

November, 2007

Thursday November 1 2007

Time to do some housecleaning and make preparations to move to our next campsite. Also made some reservations for the next 6 weeks.

After the paperwork and housework we went for a great swim in the pool and then entertained neighbours for dinner. The night before they had shared their Chicken Gumbo with us so it was our turn to reciprocate. They have been RVing for many years in this area so were able to give us lots of good tips.

Friday November 2, 2007

Said good bye to our neighbours, left Bullhead City at 10:20 a.m. and headed back towards Las Vegas. Temperature was 24 Celsius and the sun was shining but there was quite a strong wind. Unfortunately it was blowing straight at us when we headed back up the mountain. The truck and trailer had to climb 2500 feet in less than 20 minutes. Normally we average 20 liters of Diesel per 100 km when pulling the fiver but going up the steep incline it was taking 68 liters to go 100 km. We stopped for fuel in Searchlight and had lunch in Henderson at Campers World. We thought that was bad until we drove UP the hill (mountain) from Vegas to Pahrump (89 liters per 100 KM!!!!)(going down was great - 0 liters per 100).

We finally arrived at our destination - the Preferred RV Resort in Pahrump Nevada. Mike struggled to get into our site as the road between the sites is quite narrow and there is not much room to manoeuvre. After trying unsuccessfully to line up with the cement patio he pulled out and came back for another try which was more successful.

The elevation in Pahrump is 2,695 feet but the temperature was great until the sun set.

After getting settled we went grocery shopping and had a good BBQ steak dinner. In the evening we took a stroll around the park and checked out all the amenities. It looks like a very organized campground with lots of activities.

Saturday November 3, 2007

This AM a new neighbour moved in behind us and we noticed that he had quite a struggle to get in as well.

We spent the morning installing some of the things purchased yesterday and getting caught up on some business items. It was quite cool in the morning but by noon things warmed up nicely and we could spend comfortable time on the patio.

Mike checked out the wood shop and was quite impressed with all the equipment. We are going to stay here for a week so he should be able to get the railing made for the dining room.

We are thinking again about all the things that we would be doing at home like raking the leaves, cleaning out the rain gutters and getting the snow blower tuned up. Here we can read books, kibitz with the neighbours, go for long walks. We can clean the place up in no time and enjoy the rest of the day.

Sunday, November 4, 2007

We didn't do very much today - just took a few walks and enjoyed the weather and the scenery of the campsite. Here's a look:



Another Great Site - Maureen got some sun



Percy found a place to play!



Hum.... Goldfish in the desert?



Another Garden to relax around.



Not a lot of grass to cut.



The Work Shop!



And we don't have to clean it!



Percy having a howling good time!

Monday, November 5, 2007

It's time to clean-up and declutter the trailer.

Tuesday November 6, 2007

In the morning we went out of town to see the Oasis Date farm. After rather long drive through the desert we came to a road that twisted and turned through a mountain pass and eventually became only one lane wide.

It opened up onto a green Oasis with date trees covered in colourful pieces of clothing (never did find out why they cover them but it made them look rather interesting).



At the gift shop we bought a booklet that described various hikes that could be taken on the property. We ate our picnic lunch and then headed out on foot to explore. The instructions were very poorly written and we did not go very far as there really wasn't much to see.

Back at the gift shop Maureen bought a package of dates and we drove back to the Campsite.





It was a pleasant drive but the "farm" was somewhat over rated on the brochures. We saw an interesting sign on the way home. Is the sign referring to those who shot bullet holes in the sign, or the state of the road - you decide.



The Pahrump Lions welcomed us to their meeting at the Saddle West Hotel. It was a very lively group and they were very interested in what Percy was all about. The meeting was chaired by Lion Chief PDG Larry.



Mike was asked by the President to describe what Canadian Lions do so he talked about the Lions Foundation of Canada and the Dog Guide Program. The Lion chief gave Lions Mike and Maureen pins and we gave some of our pins back to them.

Maureen forgot she was wearing the Pahrump Lions Trophy Hat until we got to the parking lot (sure!), but she decided to return it.



Wednesday November 7, 2007

We took a short drive out to the winery to go on a tour. We must be really spoiled by the winery tours in Ontario as this one was very short and rather disappointing. The wine was nothing to brag about either. We also checked out the RV Park next door. It has a great view of the mountains from some of the sites but otherwise not much different from what we have now.

We had noticed a lot of billboards for the SEIBT Desert Oasis RV Park so we took a drive about 8 miles out of town and had a tour of the place. The staff was very friendly and the place was amazing. It had a clubhouse with absolutely everything in it and the sites were sumptuously landscaped. They even had a place where you could wash your dog and a

fire hydrant-urinal that could be sprayed off after the dog used it. The prices were also rather steep but it was fun to see how some people "camp".

Maureen did some laundry and after supper Mike was the winner in Backgammon. It was down to the last marker again so it was a very close game!

Thursday November 8, 2007

This is our last day in Pahrump so we decided to stay home and get ready to move.

Friday November 9, 2007

On our way to VEGAS!

Left Pahrump at 11:15 a.m. and traveled down the Blue Diamond Highway to Las Vegas. We arrived at the Oasis RV Park at 1245 and were greeted by a very friendly gate attendant who directed us into a fancy staging area.



After checking in and getting settled we took a walk around the property. It has 2 beautifully landscaped pools and an 18 hole putting green. To see pictures of the resort go to

www.oasislasvegasrvresort.com/photo_gallery.html

To see a live mini cam check out

www.oasislasvegasrvresort.com/camera.html

The temperature was a nice 24 Celsius, but it was a bit overcast.

Saturday November 10 2007

In the morning we returned some stuff to Camping World (a broken fitting and a plug that was not the right one). Then we tried unsuccessfully to get our Sirius radio docking station fixed or replaced.

In the afternoon we drove out to Red Rock Canyon. This area, which is only a short drive out of the city, is famous for its fabulous coloured mountains. Six hundred million years ago the land was at the bottom of a deep ocean. Exposure to the elements has caused some of the iron-bearing minerals to oxidize.





We noted that the colours were more intense when we had our sunglasses on. This picture shows what we saw.



There were lots of people out admiring the view and the more adventurous among them We stopped

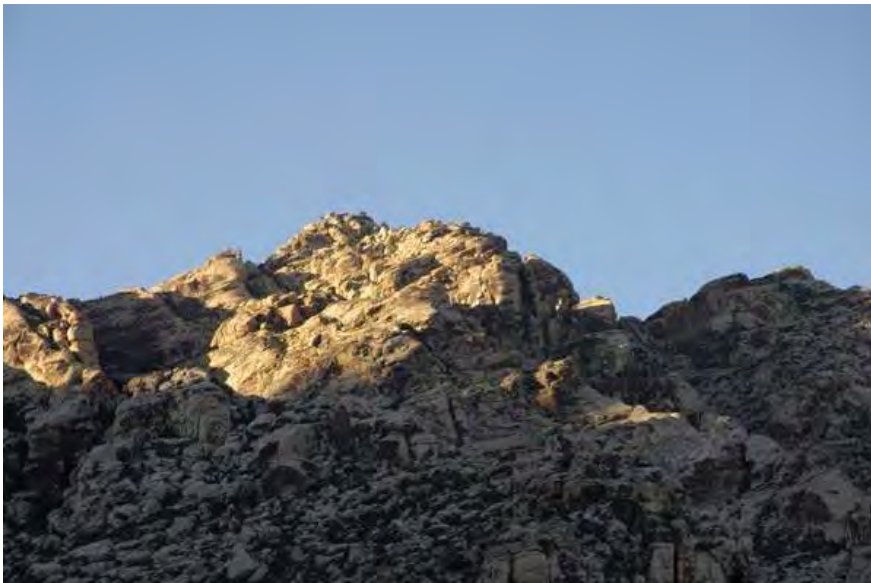


and met a family from Philadelphia who were kind enough to take our picture.

then took their picture so they could be on



the web too!







Sunday November 11 2007

Unfortunately we did not bring any Remembrance Day poppies to wear today, but we did have our "Support the Troops" shirts. The Oasis was hosting Veterans' Day breakfast. We got a discount because we are parents of a Vet and sat with a couple who have a son who is training for tour in Iraq. We wish them all well in the year to come!

Was still very luxurious, but seemed busier than before.

We checked out THE Hotel to see if it looked the same as when we stayed there four years ago. It We calculated that it cost far more to stay in the hotel for one night back then than for a whole

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