

Location: Beatty RV Park, Beatty NV Date: 8 May 2015
Departed: Minden 8:45 AM Arrived: 3:30 PM Miles:
Encounter a few showers along the way. It was overcast most of the way with occasional clear spots with sunshine.
Yesterday at Minden was overcast with very light rain once in a while. It snowed yesterday in Tahoe and Donner Pass yesterday. It was so cold I didn't load the water tank yesterday and had to load it today before I left.



Location: Grand Canyon RR RV Park, Williams, AZ Date: 9 May 2015
Departed: Beatty 7:45 AM Arrived: 2:00 PM Miles: 339
It started out like it was going to be sunny, then as we drove out of Vegas it began to get overcast and as we got further into Arizona it got heavier overcast. By the time we got here it was sprinkling. The Highway (I-40) I refer to as alligator alley because of all the tire treads along the side of the road and some time on the road. I-40 in the section between Kingman and Williams has many potholes and rough places. I hope it's better to the east.



Location: Enchanted Trails RV Pk, Albuquerque, NM Date: 10 May 2015
Departed: Williams 7:45 AM Arrived: 1:45 PM Miles: 339

The weather started out fairly clear, then the clouds got a little thicker and as we got deeper into NM it got clear again. We came upon an accident just a few moments after it occurred. No one seemed injured and three people were already stopped. It involved a car pulling a utility trailer. There appeared to be no one else involved. I didn't think they needed someone with a trailer to stop and add congestion so we continued on. Doris said I hit something in the little debris that was on the road. When I got to the RV Park I noticed that the right front rim was damaged and I was lucky it didn't leak air. Nothing was open today, Sunday, so I have a job first thing tomorrow – see if the rim can be repaired or a new one found. Yesterday after we parked and I had a little nap the stove wouldn't light so I went out and switched tanks. At first that didn't seem to cure the problem but when I got prepared to get gas (unhooked the truck, took the gas tank cover off) it started to work. Then I discovered a problem with the microwave that wouldn't allow it to stow all the way. I discovered the power cord looped around the safety switch that insures you don't try to stow it when it was on. I rigged a bungee cord to keep the power cord out of the way.



Location: Enchanted Trails RV PK, Albuquerque, NM Date: 11 May 2015
We had a great dinner yesterday prepared by Brent, Doris' grandson. Today I spent looking for a rim for the damaged one on my truck. I ended up buying a new but very different rim at Discount Tire and had them mount the existing tire on that rim. I then tried to locate a replacement on eBay to put on after we get home. It turns out there are three different types of wheels on 2008 RAM 2500 – a polished aluminum, a chromed aluminum and a chrome clad aluminum wheel. Mine was the later and I found one on eBay and had it sent to my friend Dennis in Minden for installation when I get home. After that I shopped at Camping world next door without finding what I wanted. Then I refilled the empty Propane tank. Doris enjoyed the day with her daughter Verlene. Tomorrow we travel to Alamogordo to visit my daughter.



Location: Edgington RV Pk., Alamogordo, NM Date: 12 May 2015
Departed: Albuquerque 11:00 AM Arrived: 2:30 PM Miles: 216
After a breakfast with Verlene at a local Denney's I went a filled up with diesel fuel. It took about an hour because both lanes were occupied by persons doing something other than pumping fuel. When I got back to Verlene's it was time to go to the RV Park, hook-up and leave. I emptied the black and gray water tanks for the first time since we left. It was cloudy with some sunny spots on the way here but it has turned overcast and windy since we arrive. It looks like rain.



Location: Edgington RV Park, Alamogordo, NM Date: 13 May 2015
We went to the White Sands National Monument this morning. It had rained all last night so there was pooled water in many places along the road in the monument. Driving through them got white sand crusted in my wheel wells and running bars. On the way back we stopped at the base to shop in the BX and Commissary. I stopped at the aircraft display to take pictures. Doris got some necessities at the Commissary. In the afternoon we went to a Pistachio farm and got some free samples and bought a bag of Pistachios. Later I went to the Space Museum in Alamogordo and filled up my fuel tank. We spent the evening at Lou and Loretta's. I played Spades with Lou, Loretta and Alan Heart.



Location: East View RV Ranch, Georgetown, TX Date: 16 May 2015

We arrived at Roger and Mary Hanson's house at 10:00 AM after taking a shower in the trailer. After a while talking about our families and our medical histories, Roger and Mary showed us the Facilities on the Del Webb Sun City Campus. They have access to many facilities and clubs. It is truly a place with something for everyone. They took us to lunch at a Mexican restaurant. Then we went to visit Al and Elaine King. We brought our laundry and Doris did that while Al and I went back to the trailer to get Andy and dump the tanks. Back at Al and Elaine's, Al and I played a few hand of Dominoes before we went to dinner at a Catfish House. Their Son Brian and his wife joined us there. I remember him as a little boy – he is all grown up now 20 years later. Back at Al and Elaine's house Al and I finished a couple of games of dominos. On the way back to the trailer I filled up the fuel tanks.



Location: Quiet Oaks RV Park, Kinder, LA Date: 17 May 2015

Departed: Georgetown 8:25 AM Arrived: 4:00 PM Miles: 322

We left Georgetown in the rain and it continued to rain until 2:00 PM. It stopped for about an hour then it started an intermittent rain that would stop for ten minutes then come down with a fury – off and on like that until we got here. It was rainy driving – sometimes so hard I could hardly see. We made one stop for lunch. Somewhere between lunch and when we got here one of the upper cabinets came open and dumped some of its contents including a glass cup and a ceramic plate that broke. Doris cleaned up the mess while I hooked up the electric and water. I took a nap before dinner.

