

Friday April 23, 2010



It was wet and cold when we pulled out of Medicine Hat and drove east into Saskatchewan. The prairie landscape was quite flat, but as we passed Swift Current we saw more rolling hills. At Moose Jaw things got flat again.

It was an unpleasant and rather exhausting drive; rainy most of the day. Maureen got lots of squares crocheted for her afghan.

At 3:30 we arrived at Kings Acres Campground in Regina. Things seem to have improved since our last visit here. The rigs are newer and the grounds better maintained.

Saturday April 24, 2010

Maureen's friend and honorary sister, Jean, and her husband, took us out for brunch. If you are a regular reader you will probably guess what hubby's name is? Yes another DAVE!



After stuffing ourselves with too much food, we came back to the campsite and enjoyed a great afternoon of visiting. The sun even came out for a

while so we could sit outside. Jean's daughter was married in Cuba earlier this year, so there were pictures to show and stories to tell.

Thanks to Jean and Dave for the wonderful day in Regina.

Sunday April 25, 2010



Time to continue our trek east. We decided that it would be more efficient to cut through the US. At the North Dakota border the security patrol directed us into a large barn, stealthily entered our rig and confiscated one orange, half a lime and three pots of pansies. They did however let Maureen keep the empty pots and gave us a list of foods not to bring next time.

The scenery was quite bland – a whole lot of nothing punctuated by small amounts of something.

Our home for the night was in Minot (the locals say My-knot) at Swenson's Valley RV Park. This plain looking camp is unusually busy for this time of year. They have self check in pull thru sites that make for easy in and out which is just what we needed.

Monday April 26, 2010

When we left in the morning it was only 2 Celsius with snow showers. We were tempted to head back south to Arizona, but had to keep going east. We stopped at Devil's Lake Rest Area

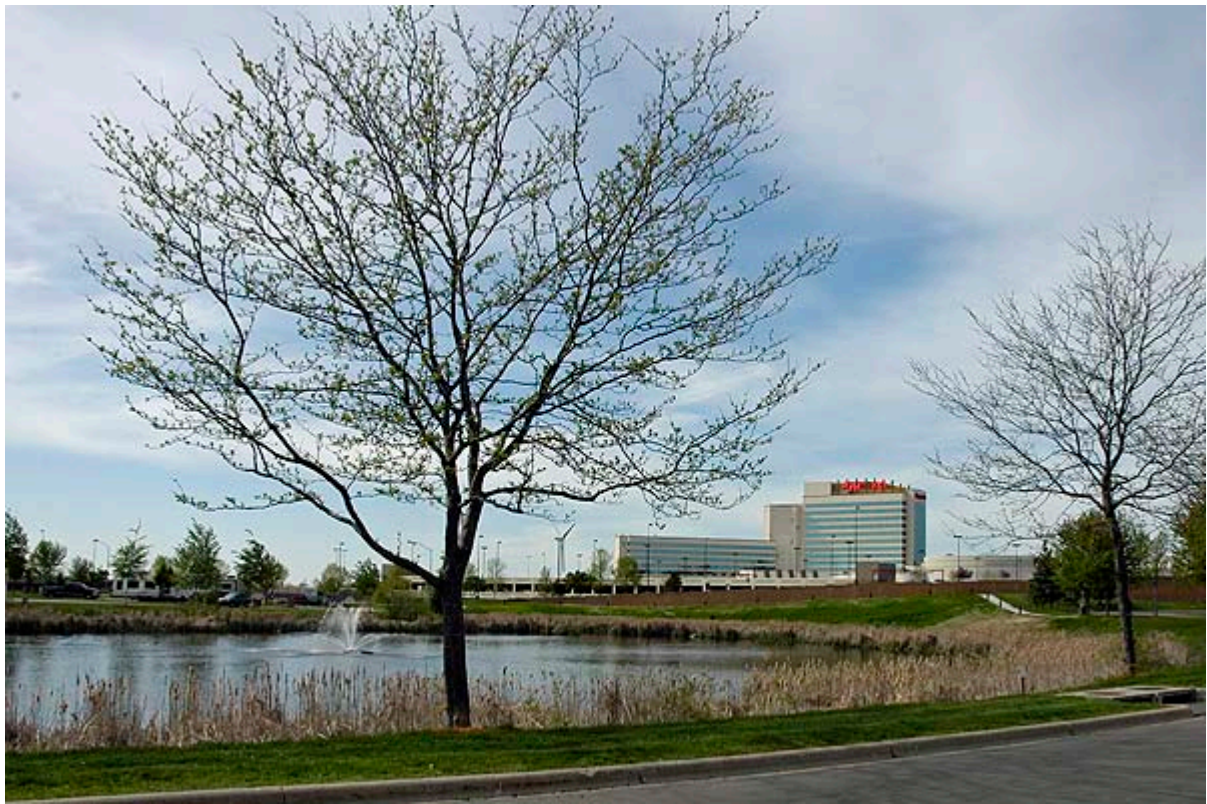


Mid afternoon we arrived in Prior Lake and found our way to the Mystic Lake Casino.





The RV Park is quite large and exceptionally well maintained.



The sites are tiered on a hill that overlooks a pretty little lake. For \$20 per night we had full hook-ups and a splendid view. Percy loved all the grass.





Some of the sites have Tepees that you can rent for the night.



Wednesday April 28, 2010

The Casino is huge, the buffet one of the best we have been to and Mike got lucky on the slots 2 nights in a row, so we decided to stay an extra night.

At night there are lights on top of the Casino that look like a giant Tee Pee.



Beside the park there is an RV wash so we were able to wash both the rig and the truck.



Friday April 30, 2010

Leaving Minnesota, we drove east on Highway 42 into Wisconsin. It was cloudy most of the day. At 3 PM we arrived in Wisconsin Dells. Mike checked in at the American World motel office.



Our RV site was between the motel and a bumper car racetrack, which fortunately for us was not open.

By 3:30 we were all set up. A few minutes later the skies let loose with wind and rain, thunder and lightning. There was a tornado watch, but fortunately none touched down. Sure glad we were not on the highway.

This place is probably wild in the summer time, but it was rather deserted when we visited. Across from our place there was an upside down White House complete with an upside down limo.



Down the street was a humungous roller coaster and water slides were around every corner.





Hotels and Restaurants were camouflaged to look like famous landmarks. This one was called the Rome Hotel.





Saturday May 1, 2010

After an all night rain the sun came out and by 9:30 am it had warmed up to 17 degrees c. As we travelled through Wisconsin the roads were extremely bumpy but improved somewhat when we got into Illinois.

Near Utica we stopped at the Hickory Hollow campground where we were escorted to a lovely site in a wooded area.



There were lots of weekend campers there enjoying the great weather. Some were even brave enough to sleep in tents.

In the evening there was a gorgeous sunset.



Sunday May 2, 2010

Leaving Illinois we drove through now familiar territory in Indiana for a stop at the Elkhart County Campgrounds. Last time we were here for a Mobile Suites Rally. This time the park was overflowing with Holiday Ramblers whose owners were attending a 10 day maintenance seminar. We were lucky to get a site as practically every spot was full. Most were coaches but the one beside us was a Rambler 5th wheel.



Monday May 3, 2010

Made an early morning visit to Trailaire to see Ron and get the hydraulics checked out. Then it was on to Howe to set up at the Grand View Bend campground, another spot we have frequented often. Along the way we saw lots of laundry flapping in the breeze beside the Amish homes and familiar black buggies pulled by prancing horses.

In the afternoon we visited with Kay and Paul at Indiana Interstate and Dale at Trailaire.

Tuesday May 4, 2010

It was a lovely sunny day. Spent the morning at DRV and picked up some parts for the rig.

In the afternoon we travelled east again and stopped at the Wayne County Fairgrounds near Ypsilanti Michigan. This is another one of our favourite overnight spots as it has easy access.

Wednesday May 5, 2010

It was time to say farewell to the good old USA, as we headed back to Canada through the Detroit -Windsor border. We took the truck route through Detroit and stayed in the truck lane until we were over the bridge. At Canadian Customs we decided to move over to the car lane where we had a bit of

trouble getting between the trucks and the pylons (STILL under construction). When we approached the security check all lanes were free and after a few questions we were on our way.

Wildwood Golf and RV Park in McGregor was our destination so we could spend a few days visiting with Matt and family.

This park will be hosting the 2013 Suite Rally. It is quite spacious and well laid out.



In the afternoon we visited with our fellow Suite owners, Barb and Bob.

Matt and Kimmy came out after dinner with the boys to visit and open their wedding gift which has been travelling with us since February.



Matt opened the card



and then both opened small packages with parts for the actual present – a 50 inch flat screen TV that Mike and Maureen won at the Suites Rally in Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

Thanks to Sunshine RV and Colorado River Adventures for making this possible.

The boys gave Nana an early Mothers Day gift – a beautiful edible bouquet.



Thursday May 6, 2010

Mike met Matt for lunch in Windsor and delivered the TV to a secret safe spot where it will stay until they move to their new house. In the evening the boys all came for dinner at the park.

Friday May 7, 2010

It was raining as we left Wildwood Park and made our way east. We decided to avoid the 401 as the rain made driving at high speed difficult.

When we arrived at Science hill at 3 PM it had been raining for most of the day. Jim told us to go ahead to our site. Even

though it was wet today it had been dry all week and he felt that the ground should be hard enough. After a few failed attempts we headed to the parking lot and decided to dry camp for a few days.

Jason came along and felt confident that he could get us in. He provided lots of entertainment for the other residents but after spewing mud everywhere it became apparent that today was not the day, so he parked us in the lot across the street.

In the evening lightning struck the campground internet tower so no signal was available. Later Maureen broke a piece off a tooth. Why do these things always happen on weekends?

Saturday May 8, 2010

Very wet and windy today. Mike ventured out to visit Marty in Listowel and Joe in Molesworth and Maureen stayed home to scrapbook.

Sunday May 9, 2010

Still windy but not so wet today. Went for a few walks and checked out the sites. Still too wet to move but we are doing fine in the temporary spot.

Monday May 10, 2010


Maureen was to get an appointment at the Milverton Dental Clinic. By mid afternoon everything was fixed up and she was good as new. Mike visited around town and went to the car wash to get most of the mud off the truck.

Back at the campground Mike set up our Satellite on our seasonal site so we can communicate with the world again. Jason had dug the mud out of the road and filled it with gravel to make it easier to get into our lot.

Tuesday May 11, 2010

Weather forecast is for more rain later on today and the rest of the week, so Jason suggested it would be good to move in the morning. We packed up and by 9 am were ready to try again. With the new gravel and the firmer ground, Mike was able to successfully position the rig in its summer home. Now all we need is some summer weather!





In the afternoon Maureen visited Mom at her Retirement Home and brought her up to date with all the western family happenings.