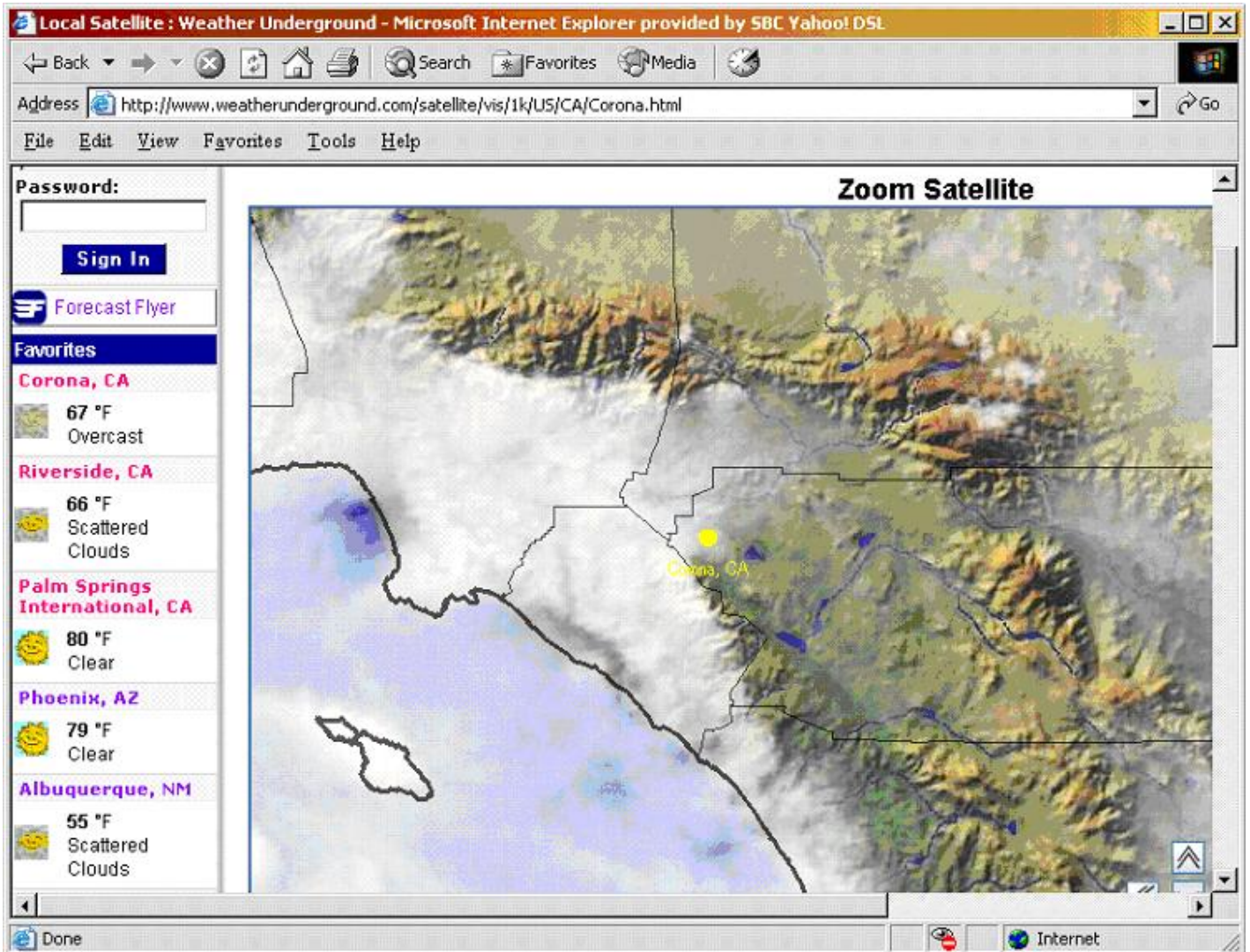


I thought I would take Friday off and have a three day weekend with the kids in Phoenix. Wasn't going to happen. After staying home all day Friday, I also had to wait until 2 PM on Saturday before the overcast cleared. Weatherunderground.com provides a wealth of information about the route ahead.



The yellow dot is Corona CA

The clouds were gone but the air was dirty. After just a few miles, I was high enough to be above the smog, and it was thick. Once above though, it was clear.



That's Big Bear up there and filth down there.

Then on I went past the river. With GPS, it is just the same route every time. Like a bus driver. Each time I get to the river, I go by the exact same community each time.



That's it right there.

The visit with kids and grandkids was great but you do not want to see "family" pictures, so I'll spare you.

On the way back, just before sunset, I snapped San Jacinto Peak by Palm Springs. The red tint is from the low sun angle.



San Jacinto Peak

So much for clean air. That was the end of it. Turning my head back to the west, it was worse than when I left So Cal. The junk was so thick, nothing was visible except the mountains above the smog line which was around 4000'. The dark bump ahead is the higher part of the Santa Ana Mountains.



Yucky

Looking to the northwest, miles and miles of the same



The Rialto, Upland, Ontario, Colton, El Monte area.

The final kicker was the sunset. Just like plunking a rock into a sloppy bucket of mud, the sun had to face the disgrace of going plop into that crap. It literally disappeared in the dirt.



We live down there.

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