

Monday February 8, 2010

We said adios to our neighbour,
Thelma from Alberta,
and left Val Vista Village at 1030 under partly
sunny skies.



About half an hour
later we met up
with Roland and
Barb
(who we had met at
Palm Creek)
and drove together
to Quartzite,
arriving at 1:30 PM





We wandered out into BLM land and found a nice fire ring to park beside and settled in for a few days of desert living with beautiful mountain views.





The guys drove to the recycle compound to pick up some free fire wood.

Maureen made Chinese food for the four of us and then we enjoyed a great bon fire.

Tuesday February 9, 2010

Woke to beautiful sunshine and warm temperatures.





Mike and Percy enjoying the solitude



The sky seems to be really big out here.



Clouds of every type floated overhead.



The ground is hard, fairly flat
and covered
with small
rocks



The Fire Pit



Roland and Maureen walked the dogs.
So many bushes, so little time☐





Decided to take a trip into town to see the Flea Market



Barb checking out the bargains

There was lots of □stuff□ but nothing that we really needed



Rocks anyone?

Lots of fossils too



Then we headed to the other side of the highway to visit □The Gambler□



They have every kind of RV thing-a-ma-jigs that you might need.

Back at the campsite Barb cooked up a big spaghetti supper.



Snuggles and Mosel were disappointed that they did not get any.



After dinner we had another camp fire and a game of Mexican Trains.

Wednesday February 10, 2010

At 1030 a.m. we pulled out of Quartzite and headed north on 95.



A few miles down the road we stopped as there was a Mobile Suite parked at the side of the road. Jim told us that he had just finished changing a flat on his rig and was heading to the Rally, so we drove together with Jim and his wife in between, so we could lend a hand if he had any other problems. Fortunately we all made it without any incidents.

On the way we saw some fabulous scenery along the Colorado River.



At 12:30 we arrived at Havasu RV Resort, just north of Lake Havasu City.



After setting up we registered for the Sunshine RV - SOITC Rally.





For dinner we drove past the famous London Bridge to Montana's Restaurant.



After the customary speeches we enjoyed our dinners and conversation with our table mates from Washington.



Roland and Barb were seated right behind us.

Thursday February 11, 2010

Maureen stayed with Percy at the Resort. Mike had noticed some uneven wear on one of the front tires so he dropped the truck off at the Ford dealer for an alignment. President Wayne picked Mike up and drove him with first lady Carol to Laughlin.



Mike had
□Maureen's
Luck□, and
won a few
bucks too!

The sites at Havasu Resort are quite luxurious,
with spacious, level cement pads and tasteful
greenery.

This is our site



These are a
few of the 40
Suites at the
Rally

View from roof of the clubhouse



The first and second phases are owned by individuals who have added improvements such as Casitas and landscaping.





Maureen and Percy enjoyed a long walk. Maureen did some laundry (rather expensive, but probably

cheaper than a visit to the casino) and then spent the afternoon at the pool (very warm and quiet)

Friday February 12, 2010

Bob Jobe, owner of Sunshine RV, entertained all of the Suite owners at his dealership.





There were new Suites to drool over
and vendors with all sorts of items to buy.

In addition to a lunch BBQ, there was also a Silent
Auction
and Raffle Tickets for a 50/50 draw and many
fantastic prizes.
Mike and Maureen offered to help sell the raffle
tickets
and were quickly taken up on the offer.



Mike helped Bob hand out the silent auction prizes



After the silent auction (we were successful on one of our bids), there was a Service Seminar presented by Sunshine RV

In the evening we all drove to Bob and Judy Jobe's house where they entertained us with wine and cheese and pizza. Mike and Maureen were kept busy selling more raffle tickets. The proceeds are earmarked for HAVEN □ a Residence in Lake Havasu City for victims of abuse. We are quite impressed with this organisation as they recognise that abuse is not gender specific.





We met Rick and Lynne, who had just purchased a new Suite that very afternoon. They were interested to learn as much as they could about how they should outfit their new rig.



Saturday, February 13, 2010

This was a free day. Mike used a coupon from our silent auction basket to get a complimentary haircut.

At 4 PM all the Suite owners met at the dealership to car pool to the Fireworks display.



We were treated to VIP parking and reserved seats at the Rodeo grandstand.

View from the stands



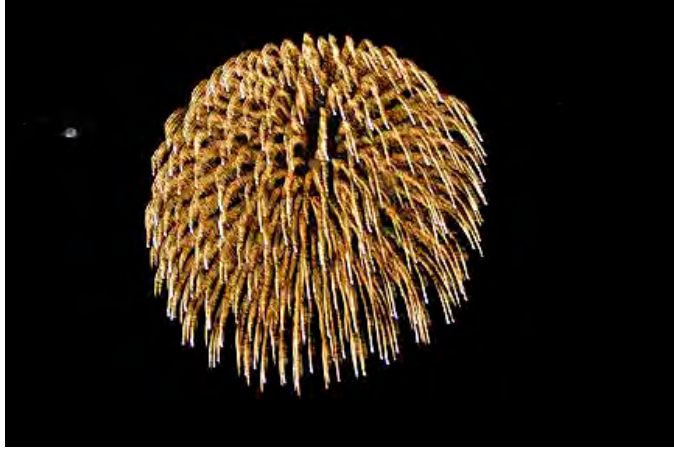
At twilight some amateur fireworks entertained us while we waited for the real show



We all had a good stretch while dancing to YMCA

Then the show began with lots of loud bangs
to accompany the lights and music







HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

Once again Bob and Judy entertained us with coffee and doughnuts for breakfast, this time in the Havasu Resort Clubhouse.

The raffle prizes were on display and there was one more opportunity for Suite Owners to purchase tickets.



President Wayne and Carol thanked the Jobe's for a wonderful rally.

Carol (with a little help from Maureen) made a scrapbook and presented it to Judy and Bob as a memento of the 2010 Rally.

Bob thanked the Sunshine employees for all their help.



Monday February 15, 2010

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GRANDMA W

Said so long to our old and new friends and left
Havasu Resort at 1015.

The sun was shining and the temperature was
already up to 19C.



We stopped at Sunshine RV to say thanks to Bob and his gang and to pick up our raffle prize.

Back on Highway 95 we again enjoyed the great view along the river and then crossed over to California at Parker.





There is a fascinating golf course nestled between the highway, and the river on the Arizona side, with a fabulous mountain view.





After a quick lunch break we headed west on 62, past Joshua Tree Park and thousands of windmills.







Arrived at the Desert Pools Resort in Desert Hot Springs at 3:30 PM, where we were greeted by Maureen's Brother and Sister-in-law who are staying in a park across the road.



Mike was once again able to park the rig perfectly the first time in spite of the very narrow site.

Tuesday February 16, 2010

Roy took Mike to a bike repair shop to get a tire fixed. Maureen worked on finishing up a scrapbook.

Wednesday February 17, 2010

Roy and Gaylene took Maureen grocery shopping in town. In the evening they cooked a BBQ supper at Roy and Gaylene's rental unit.

The view from the deck



Maureen presented Roy with the scrapbook that chronicles our parent's lives during the war years which includes Roy's baby and toddler days.

Thursday, February 18, 2010

Roy travelled to Los Angeles to visit with a friend and see the boat show.



Gaylene took us Palm Springs to see □The Passionate Pursuit□ at the Art Museum. Photography was only allowed without a flash

This interesting statue looks like driftwood but is actually made of concrete.



Maureen and Gaylene beside a work titled □Your Dog□

There was a reclining nude that looked so realistic we all expected her to get up and walk away. A little boy walked into the room while we were there and we thought his eyes would pop right out of his head when he saw it.

Statue Outside



After the museum we all went to Las Cautelas Terraza for Mexican food.





Just outside the restaurant the vendors were setting up for the Thursday evening shoppers.

These hand painted leather running shoes sell for \$149 US.



Neat Bird Feeders Western Style



Saturday, February 20, 2010

Gaylene told us that Trader Joes is a shopping experience, so we drove into Cathedral City to check it out.

On the way we passed the Palm Springs Airport with lots of small private jets. When they land it looks like they are going to crash into the mountains.





Trader Joes is not large but it sure has plenty of interesting food and drink. We picked up some two buck chuck (wine) and some cool munchies.



Then we headed to Costco, passing through Downtown Palm Springs.



There are lots of Gated Communities with beautiful landscaping. Right across the road or beside some of them you will see open desert with very little greenery. Quite a contrast!







One block later



After Costco it was back to
Desert Hot Springs
and more windmills turning in
the breeze



Roy and Gaylene joined us for supper in our rig. Unfortunately the wind was blowing hard and the BBQ kept going out. Mike had to turn up the flame and we ended up with rather crispy pork ribs.

After the meal we watched the Olympics and commiserated about the lack of medals for the Canadians. Oh well perhaps tomorrow!



Sunday, February 21, 2010

Maureen went shopping, while Mike worked on getting the web site ready.