

Thursday May 14, 2009

Drove to Elkhart to look for some things at Camping World. Unfortunately the store is not there anymore, but we did find an RV dealer that could order the fixtures we were looking for. We will pick them up when we return for the Suites Rally in June.

The other reason for the trip to Elkhart was to visit the RV/MH Museum. It was well worth the drive.



The Museum from the outside.

We were greeted by a friendly volunteer who used to be a fulltimer and genuinely misses those days.

In the first room the history of the museum was explained along with the pictures of the members of the RV Hall of Fame.



There were only a few other visitors, so we had lots of opportunity to see the old RVs up close.

In the next room there were displays and models.





This is an example of an early hydraulic lift called the Pedalift. This was quite an innovation in the 60s and 70s as it eliminated the need to use a crank. We certainly have come a long way with our automatic lifts.

The last room was the most interesting, as it contained a variety of RVs and Motor Homes from days gone by.

Here is a child's toy truck and trailer.



This rig had a pot-bellied stove



One of the original tent



trailers

This little trailer had all the comforts of home.





Maureen in a tear drop trailer that would probably fit in our truck box

This is a Luxury Liner



A tent trailer that is similar to the first one we rented when the kids were little



This was the strangest looking camper  
Elvis would have loved it!





Reminiscent of the 60s, this trailer was decorated in gold and orange shag.



As we left this was the view from upstairs



## Friday May 15, 2009

When the Paul Cross crew was finished with our rig we headed for Canada. Getting through Detroit was a challenge as the I-75 was closed for construction. The GPS got rather confused and wanted us to go around all the great lakes rather than going through Detroit! The line-up at the border was not too long, but we did have to declare and pay duty on the wine and liquor that we were bring back from Arizona.

We spent the next 2 nights parked in Dave and Brenda's driveway in Windsor. During that time we had a good visit with Charlie, Matt and Kimmy at their new house. They only moved in a few weeks ago so there is still lots of unpacking to do, but they have a great house that we are sure they will be happy in.

We also had a short visit with our hosts who were camping at Jelly Stone Park Thanks to Dave and Brenda for letting us use the driveway!

## Sunday May 17, 2009

Left Windsor at 1 030 am and headed north east to the Science Hill Golf Club and RV Campground, just north west of St. Mary's. After a pleasant drive under sunny skies, we arrived at 4 pm. The campground was busy with May 24 campers, but we found a nice spot at the west end. The ground was quite soft as it rained quite a bit on Friday and Saturday, so the wheels on the rig sunk in quite a bit. The new levellers worked well in spite of the soft sloping ground.

The next door neighbours were very friendly. They warned us that the sites at the top of the hill get quite a bit of wind. That evening the wind was quite strong, so we decided to look around for a less windy spot.

### Monday May 18, 2009

Maureen went to New Hamburg to meet the dietitian and receive some training in preparation for the RD relief she will be doing at Nithview in June.

Later that afternoon we packed up and moved the rig to the other end of the park. Mike claims it was to find a less windy site, but Maureen thinks it was just an excuse to use the levellers again as he likes them so much.

The road in front of the new site was quite narrow but there was plenty of open space across the road, so Mike backed onto the grass and quickly sank the front tires into the soft ground under the grass.



Even with the 4 wheel drive, the truck would not budge. We tried dropping the rig to get the truck out on its own, but it only moved a few inches and then sank again.

Jim (the owner) came and assessed the situation. He advised us to leave everything where it was and wait until Tuesday to call a tow truck as rates would be extra high on a holiday.

After putting down the jacks and pushing out the slides, along came Jason with his utility 4 x 4 and offered to try to pull us out.

So up came the jacks and in went the slides again. In no time flat the truck was free and back on the road so we could hook up again.





Jason then brought a tractor and hooked it up to the truck to give it an extra boost. Once everything was back on the road we headed back to our original spot and settled in again. The jacks went up and down 3 times in one day and worked really well!

This is our site the second time round.



This is the view from the front.



Tuesday May 19, 2009

Mike went golfing with 2 of the neighbours. Maureen stayed home to do some spring cleaning. It was a bit windy in the morning but calmed down as the day progressed so things are looking good!

What's Dat # 4 - A portable generator for an early RV  
What a difference today!

