

Hitchhike Adventure from Hamamatsu City back to Niigata



Yusuke and Noriko, the first people to pick me up.

Sunday, May 20, 2012: Today was the last day of my trip and my return to home. The challenge was to hitchhike 600 kilometers (about 400 miles), the same distance I traveled on day one of my journey, but this time I would be crossing Tokyo. It's not easy to cross Tokyo by hitchhiking, I usually take the train. Today I was successful.

After waiting a whole hour at Mikatahara PA next to Hamamatsu, a young man approached me and offered me a ride. His name is Yusuke and he was with his girlfriend, Noriko. It's not too often that young single couples pick me up; they consist of only 3% of the total.



Mt. Fuji viewed from Fujikawa Service Area

Yusuke and Noriko, both from Nagoya, were going mountain climbing that day and would be getting off the expressway at Shizuoka city. They offered to take me as far as the Fujikawa Service area. From Fujikawa there is a magnificent view of Mt. Fuji in good weather.

After close to another hour of waiting, a truck driver from Kure City in Hiroshima Prefecture offered me a ride as far as Kawasaki which is near Tokyo! Truck drivers are only 6% of the total of people who pick me up, and a truck driver on the expressway is probably less than half that percentage. He was a friendly guy, and quite intelligent compared to many truck drivers I've ridden with. He urged me not to return home to Niigata that day but to spend

the night in Tokyo so I could see the total solar eclipse the next day, Monday May 21! "I can't," I replied, "I've got to be home by evening. We have a little dog that goes crazy with loneliness when nobody is around! If I don't return home tonight, there won't be anybody home to care for her!" The truck driver replied, "You're going to miss an opportunity that happens only once in a lifetime for a dog!"



Dog riding in the back of
a motorcycle at Kokuho PA
in Kawasaki.

The truck driver took me to Kokuho PA in Kawasaki. I had thought to walk to a train station from there and take trains to cross Tokyo to get to the Kanetsu expressway, but changed my mind thinking I might not only save money but time if I could catch a ride to some place in Saitama. It paid off. A married couple saw my Niigata sign and offered to take me to Narimasu station on the Tobu Tojo line! Great! From Narimasu it was only a short train ride to a station near the Miyoshi service area on the Kanetsu expressway, the highway home.

From Miyoshi SA 3 more vehicles took me back to Niigata. One was a couple from Brazil. Non-Japanese who pick me up are only 2% of the total of 2407 drivers who picked me up since I've been keeping statistics from August 2003.

William M. Henry Artwork



I recently visited a good friend who is an artist, William Henry. He is offering high resolution DVDs of his artwork for \$99 US. Anybody interested? The below is a couple low resolution samples of some of the artwork.



William M. Henry artwork



William M. Henry artwork

Hitchhike Adventure from Osaka to Hamamatsu City





Left to right: Driver
from Hiroshima
Prefecture and Mr.
Sayama, my hitchhike
partner.

May 18, 2012: Today was the second day of my trip. The main purpose was to help my friend in Hamamatsu City, Shizuoka Prefecture, to purchase and set up a laptop PC. It's only 290 kilometers (180 miles) from Osaka to Hamamatsu, half the distance I hitchhiked the day before from Niigata to Osaka, "a piece of cake!"

It was just after 9 a.m and only few minutes after arriving to the Suita Service Area of the Meishin Expressway when a young man walked close to where I was standing. He looked at me and I guessed immediately that he also was a hitchhiker! I've met up with other people hitchhiking, but it's pretty rare, only a handful of people in thousands of times. The man, Mr. Sayama, was on his way to Yokohama, about twice the distance I needed to go that day.

When the Japanese people tell me that hitchhiking is uncommon in Japan, I tell them that's why it's so easy to do it; I have no competition! Of course I'm joking. I didn't consider Mr. Sayama a competitor, but a potential partner in my journey.



Udon noodle lunch

I told Mr. Sayama that he need not worry about me. I would give him preference in case the driver was not willing to pick up more than one passenger. It turned out that we became a team! I met the first driver who took us both to Otsu Service Area in Shiga Prefecture, and Mr. Sayama met the second driver, a man from Fukuyama Hiroshima Prefecture who took me as far as Shinshiro PA before Hamamatsu, and Mr. Sayama to Gotemba. The Hiroshima man bought us all a nice lunch of Udon noodles.

From Shinshiro PA a man working for an IT company took me to Hamamatsu Station.

[May Hitchhike Adventure to Osaka](#)



Jackie next to his French sports car

May 17, 2012: Osaka is about 600 kilometers or 400 miles from home. I made it in a very good time, 8.5 hours in 4 vehicles spending less than \$10 that day for food and a bit of public transportation to get me started.

The first driver, Tomoshi, is an airplane mechanic serving in the Japan Self Defense Force. He's stationed in Higashi Matsushima, Miyagi Prefecture, very close to where the tsunami of March 11, 2011 hit. Tomoshi was on his way to Kanazawa while his wife was in labor. He was hoping to be in time for the birth of his first child! I don't know if he made it in time or not, but he sure helped me get to my destination in a good time. Kanazawa is exactly half way to Osaka from Niigata.

The last driver, Jackie, a rather affluent looking businessman who speaks good English, was driving a French sports car, a Peugeot. I showed his photo to my Japanese friends, and they all recognized the car by the symbol on the hood.

Jackie is in the insurance business, a *dealer* with insurance companies! It's not very often I get to travel in an imported vehicle speaking to the driver in English, but even rarer still, Jackie is one of those uncommon people in the world who is very knowledgeable about [who the real rulers of the world](#) are, their secret societies, and what their agenda is!

Jackie seemed to appreciate hearing what knowledge I have about the subject. He went out of his way to take me to the very area where my friend in Osaka lives.

May 6, 2012 Hitchhike Adventure: Hirosaki to Akita City



Miss Tomoko. She took
from Nagamine to
Igarigaseki

Hirosaki was under a clear blue sky when I boarded the first train out of town at 6:54 a.m. My destination was home to Niigata and I was hoping to hitchhike all the way back from Nagamine station, just 3 train stations from Hirosaki and right on Route 7, a straight shot to Niigata. It turned out I was able to hitchhike in 5 rides only as far as Akita City. It started to rain just before car #5 and was raining heavily when I arrived in Akita City, still 270 kilometers from home. Heavy rain means the train the rest of the journey.

Car #1: A young single lady who works at Furutobe Spa. She took me as far as Igarigaseki, about half way to Odate City.

Car #2: A middle age man to Odate.

Car #3: A truck driver to Takenosu, part way to Noshiro City. I was surprised he stopped. The truck carries Home Center supplies. It's not very often for truck drivers to stop for me.



Lady who took me to
Noshiro City

Car #4: A middle age lady driving a van to Higashi Noshiro. She past me by, turned around and offered me a ride. It's not uncommon for drivers to turn around after considering for a few moments whether to pick me up. I explained

to the lady some principles of my faith from the Book of Genesis. Favorite words in the Japanese language are “nature” and expressions of appreciation such as “thank you”. I told her that if Genesis 1:1 is true, and we are created beings by God, shouldn’t it be a part of our nature to say, “thank you” to our Creator for life and all things He created? She agreed and understood that point quite well!



Mrs. and Mr. Sakurada of Noshiro City

Car #5: Mr. And Mrs. Sakurada of Noshiro City who took me to Akita station. Mr. Sakurada loves history and he was completely turned on when I explained to him the real reason the Japanese Tokugawa government of the 16th century began to persecute Christians in Nagasaki. It was not the true Gospel of Christ that the Tokugawa government feared, it was the influence of ROME, the Roman Catholic church, the Pope and the Jesuits!! The Japanese government knew the power of Rome and what the Pope did to Europe. The Nagasaki Christians they persecuted were all Roman Catholics, people who would have their ultimate allegiance to the Pope, not to the Japanese government. Tokugawa Iemitsu feared revolt. He feared Japan would become a colony of Rome. He therefore closed Japan to foreigners, but *ESPECIALLY* to Roman Catholic countries like Portugal. He had no problem with the English or Dutch because he knew they broke off from Rome after the Protestant reformation. I told that to the driver and it was like turning on a light in his head. He immediately put together the dots and was totally amazed!

Confirmation: Al-qaeda Exists only in the Mind



“BBC’s killer documentary called “The Power of Nightmares”. Top CIA officials openly admit, Al-qaeda is a total and complete fabrication, never having existed at any time.” (Quote from: Top Ranking CIA Operatives Admit Al-qaeda Is a Complete Fabrication)

In 2010 while riding a train, I met a man from Pakistan. This was just after Terry Jones, the pastor of the Christian Dove World Outreach Center in Gainesville, Florida, U.S., announced he would burn 200 Qurans on the 2010 anniversary of the September 11 attacks. The Pakistani man asked me what I thought about it. I gave him a thumbs-down sign. I don't think it's good when people purposely antagonize those of a different culture or religion and make trouble. Besides that, I don't even believe Osama Bin Laden or Al-Qaeda had anything to do with 911. It was a false flag operation to give G.W.B. the excuse to invade Afghanistan.

The young man from Pakistan then proceeded to tell me Al-Qaeda is not an actual organization. Calling a person in the Middle East a member of Al-Qaeda is like calling a Japanese person you think is a criminal a "Yakuza." The person called a Yakuza may not even be a member of any organized Japanese mob, he may only appear to fit the type. Moreover, there are many different organized Japanese crime syndicates. Just saying "Yakuza" doesn't pinpoint any particular one. The Pakistani man said the U.S. Government will call anyone it doesn't like, "Al-qaeda."

Alex Jones says, "[Al-qaeda was created by the CIA.](#)" as if there is such an organization. This is a misleading statement! I believe "Al-Qaeda" to be CIA disinformation; it's a pseudo organization that exists only in the mind, used for controlling the public and justifying aggression by the government.