

## Tuesday March 22, 2011

Arleen invited us for dinner because she needed to use up the excess food before they leave. It was quite a feast!



## Friday March 25, 2011

The days are getting longer and hotter but Percy still enjoys his sun baths.



We really like the Palm Creek lights at night. Soon they will be taking them all down so the trees can be trimmed.

Saturday March  
26, 2011

Guess who is having a birthday party?

The guests arrived at 3 pm. Peg sat in the pen to visit with Percy.





Larry cooked wings on his BBQ



Mike doesn't think the grill is hot enough.



Mike and George puttin' the secret sauce on the ribs



Mocha and Indee "In Jail"



Percy is hoping to get some of Susan's food.



More guests



Everett and Judy

Doug



All the girls



Aunt Joanne brought a present for Percy.



After Supper Maureen opened her cards and gifts.

A beautiful scarf and a card made by Susan







A funny card

This one was quite thoughtful





Then it was time for cake.



Pat helped to serve



The rules say that the dogs have to be on a leash.



This is how we play ball



Some of the guests went home and it was getting cool, so we moved inside.



Thanks to everyone who came to the party. You all made it so very special!



## Friday April 1, 2011

Finally time for hugs and farewells to all our Palm Creek friends.

We left early as the forecast was for high 90's and possibly triple digit temperatures today.

We stopped 3 times, once for fuel and got sticker shock when a fill cost \$123. We hear that it is even worse in Canada!

Passed many nut trees, pecans, walnuts and pistachios.

Road was little bumpy but no real problems until we set up camp at the Low-Hi RV Ranch in Deming New Mexico. Maureen lifted the blind on the rear window and discovered that the inside thermal pane had shattered. Not a nice April Fools joke!





The rest of the afternoon was spent cleaning up the mess and covering the window with cardboard.

We called the factory but it was too late to order a new window so made a note to call back on Monday morning

## Saturday April 2, 2011

We continued to drive through New Mexico. The first part of the trip was flat and boring.





Then we got into the mountains where it was more interesting and the temperature dropped quite a bit.



Finally we arrived at our destination - Bottomless Lake State Park, near Roswell New Mexico.

The lakes are not actually bottomless. They were formed when circulating water dissolved salt and gypsum deposits to form subterranean caverns. Eventually the roofs collapsed and the resulting sinkholes filled with water to form the eight lakes.



We picked out a site and then used the self check in to register. Maureen forgot something to write with but another camper lent her a pen and then Maureen returned the favour by making change for him.



This was our campsite





View of the lake



There was a pavilion next door that made an excellent place to play ball with the dogs.



We stayed 2 nights and the "boys" enjoyed romping in the lake.

On Sunday it was extremely windy and dusty, so it was good that we did not try to travel.

## Monday April 4, 2011

Very cool this morning; 4 Celsius, but the sun was shining as we pulled out of the park and headed east.

The drive was uneventful ; most roads rather flat and not much to see.

We did notice a lot of ranches and stock yards. There were acres and acres of cattle. Percy had trouble counting them all.



We stopped for fuel in Portales and bought some tortillas with beans and rice for only \$4 each. It was very yummy but there was way too much food.

Just before three we arrived at the Amarillo Ranch RV Resort in Texas. Right in front of us was a new Mobile Suite from Iowa. The ranger parked us together.



After dinner we went for a walk. The park was especially full with license plates from all over the place. After dark a pop up trailer squeezed in beside us as there was no place else to park.

## Tuesday April 5, 2011

The sun was shining brightly as we left Amarillo.





It took quite a while to find a fuel station that we could get into, so we lost about half an hour on top of the time change.

The Texas landscape was a bit hilly, but the road was arrow straight and again there was not much to see.

A stop at the Oklahoma visitor center provided some reading material to help pass the time.

We passed by Oklahoma City and the Tinker Air Force Base.



The dirt in Oklahoma is red, similar to Prince Edward Island.



The thermometer continued to climb and reached a pleasant 20 Celsius.

At 2 pm the Fire Lake Casino campsite near Shawnee came into view and we found a nice lot next to the stream. The rules have changed a bit, but you can still stay 3 nights for free. If you stay longer you have to spend at least \$200 at the casino.

We enjoyed a buffet dinner for \$6 each and tried our luck at the slot machines. Unfortunately the machines were not as loose as they were back in October.

## Wednesday April 6, 2011

Drove into Shawnee to get some supplies and then rested up. Wind continues to blow but at least the sun is shining.