

Saturday, February 2

Tärnaby Snow Adventures

Slow morning start then a small and short-lived catastrophe. The Tärnaby cabin is heated by a pellet fueled boiler system which died sometime during the night. Reached out to owner and all the various contacts, but slow to no response. Tried the old “re-boot” and hit on the side – this seemed to have worked for now and we are back in business. Nice to have heat (and hot water) for -10F nights.



In spite of lack of heat/boiler, we went on a wonderful snowshoe adventure out the back of the house, up the hill and then down to the river and up along the river bank.



No destination, but making good time



Perhaps one of the nicer observations for the start of the 2nd week is it is likely the first time in a very long time that I don't feel like I am in a hurry – I can do what I want when I want and not worry about how fast I can get it done so that I can move onto next thing.

Sunday, February 3

Tarnaby Snow Adventures

A happy boiler in the morning and an earlier start, but a cold and windy day. First try at skiing is at the top of the ridge heading back into Tarnaby. Forgot ski skins (we are only

slowly getting all of the safety gear into our packs and fearful that more than five minutes heading into the *gentle breeze* at zero degrees will result in frost bite.



Take 2: Drive to Hemevan and try to find their ski trails – fun little town but even colder and windier than Tarnaby. Return to ski trails in Tarnaby for a lovely skinny ski run along a community trail (you volunteer to donate to help pay for maintenance) at end of town. Lovely winding path up and down hills and well protected from the wind.



Finished with a beer at the hotel pub. We seem to be a bit early for the season as the hotel is near empty but nice enough to open bar to provide us much needed rewards for the day.

Monday, February 4

Tarnaby Snow Adventures

Plan for today – a long snowshoe into town to enjoy Tarnaby Bakery (Tärnafjällens Bageri & Konditori AB) – they have weaponized a chocolate treat that leave's 12-year-old males helpless. Path was a great deal of fun, first in the woods, then across a couple of the near empty ski resorts and then through a bit of a neighborhood.



Unfortunately, bakery closed on Monday. We headed back to cabin across the lake and then back up through forest. All-in-all a great day of snowshoeing.



Lori and Max with dueling laptops are working on Max's blog which is taking a bit of nudging, but at least for the pictures he is having great fun. He has also written a couple of very fun bits, but these ARE NOT FOR SHARING. We are listening to [Guns, Germs and Steel](#) as a book on tape and watching a Great Course on Economics and one on Geology. I need to take a look at what math needs to be completed to complete 8th grade, but still plenty of time for this.



I also have on my list dusting off my coding skills and teaching Max to program in C – which I assume will make him a bit of a renaissance computer scientist.

Along similar lines, I am working on setting up (or improving) the very basic website I set up long ago for [Bermuda Associates](#). Ultimately this is where we would prefer to be posting these blogs instead of sending via email.

Tuesday, February 5

Tarnaby Snow Adventures

I am tremendously enjoying the morning ritual at our lovely cabin. Wake up and wander into the kitchen to enjoy the heated floors on bare feet while making a strong pot of coffee. Start a fire in the small but lovely stove and then a bit of morning reading – not just news/web, but also books which as morning reading is something truly novel for me. In addition to our book club book, I am reading “[The Box](#)” from [Bill Gates reading list](#) – for me a constant source of interesting reads. The next step of morning ritual is waiting to hear the pellet stove drop pellets to make sure it is still working (though the warm floors are a good indicator) and then of course the morning sauna, Just checking for the day's events -11 degrees F with an anticipated high of -6 – this might be a good day for an extra log on the fire and a break from winter sports and a bit of extra reading.





Ok, so now rest for the weary, off for a x-country ski adventure on the high ridge that leads back in to Lake Gäutan. Can't help but share the car temperature reading. Let's see now, -22C is about -8F. Perfect temperature to test out gear (and hope for no wind).

Turns out to only be a bit nippy as long as we keep moving. Ski trail on high ridge is spectacular though the novelty of beautiful scenery, well-marked trails, fresh powder and no other tourists is beginning to wear off



Of other note, I am really enjoying cooking in a new kitchen and shopping in a new grocery store. Love the ultra-efficient European appliances – magneto stove top, hermitically sealed and ultra-insulated oven. Grocery store is great fun, produce ok (skip the avocados), meats are wonderful, but hard to find the 20 oz US cowboy cut steak, salmon is good (though of course not as good as PNW), cheeses wonderful with lots of new treats and cracker and bread selection a real treat. Even a modest try at a Latin food shelf though the hot sauce selection leaves much to be desired.



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HEMÅVN TÄRNABY

Wednesday, February 6

Tärnaby Snow Adventures

Our last full day in Tärnaby. Slow start as we play with blogs and try to update the website a bit. When we finally get motivated, it is to enjoy a heat wave up over 20 degrees C. Destination, small island in middle of frozen lake Gäutan near Tärnaby, Sweden - temps up 20 degrees to a balmy 11F.



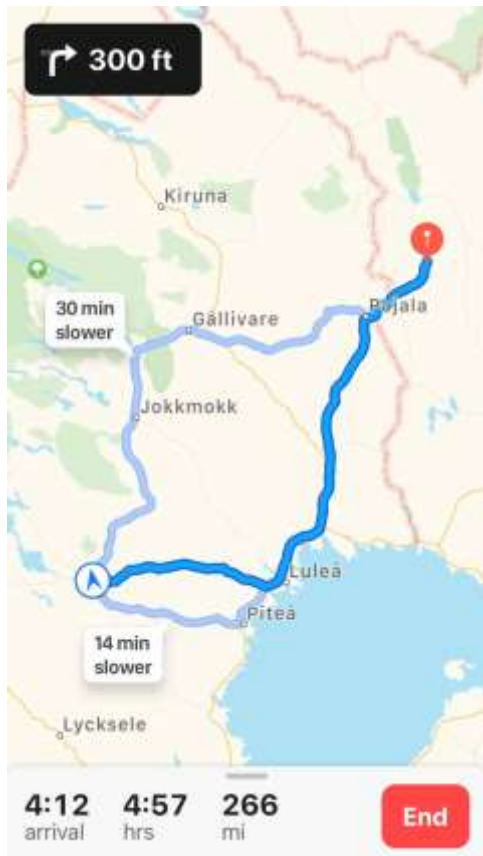
And a final stop at the bakery with lots of sage wisdom from the local baker. Apparently, we just missed a snowmobile race/festival by a week which would bring more than 20,000 snowmobilers to town (instead we felt like the only tourists to be found).



Thursday, February 7

Car Trek – Tarnaby to Ylläs

Early morning goodbye to lovely Tärnaby cabin and then depart for Ylläs. We had planned for a long, but beautiful 8-hour drive through Lapland mountains and lakes.



Our friend, the baker at Tärnaby, warned that it was a long and difficult drive with lots of snow and challenges due to trucks. The trucks are indeed a bit of an adventure – when they pass coming towards you, they create a white-out of snow that makes it impossible to see for a few seconds or more. All-in-all though, a lovely, easy drive if a bit long. Perhaps more challenging than the trucks are the reindeer (and supposedly moose) that share the road.

Arrived by 4PM (with unexpected time change) in Ylläs to meet owner and host of cabin #2 north of the Arctic Circle. Very fun and interesting place – very compact, very efficient (geothermal floor heat), walking distance (via snowshoes) to fun restaurant and 70M from a network of 250 kilometers of ski trails (Lori is planning on trying to do them all before she goes).

Another fun and interesting new kitchen, grocery store with new treats (smoked salmon almost as good as [B&E](#)).

Lori and Max setup a watch schedule to wake up each hour to check for Norther lights. Late night smoke alarm at 12249 Shorewood – glad we get internet notices – McKenna figuring out new stove top cooks a bit hot and fast ...

Friday, February 8

Snow Adventures Ylläs

First morning in Ylläs. Catch up on a bit of home-schooling homework. Start the day with a bit of scrambled eggs with salmon and caviar. Lovely day of snowshoe adventures just outside our door.





Our host let us know there is also an outdoor firepit we are welcome to use if we dig it out of the snow and that food tastes particularly good cooked on an open fire when it is very cold outside. Indeed, a lovely feast followed by listening to Guns, Germs and Steel for an hour or so by a nice warm fire on a very cold night.

