

Sunday April 10, 2011

It was sunny and a warm 22celcius when we made our way out of Meramec State Park and headed north east. There were two detours going through St. Louis that extended our route a bit, but as it was a Sunday there were only a few construction workers.



At 3:00 pm we passed through Indianapolis. Wonder what all those coloured pots are about?



The Indianapolis KOA was our destination. A nice park, but rather expensive, considering the only things open were the office and laundry. They made us go over their speed bumps 3 times to get to the site. Will avoid this park in the future as the bumps are really hard on the rig.



Once we were settled, Vicki and Barry took us to our favourite Mexican restaurant for dinner. The Margaritas and the food were all good as usual. Sorry that Eileen and Randy could not join us this time!

Monday April 11, 2010



Vicki and Barry hosted us at their house for the afternoon. On the way we saw lots of trees in bloom.



Dudley and Vogue, two very large Briards, were on hand to "greet" Indee and Percy.

Indee liked the huge fenced yard where he thought it best to get to know the female on the other side of the patio door.



Indee stole a toy from the basket and seemed quite proud of himself.



Vogue was not too impressed.



Dudley and Indee had a great time playing while Percy was content to stay out of the way and let them have all the fun.



After a pleasant afternoon we went to Seasons 52 for a wonderful dinner.



Thanks for the hospitality in Indy!

esday April 12, 2011

After a few very mild days the skies turned dark and the thermometer dropped as we drove north to Lagrange where we spent three days with Paul and Kay Cross at Indiana Interstate. Paul replaced our broken cargo door and back window and also fixed a wiring short and some other minor problems. There were lots of other Suites waiting for parts and labour. Two had major problems with their appliances; one due to a lightning strike. Sure pays to use proper safeguards for such things!



Maureen got her hair cut and we visited Plyley's Candies in Lagrange. They have been making candy and chocolate since 1917 and they still do it the old fashioned way. Well worth a visit to buy some of their excellent products.



Friday April 15, 2011

The temperature had not improved at all, but at least the sun was shining, as we



pulled out of Indiana at 9 am.

After a 5 hour drive the Ambassador Bridge came into sight, we paid our \$8 toll and then a very nice Border Guard welcomed us back to Canada.



As our summer park does not open until May 1st, we decided to take advantage of the more temperate weather in the Windsor area and found a campsite at Yogi-Bear Jellystone near Amherstburg. This park realizes that full fees are not appropriate when nothing is open and gave us a deal for our 10 day stay.

Matt and the boys came out to officially welcome us back.

Saturday April 16, 2011

Matt and Kimmy and the boys joined us for dinner. Weather very cool and rainy - not good for outdoor activities, but we are warm and dry in our rig.

Monday April 18, 2011

We woke to find cold wet stuff all over the place. We certainly did not plan on this!

Indee has never seen snow before. He did not know what to do with it!



We do not even have a snow scraper!



Waiting for Spring.



Sunday April 24, 2011

Happy Easter



Kimmy invited to share Easter Dinner with the Windsor Salters.

Amanda admiring Kimmy's beautiful ham.



Charlie and CJ kept busy building transformers.



Kimmy's mom, Rose, helped make some of the scrumptious food. What a fine feast.



Tuesday April 26, 2011

After days of helping out around the house it was time to celebrate with dinner at Red Lobster.

Charlie devoured a big pile of crabs legs



Wednesday April 27, 2011

Although it was finally warming up (17 Celsius at 9 am), the skies were still spouting H₂O and our campsite had a little lake right where we needed to hook up the truck. One of the Yogi Rangers suggested it might be a good idea to use a tractor to pull us off the lot.

After about a half hour wait the big blue Ford tractor arrived and latched onto our tongue.



Mike pushed the button to retract the legs and the tractor tipped right off it's from wheels.

The driver had never seen such a massive fifth wheel before.



Fortunately the trailer hitch on the back of the tractor kept our rig from hitting the ground!

Mike put the legs back down (thanks goodness for Level Ups) and backed the truck into the mini-lake. The tractor was then hooked to the front of the truck to give Mike some boosting power and we were finally out and onto the road.

Stopped in London to visit Andy at Can Am to discuss plans for the Suite Rally.



Then made our way to Science Hill through another raging rain storm. We could not get into our regular spot as it is so wet here, so parked in the parking lot, where Jim gave us a 15 amp plug and a promise of open washrooms and water in a few days.



The rain finally gave way to sunny skies and we took a walk into the campground to find that our little shed had weathered the winter just fine, but the lot was a soggy swamp, so it will be a while before we can get back in.

Thursday April 28, 2011

Part of the reason we needed to be back in Perth County now was for Mike's pre-op check-up at Stratford Hospital. On Tuesday Mike will be the recipient of another new hip.

Hello titanium - good-bye pain!