trying to work out their differences in this time of change, but now may not be the best time for that. Solar events are not noted for their clarity, but rather for their powerful sense of inner change.

As for me, I am kind of taking it all in and trying to surf the flux as best I can. Yes, I feel change and No, I don't know where it will lead yet. If you scroll down my wall, you will find a number of blogs on what all this solar activity can mean, so I suggest that.

Also, I have to hit the road very soon and don't have a lot of time. I will be off-the-grid for a while, but hope to get an Internet connection later tonight or perhaps Sunday morning.

Keep in mind that in my opinion CMEs are events we kind of ride out, like we would a hurricane. They are actually solar storms sweeping past Earth and penetrating us where and as they can, funneling in through the geomagnetic poles. When these storms come I tend to keep a low profile, take it easy, relax, and make no attempt to figure anything out just now or make important decisions. With CMEs, it is best to feed them, so I eat plenty at these times. It kind of keeps me grounded

Yes, I can feel the inner changes swirling and my attempts to make them out or line them up in some sort of direction (for my comfort) usually don't work. These flares bring change or are change, but it will take some time for the smoke to clear enough that I can see what the change has wrought. Right now, times they are a' changing, and what is changing is me, or my idea of me, who I am, and where I am headed.

So I bid you farewell for now and good luck with the incoming CME.