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... dealer there selling arai (although not the same dealer as last year). their prices were great (as in below OUR cost), but unfortunately, they had no concern about what size helmet they were selling to consumers. like the customer that came to our booth after purchasing a helmet there. she purchased a large....she is an extra small. wow. i don't know why it surprises me anymore. at every show, consumers tell us that they have never received the kind of service we provide. they have never been fit properly. etc, etc. after working at The Service Pavilion for three years, it just makes me sick to see the lack of integrity of other dealers. I'm not pointing fingers or referring to any one dealer, it's a widespread problem. I do realize that Rob has started a really unique business, but I can't help but be shocked by what I see going on with other retailers.

Anyway, now onto the fun stuff. you guessed it...the food! In Fort Worth, I had a crepe for the first time. WOW. It was amazing! I had a crepe with strawberries, bananas, whipped cream, and strawberry sauce. it was so tasty. and it got a lot of looks and comments as I was walking back to the booth with it. i don't think i've ever gotten so much male attention! :) it was funny. but the crepe was so good i had to get another the next day.

On Friday night, Rob, Austin, and I went to a local hangout called Billy Bob's. Wow, what a place. Over 100,000 square feet. There were video games, a bar, a HUGE dance floor, tables, a little cafe/eatery area, a big gift shop, live bull riding, and a TON of people. It was really neat. So neat that Austin decided he wants to move to Texas.

On Saturday night, we went to Texas de Brazil. YUM. We ended up inviting some other friends to share in the fun, and ended up with a party of 8. What a great time we had. The food was amazing, as always. But it's always fun to go there with people that have never been there before. One of the people that joined us declared that it was the best steak he ever had in his life. I don't doubt it. Although I think he ate a bit too much, as he got really quiet, withdrawn, and sleepy eyed by the end of the meal (and yes, i have pictures...haha). Austin (who works with us) prepared for Texas de Brazil all week by pigging out and "stretching his stomach". By the time he was done eating, he looked drunk. It was hysterical (and i have pictures of that, too). A few of the other guys ate well and enjoyed themselves, but seemed to have a little more self control. Our friend Aime had so much red meat that she swore it off after that dinner. Rob and I enjoyed every bite and can't wait to go again.

After Fort Worth, Austin flew home and I stayed out for the drive to San Mateo. On Monday, Rob and I went to downtown Ft Worth to check out the old stockyards. There was a lot of history that I knew nothing about prior to that trip. It was very interesting, and we even got to see a cattle drive. They we walked through some of the historic area and checked out all the cutesy gift shops.

That night we went to an outdoor/strip mall thingy and did some shopping. Then we went to the movies. But it wasn't a movie theater like anything i've seen here at home. When we bought our tickets, they handed us a menu! We went into the theater where there were a bunch of plush chairs on wheels,

and tables! We sat down, pushed our little buzzer thing when we ready to order, and a waitress came to take our order! It was really cool!

Definitely a unique experience. The best part was that the prices for a meal there were comparable to a popcorn and soda at a normal movie theater. Awesome.

For the next few days, Rob and I enjoyed a beautiful drive to San Mateo. There were some things that slowed us down, but we did get to take in a lot of great scenery. I never get tired of driving across the country, but I also don't have to do to the driving! I can't say it enough, though - I have THE best job in the world!!!