

Wednesday February 16, 2011

We were up early, grabbed a quick breakfast in our room and said goodbye to our wonderful stewards.

Then we took advantage of one more Penthouse perk - a special disembarkation lounge set up with coffee and pastries to make our wait more pleasant.

At 8:30 we left the lounge and then had to stand in line for quite a while before we made it through immigration and customs.

Then it was a quick shuttle ride back to the Doubletree Inn where we found our truck and drove back to Arizona.

All in all it was a dream vacation - one that we shall never forget!

Thursday February 17, 2011

After two weeks of camping out in our rig while we were away, Penny and Dale flew out back to Canada and we drove to Mesa to pick up Percy at George and Joanne's place. Percy was well spoiled by his aunt and uncle but he seemed happy to see us.

Tuesday February 22, 2011

We attended our first meeting of the Palm Creek Lions Branch Club and signed up as Associate Members. A big thanks to the new officers for getting the club off the ground while we were away.

Tuesday March 1, 2011

Two of our neighbours, both members of the Constrictors team, play in the baseball league at Palm Creek. We went out to cheer them on as they challenged other teams from the area.

Arleen and Larry on the left and Lorna and Jack on the right. They are all Canadians from BC.

The Constrictors easily beat the first team.

Larry slides into 2nd and runs home.



The next game was tied up at 6 to 6 in the sixth inning but the other team ended up winning. Better luck next year!

In the afternoon we met again with the Palm Creek Lions. Maureen is the new tail twister!

Saturday March 5, 2011

Some members of the Palm Creek Lions club turned out to help serve Tostadas at the Chilli Cook-off in Casa Grande.

President Rod, Lion Willie and Lion Jodie cooked in the morning.



District Governor Juanita (and her husband PDG Wayne) from Iowa helped Mike and Maureen in the afternoon.



Casa Grande Lions Dave and Joanne called in a police officer to determine the authenticity of a bill used to purchase tostadas.



Sunday March 6, 2011

We invited DG Juanita and Wayne to join us for dinner. Pres Rod, Lions Jodie, Dennis and Marty came too and we had a pleasant evening. As the days are getting longer, temperatures stay in the sixties now, even when the sun sets.

Thursday March 17, 2011

Neighbours Don and Delores had a big crowd on their deck for a Saint Patties day celebration.

Walt wore a big green hat while he enjoyed some of Mike's Guinness beer.



Kay, a black Irish princess and Pam pose for the camera.



Our host Don entertaining a neighbour.



The Irish food



Mike and his Guinness hat with the built in bottle opener.



Delores dishing up the Irish stew.



Arleen and Larry



Larry provided some excitement when he fainted due to heat and dehydration. The paramedics came in a big fire truck and Larry went in an ambulance to get checked out at emerg.

The moral of the story is that when you play sports in the desert, make sure you drink plenty of liquids!

Saturday March 19, 2011

Pat and Peggy hosted a great Trailer Trash party in the pavilion.



The decorations included bags of "doggie poo" on the floor, newspaper tablecloths, rabid animals and various auto parts.

Food was lots of greasy stuff including baked beans, cheesies, chips, spam and cheese on crackers.



Pat and Peg served up hot dogs, hamburgers and chocolate cake.

Here are some of the great costumes.





His pants say "Time to take your Medication".



