

Monday November 1, 2010

The last day of our journey south! We left Tucson and headed out in the glorious sunshine onto Highway 10.



We enjoyed seeing the sights in this south-western city but are all anxious to get settled in Casa Grande.



Many of the overpasses here are artfully decorated to ease the monotony of the desert.



Percy and Indee travel quite well most of the time in the same crate, but every once in a while Indee decides to chew on Percy's tail (or any other handy parts) and Percy has to come up front for a while.



Soon we saw our exit off the I 10.



The park was right where we left it last January, just a few minutes drive from the Interstate.



Welcome Home to Palm Creek.





We noted a new statue on the golf course.



The trees, gardens and grass are looking great.



We were welcomed by the head park host, Ricki, and after answering a few questions were on our way with an offer to complete the registration process anytime within the next 24 hours. It pays to pre-register!

Our site for this year is right next door to last year's site. Mike did not back in as easily this time however, as it is tricky to take directions from Maureen and the Ranger at the same time. We understand that this park is particular about how and where you park, but we wish they could just watch instead of prescribing how to do it.

Eventually we got situated properly. Our patio faces the back of park models that have beautiful landscaping and lots of solar lights.

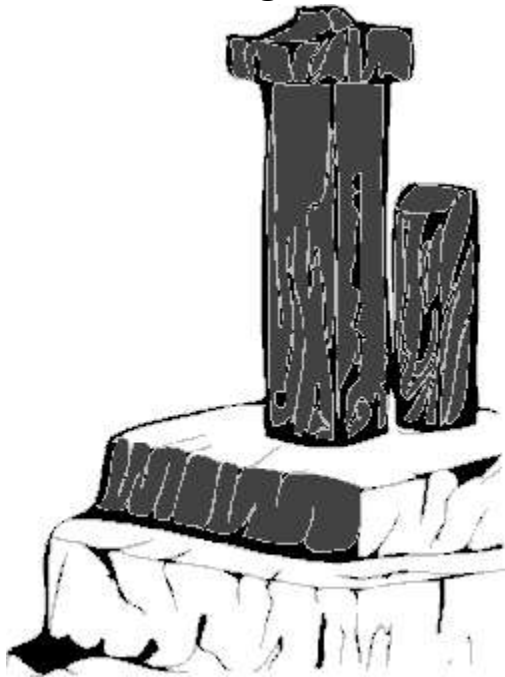


Tuesday November 2, 2010

Took a ride down to the office to get our badges and pay the bill.

Indee caused a bit of a stir by daring to walk into the building, but we soon convinced the administration that he is [?]legal[?] when wearing his vest. He met lots of people and made a good impression on them.

In the evening Maureen went to the first Genealogy meeting.



Wednesday November 3, 2010



Mike went to Computer club in the morning and choir practice in the afternoon while Maureen caught up with the laundry



Thursday November 4, 2010



Tried out the golf course for the first time this year. Sure need to work on our short game. Weather hot and sunny but there is a nice breeze to keep us comfortable. The course is still a little rough as they let it go dormant over the summer and then reseed it in the winter.

Grocery shopping in the afternoon. We found lots of great bargains and then got an added surprise bonus when we checked out. The first Thursday of the month is seniors discount day so we got an extra 10% off. Then we used our Fry's points to get a 10 cent per gal. discount on fuel. I think we saved more than we spent!

Friday November 5, 2010

A crew came and washed the rig today. It was really great to get the roof cleaned as that did not get done with the wash on the way down.

In the afternoon Maureen joined her scrap booking friends for a crop session.



Saturday November 6, 2010



No sleeping in this Saturday as we had an early tee time. Scores improved a bit but we still need more practice as we have joined the leagues.

Sunday November 7, 2010

Except for the park models, we are the only rig on our block. It's kind of lonely, but the beautiful sunsets are easy to see from our site.





Monday November 8, 2010

While Maureen tried out line dancing, Mike golfed in the Men's league and his team won a prize!

Maureen did some shopping and got her hair cut.

We enjoyed a pot luck supper with the scrappers in the evening.

Tuesday November 9, 2010

Checked out the park craft fair in the morning and then went to some local stores to look for a bike.

Genealogy in the evening. Met a lady whose husband is related to Maureen's family through the New Brunswick Steeves and Jaques. It's a small world!

Wednesday November 10, 2010

Maureen golfed with the ladies while Mike made a presentation to the Computer group.

We both got our flu shots. This year they have combined the H1N1 with the regular so we don't have to get 2 shots. YEAH.



Thursday November 11, 2010



Drove to Mesa and Chandler to look for a bike. Stopped in to visit at Viewpoint. Lori was at the office but none of our other friends have arrived yet.



Finally found a suitable bike, but it had a dent in it, so had to go to Phoenix to get an undamaged one.

Friday November 12, 2010

We both golfed in a mixed league, but no prizes this time.

In the afternoon Maureen joined the scrappers and worked on her Japan book.



Saturday November 13, 2010

The weather has been quite hot, so we decided that Indee needed his hair cut shorter to make him more comfortable. Daniela from Curb Side K-9 Clips parked her mobile doggy spa beside our rig and spent almost 2 hours pampering our pooch.

This was Indee before his bath.



Here he is with the groomer.



Now he looks like a real poodle.



Thanks Daniela 🐶 you did a terrific job!



Sunday November 14, 2010



All the people in the park congregated in the square for a great Welcome back party complete with hot dogs, beer, ice cream and entertainment. Each club had a display to entice others to join them. Maureen decided to volunteer as a Park Host and Mike will be a Marshall on the golf course.

We will also continue to golf in the leagues (2 x week). Mike will attend the Computer club every Wednesday and Maureen will do Genealogy (Tuesdays) and Scrapping (Monday and Friday).

We also have some projects that Mike will work on at the workshop. And of course there will be lots of time spent at the dog park socialising with the puppies and their owners. Sure hope we still have time for happy hour!

Monday November 15, 2010

Maureen went for Orientation to learn the ins and outs of being a Park Host. She will help welcome people and answer their questions.

Tuesday November 16, 2010

Mike received his Marshall orientation. He had to start at 7:30 in the morning to get the course ready for the golfers.

PCC John from Tucson joined us for lunch in our rig to discuss the possibilities of starting a club in Palm Creek.

We are finally getting some neighbours on our block. One rig came in from Ontario so we invited them over for drinks and discovered that Carol and I not only share the same birthday, but were also born the same year.



Wednesday November 17, 2010

Maureen spent the afternoon training at the Host station. Not too many rigs came in so it was a pretty easy shift.

Thursday November 18, 2010



Mike was up with the chickens for his first solo shift as a Marshall. All went well and he came home tired but happy.

Attending the Casa Grande Lions meeting tonight.