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Sunday February 21, 2010

Mike stayed home with Percy and worked on getting Maureen's sick laptop back into shape. Maureen went shopping in Palm Springs where she found a funky purse and matching wallet.

After dinner we went over to Roy and Gaylene's and watched as our beloved Canadian Men's hockey team were trounced by the Americans. OUCH!!!



Monday February 22, 2010

Brother and Sister-in-law came over for a quick coffee in the morning and then we packed up and left our tiny campsite at Desert Pools to head west.

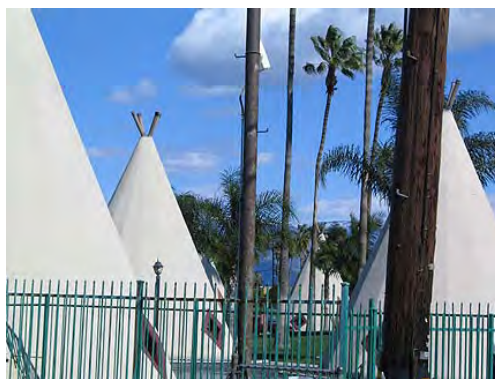
The Interstate was quite bumpy and there was lots of traffic.



We detoured off the Interstate onto Route 66 to get away from the traffic for a while



How's this for a unique looking motel?



In Rialto there were banners celebrating the old highway.



Stopped for fuel on Cherry Blvd where the Diesel was a bit less expensive than most stations.



Percy waited patiently while Mike refuelled.



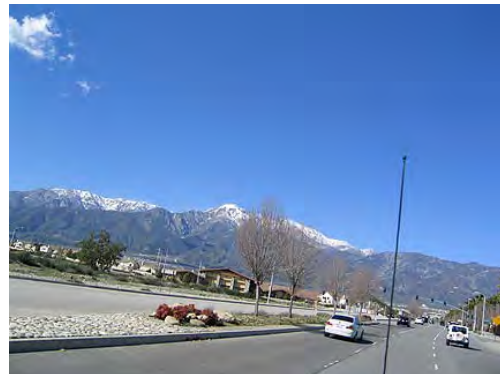


Stopped for a bite, then it was off into the wild blue yonder with white capped mountains in the distance.



Passed a fancy Winery Estate

More white stuff in the distance



The road was better on 66, but the constant stopping was getting tiresome, so we changed to the 201 Interstate where there was more

traffic and bumps. Welcome to California! We did see some pretty flowers on the roadside.

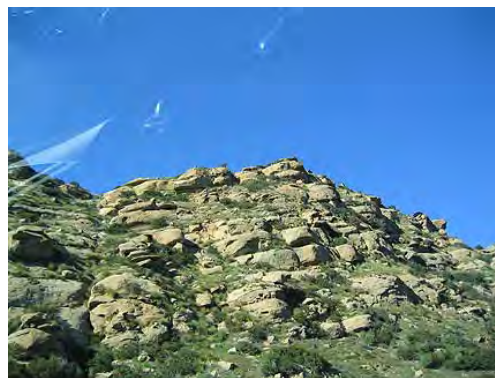


Getting closer to Los Angeles.
Due to all the recent rain the countryside is quite green.

Did you catch what else was on that sign above?



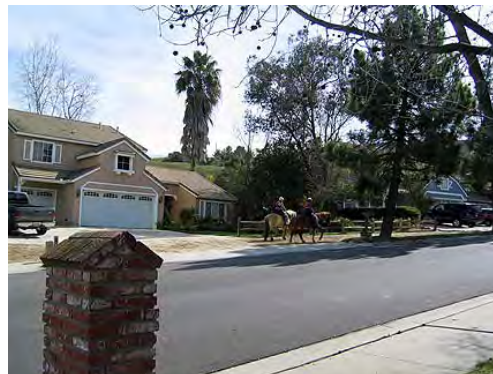
Lots of fancy houses on the hillsides.



These boulders sure are big

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We arrived about 4 pm at Dave and Suzanne's place in Simi Valley, just north east of Los Angeles.



They live in an Equestrian Community. Most of their neighbours have horses in their back yards. One side of each street has sidewalks while the other side is a sand path for the horses.

Our host is the brother of a good friend back in Ontario. He and his wife have a large property with lots of room, but the gate to the back yard is only a few inches wider than the Suite, so we had quite a time getting parked. The tree over the gate needed a bit of trimming as the suite is also taller than their RV.





The backyard is very secluded with hills and trees all around.



They have two sons and two dogs

Midget is a German Shepherd (and is NOT a midget - She's Huge!)



Lucy is a Beagle

It is springtime in California. The roses are greening and bushes are flowering.



After supper the boys and Suzanne went to Karate and we visited with Dave.

When we set up Mike noticed that one of the trailer tires was warped.



Life is what happens when you are making other plans!



Tuesday February 23, 2010

Mike called Good Sams and a guy with a broken compressor came out. It took quite a while for the guy to fix his compressor and get the tire replaced with our spare, so most of the day was gone. We dropped in to an RV dealer and Mike made some phone calls but no one was sure what had caused the bad tire.

For supper Mike barbequed Ribs for everyone.



Wednesday February 24, 2010

More telephone calls - but still no answers about the tire.



Thursday February 25, 2010

Took the tire to an RV dealer and made arrangements to replace it on Monday when we head out.

Then we drove up Presidential Drive to the Reagan Presidential Library.





Mike is towered by the stars and stripes



Watching one of the many excellent films

Air Force One (no pictures allowed inside)



Views from the outside



Maureen and Ronnie (and her new purse)



On the way back

the views were great





Saturday February 27, 2010

Dave took us on a whirlwind tour of the LA area.

First we went to "The Beach".



Due to the recent earthquake in Chili there was an advisory saying that there might be a Tsunami in the LA area. There were lots of people at the water's edge with cameras at the ready, but only a few small waves made their way to shore.



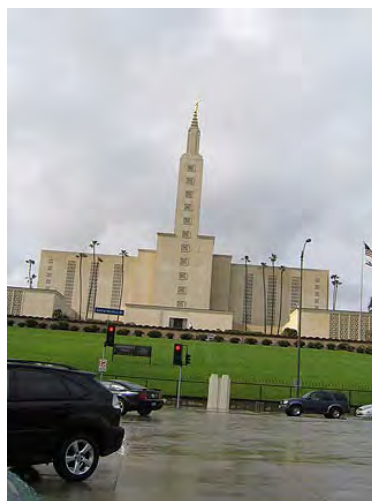
We did, however, enjoy an earth shattering lunch at the Paradise Cove Beach Cafe. This quaint little spot was full of people enjoying the view despite the on again off again rain showers.



On the way out we saw this little Airstream. Must be pretty cosy in there!



Then we drove north along the Pacific Coast. Arriving in Beverly Hills we saw a Mormon



Temple

similar to the ones in Utah



Lots of big buildings, and a rainbow!

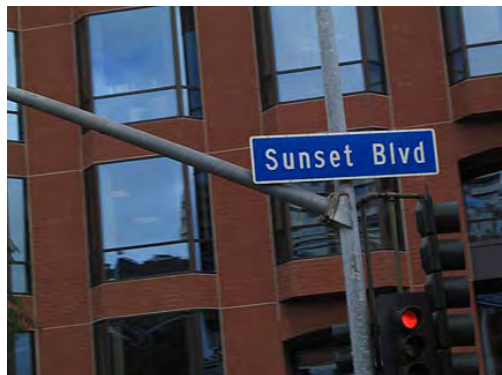


And many amazing residences in the high rent district on Rodeo Drive.





Then it was on to Sunset Boulevard



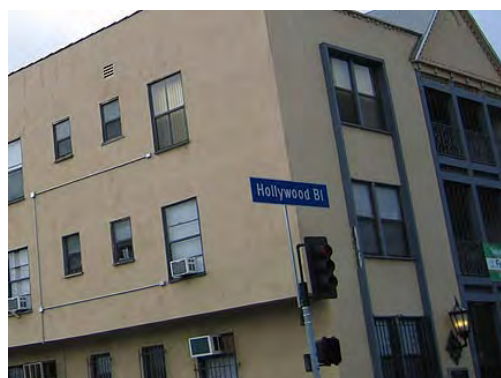
The bill boards were bigger than life

Many unique businesses lined the busy street where "cruising" is strictly forbidden.



Next was Hollywood Boulevard

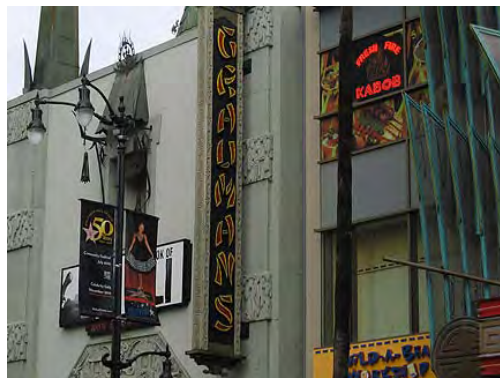
Passed the Jewish temple





And of course the Hard Rock

There were crowds of people, some wearing outlandish costumes, in front of Grauman's Chinese Theatre



The Kodak theatre (home of IDOL) right beside Grauman's

More billboards



Dave managed to find a parking spot and we walked for a few blocks to see the sights up close



Shirley Temple's hands were very tiny





In

behind the theatres there was an interesting open air food court where you could see the famous HOLLYWOOD sign in the distance.



Then we scurried to the car (just in time as it started to rain again) and headed back to Simi Valley.

Thanks Dave – it was a wonderful tour!



Sunday February 28, 2010

Canada wins More Gold! Nuff Said!



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