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It is Sunday morning, 9:30. Happy Mother's Day!

Yesterday we drove "The Road to Hana", a trip around 1/2 of the island. Probably less than 100 miles, but it took 12 hours, at least 8 hours driving. It circles a mountain. Lots of waterfalls and beautiful remote rocky coast. But the road wound constantly and was very narrow in places. There was about 7 miles of gravel road and another 10 of rough pavement. There was one tense moment when going down a hill, I shifted into reverse instead of to a lower gear, but fortunately all it did is turn off the engine. Which is not good when you have power steering, but I got it restarted quickly. It nearly gave Carol a heart attack. The far end of the island is not a good place to break down with a rental car. At one point, we had to wait for a big old bull to stagger out of our lane. Maui is a big beef producer, and some of the cattle ranches are on really remote parts of the island.

Nothing planned for today. Maybe I'll do some snorkeling off the little beach in back of the hotel.

Steve