Friday April 16, 2010



It was sunny but only 5 Celsius when we left Golden BC to make our way across the mountains.

We paused at a Rest Stop with a beautiful lake and mountain view. There was still a lot of ice on the lake but the sun had warmed the air.

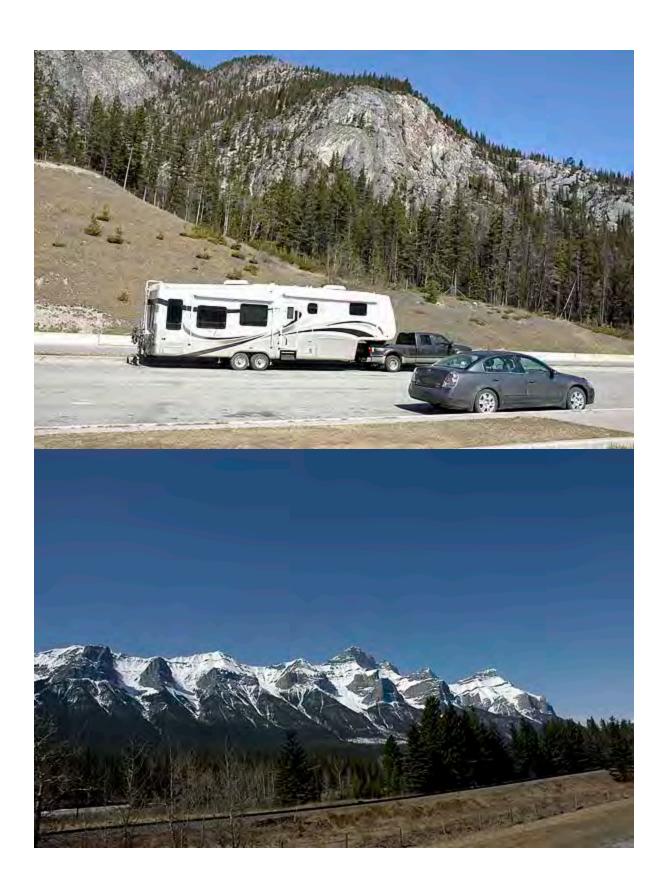
A huge black bird perched on the wall.

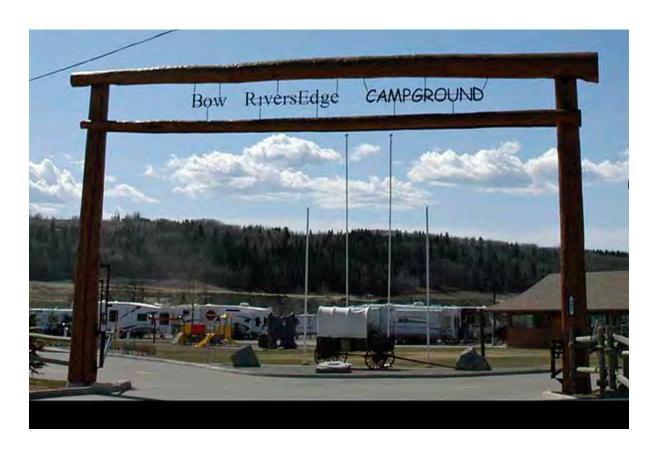


But by the time Percy got there it had flown away



Then it was back to the rig for more mountains, trees and lakes.





Crossing into Alberta we noticed many overpasses camouflaged with rocks and trees to provide safe crossovers for the wildlife.

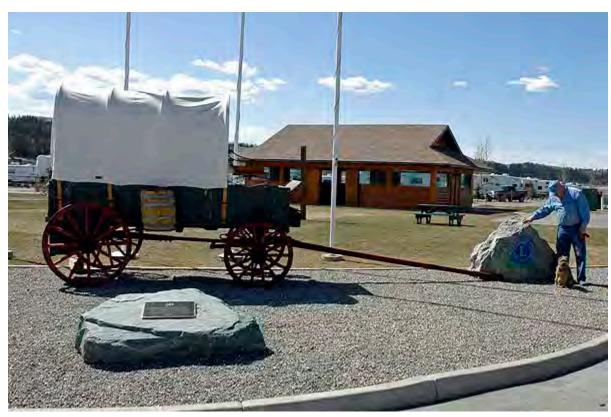
By 1 PM we had safely arrived at the Bow Rivers Edge campground in Cochrane Alberta, just east of Calgary.



These superb facilities, run by Lions and Rotarians, were built in 2005 to celebrate Alberta's Centennial.

Lion campers get a discount and all of the profits go back to the community.

Last year over \$150,000 was raised running this hugely successful campground.







Sunday April 18, 2010

In the afternoon we travelled to Calgary to visit Maureen's Aunt Agnes in a Nursing Home. Later we visited her daughter Cyndie and family at their beautiful home. After a pleasant time enjoying the warm sunshine on the deck, we were treated to a scrumptious BBQ chicken dinner.

Cyndie, Dean and Kelsey in the kitchen

The ladies with Chevy



Maureen and the family



Monday April 19, 2010

Saying farewell to the snow capped Rockies, we turned south-east and made our way into the prairies.



In Calgary the odometer passed the 90,000 km mark, so we have been averaging more than 30,000 km per year.

Mid afternoon we pulled into the Ross Creek RV Park on the eastern edge of Medicine Hat, where they boast the World Largest Tepee.





This small campground is conveniently located beside a small par three, nine hole golf course.





They offer \$1,000 for a hole in one. Solar powered cameras monitor the holes to keep the golfers honest.

For supper we were entertained by Trudy and Dave (yes ANOTHER DAVE). We met these friends last year in Mesa and they invited us to come and see them in Medicine Hat.

Tuesday April 20, 2010

We had so much fun with our hosts the night before, that we decided to get together again at our place.

They brought their puppy Max. Mike and Percy had fun playing with him.





Trudy and Dave enjoying the Alberta sunshine



Trudy spoiling Percy





Max looking sweet and innocent

After our Alberta guests went home our new neighbours, Peggy and Frank from Hastings Ontario visited for a while.

They brought their adorable puppy Lulu



Wednesday April 21, 2010

Leaving the rig in The Hat we travelled up to Buffalo to see cousins Heather and Arthur. It was their son Byron and D.I.L. Tanya 9th anniversary and Heather made a celebration dinner for us all to enjoy.

After dinner Ava and Rachel entertained Maureen with their acrobatics.





There were plenty of rabbits and deer along the road, so it was slow going for the first hour.

We did not get Thome until after midnight, so decided to stay put for one more day to get rested up and enjoy the fantastic weather.