

**Wednesday January 30, 2008**



The weather remained rather dreary and there does not seem to be much to do at Lake Corpus Christie Park, so other than

taking Percy for short walks around the lake, we stayed close to the rig. There are quite a few loose dogs roaming around but otherwise we hardly saw anyone. This seems to be a weekend park a place where the locals leave their rigs and visit them when they have a few days free. We did see a guy out cutting the lawn. Not sure why he was doing this as the grass was all brown and not very tall.

**Thursday January 31, 2008**

Up again early to drive the last leg of our trip to Harlingen. As the water and electric panel was very close to the fifth wheel, we had to be very careful when we put the kitchen slide in. Unfortunately, when Mike moved it to clear the slide, the water pipe broke and there was water spewing everywhere. He was standing right beside an open electrical panel, so he jumped quickly and unfortunately hurt his back.

We found a rag and stuffed it in the pipe while we tried to find someone to help. There was no one in the office and when we called, all we got was an answering machine. Finally, we found a man out walking his dog and he pointed out the maintenance guy who was just coming up the road in his truck. We have decided that this park will definitely not be one that we will revisit.



The rest of the trip went smoothly and we arrived mid afternoon at the Sunshine Park in Harlingen.



Our friend Pat was there to welcome us. After setting up Mike had to go and lie down as his back was getting worse.

## Friday February 1, 2008

Mike spent the day resting. Maureen and Percy checked out the park. This is also an Encore Park . It is quite nice, but does not have the same caliber of facilities and activities as the Park in Mesa. On the other side, it is also not as pricey as Viewpoint, so they both have their advantages.

The weather here is definitely warmer, but is it very, very windy so it is hard to enjoy the outdoors. There are quite a few Canadians in the park, especially French speaking Québécois. We all have to keep reminding each other that warm and windy sure beats cold and windy as it is in Canada right now.

That evening we got together with Pat and Pete for a good game of Mexican trains.

**Saturday February 2, 2008**

Our friends Pat and Pete invited us to go to Padre Island to see the Kite Festival. Mike was still not feeling up to par, so Maureen went and had a fabulous day at the beach.



There were many very large kites tethered to the ground.



They were all different sizes, colours and shapes.





Individuals and groups put on demonstrations of kite flying techniques. The synchronized ballets were amazing as

they made the kites fly to the music. It was very entertaining as you could see the kites dancing in the air at the same time as the kite flyers did some fancy footwork on the beach.





On the way home we stopped at a souvenir shop.  
It was full of every imaginable beach thing that you could  
ever want to buy.



They even had live hermit crabs with painted shells. Pete was disappointed that Patti would not let him buy one!



## Sunday February 3, 2008

It was Super Bowl Sunday and after many inquiries about the park's plans to celebrate the occasion, Mike finally found out that there was a party planned at the clubhouse. They had a big screen TV and cheap beer as well as snack foods for the guys and gals who attended. Maureen is not a football fan so she spent the afternoon at the Laundromat and met some new friends there.

The weather continues to be warm (mid 20s Celsius) but extremely windy.

## **Monday February 4, 2008**

Woke to even higher winds today. The thermometer was up to 27 Celsius in the afternoon and it was very humid. We know that we will not get any sympathy from our Canadian friends but it is too windy to sit outside!

Mike is feeling much better (must have been all the beer at the Super bowl party!) but Maureen is finding the humidity aggravates her aches and pains.

Went out to do a little shopping in the morning and had a soak in the hot tub in the evening.

## **Tuesday February 5, 2008**

Patti and Pete came over in the evening for a game of Rummoli.

**Wednesday February 6, 2008**

We went with Patti and Pete to Padre Island to see the Snowbird Associations show. There were some booths with information about how to survive while living outside of Canada. We got lots of pamphlets from various organizations that were represented there. The Harmonicats entertained us. This brought back many memories for Maureen, as her Dad was a big fan of these Harmonica players from Burford Ontario. We learned that one of the players shares her family name. We took along the camera, but unfortunately forget to take the memory card, so could not take any pictures.

For lunch we all went to Dirty Als and had a great feed of fresh shrimp. The food was yummy but everything was served with plastic cutlery and paper plates so it was not exactly fine dining.