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Dear Derek,

my current obsession is getting grass to grow in a computer keyboard. I was smitten w/ the photo I saw a month ago (see I am... 7/20/2005, second post of the day)

I went to the county landfill where they have a dropoff site for computers & peripherals; usually there's a stack of a doz. keyboards there getting rained on (perfect prep for compugrass eh?) but that day — NADA.

So, I buy 3 keyboards at the local PTA thrift shop, \$1.00 @ ~~apiece~~ and set em up on a stump and a picnic table in our dooryard* I poured water all over them and sprinkled in some alfalfa seeds from the cupboard.

Bad seed — she don't germinate so well 2 years on in captivity in suburbia.

New seed — good start, but prone to washout in the "bed". I'm not getting a uniform spread, the seed drifts to the lowest elevation no matter how carefully I water w/ watering can.

I go back to landfill and find plenty of keyboards Elation in trash, yes? Now I'm studying porosity, plugging up holes w/ joint compound, I open up keyboards and marvel at the amount of lead solder in there — no wonder communities want to keep them out of landfills. It's a strange new world —

*I've carried my sense of place down here from New England: the space between our sidedoor + the end of our driveway.

Thursday, June 9, 2005

Run Manifest

Driver: Combs, Tony

Route # 400

Vehicle: 720

of 103 drivers at CHT, Tony is the only one who knows how to milk a cow. I recall an inspired conversation w him on the subj of Bag Balm®

Trip ID	Name	Address	ETA/ Prom Window	Appt Time	
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172429	Clark, Hettie	410 CALDWELL EXT	08:40	09:00	Time: <u>8:35</u>
	Tot. Pass: 1	Multipurpose Center			
	Amb: 1, WC: 0	CHAPEL HILL			Odometer: <u>168</u>
Description: Multipurpose Center					

172505	Oneal, Vicki	140 W BARBEE CHAPEL RD	08:51		Time: _____
	Tot. Pass: 1	GREENWAY CONDOS APT 101	08:45 - 09:05		
	Amb: 0, WC: 1	CHAPEL HILL			Odometer: _____
	Equip: MW				
Description: _____					

172505	Oneal, Vicki	260 ERWIN RD	09:13		Time: _____
	Tot. Pass: 1	Chapel Hill Bible Church	n/a		
	Amb: 0, WC: 1	CHAPEL HILL			Odometer: _____
	Equip: MW				
Description: Chapel Hill Bible Church					

172482	JONES, HATTIE	1716 LEGION RD	09:24	10:15	Time: <u>9:20</u>
	Tot. Pass: 1	Britthaven Rehabilitation Center	09:24 - 09:44		
	Amb: 0, WC: 1	CHAPEL HILL			Odometer: <u>172</u>
	Equip: MW				
Description: Britthaven Rehabilitation Center					

172463	MOODY, HERMAN	1716 LEGION RD	09:24	10:15	Time: <u>9:20</u>
	Tot. Pass: 1	Britthaven Rehabilitation Center	09:24 - 09:44		
	Amb: 0, WC: 1	CHAPEL HILL			Odometer: <u>172</u>
	Equip: MW				
Description: Britthaven Rehabilitation Center					

172463	MOODY, HERMAN	105 RENEE LYNN CT	10:00	10:15	Time: <u>9:40</u>
	Tot. Pass: 1	Carolina Dialysis			
	Amb: 0, WC: 1	CARRBORO			Odometer: <u>179</u>
	Equip: MW				
Description: Carolina Dialysis					

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the innards of keyboards from 15 years ago to last years model.

But all I really want is an environment to grow grass in, a vessel with deep shady vallies for root clinging, rows of grass rising up from those unplanned furrows. What hardware designer could picture this ^{end use?!}

The fact that it's already been done inspires me. I've talked to 10 people about this and even when they don't come right out and ask, "Why?" I know that's there. They need to know the impetus.

So:

It's art. It's an arresting view of improbability. People avoid spilling drinks at the cubicle; here ~~we~~ we are laying on the liquid liberally. It's a release.

I want to see how people react to the grassy keyboard. Will they assume I'm a Luddite? Will they see the grass first or the keyboard first? Will they be offended? Will they be enthralled?

It's a joke with no setup,

a visual koan,

like your license plate,

tally ho, Dave

Run Manifest

Friday, June 10, 2005

Driver: Adams, Derek

Route # 5030

Vehicle: 731

— he keeps snakes, mostly boa constrictors, short guy, very much like Radar O'Reilly on MASH

Trip ID	Name	Address	ETA/ Prom Window	Appt Time
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LG	Leave Garage		15:16	Time: <u>3:16</u> Odometer: <u>894</u>
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172754	KILSHIMER, STEVEN Tot. Pass: 1 Amb: 1, WC: 0	LENOIR DR HAMILTON HALL CHAPEL HILL	15:25 15:20 - 15:40	Time: <u>3:26</u> Odometer: <u>896</u>
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Description: HAMILTON HALL

172754	KILSHIMER, STEVEN Tot. Pass: 1 Amb: 1, WC: 0	5400 NEW HOPE COMMONS DR WALMART DURHAM	15:45 n/a	Time: <u>3:45</u> Odometer: <u>901</u>
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Description: WALMART

PU Megan Jones/Women's Hospital → 4:03 (906)
 DO F10 Camelot Village → 4:17 (909)

172851	HOUSTON, SUSAN Tot. Pass: 1 Amb: 1, WC: 0	310 PITTSBORO ST CHAPEL HILL	16:40 16:40 - 17:00	Time: _____ Odometer: _____
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Description: SECUPB

PU Eastgate Hair → 4:23 (910)
 DO Building 5 Colonywoods → 4:38 (913)

172851	HOUSTON, SUSAN Tot. Pass: 1 Amb: 1, WC: 0	807 KINGS MILL RD CHAPEL HILL	16:53 n/a	Time: _____ Odometer: _____
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172779	JACKEM, M Tot. Pass: 1 Amb: 1, WC: 0	101 MANNING DR PARKING DECK PULL OUT CHAPEL HILL	17:15 17:15 - 17:35	Time: <u>5:15</u> Odometer: <u>919</u>
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Description: PARKING DECK/UNCH

Directions: PICK UP ACROSS FROM HOSP AT PARKING DECK PULL OUT