

Earl's Diary - Thursday, May 2, 2013

Branson or Bust!!!!!!

I'm off on another travel trip. This time to parts of the country I haven't seen before. This morning 4 trailers left the Galt/Stockton area - ultimately to end up in Branson, Missouri. The three other trailers, beside mine, belong to Alan and Michele, (They have a Scamp 5th wheel just like mine.); Don and Faith, (They have a huge, large 33' stickie.); the other couple is Bob and Jackie from Manteca. They have a more respectable size stickie - 25 feet. Bob is Don's brother.

The first problem (well, not really a problem, but a delay) arose before we even left Galt. Tuesday I received an e-mail from Alan mentioning "we are having breakfast in Manteca at 8:00am Thursday morning. Do you want to join us?" I think to myself "8am? That means I would have to get up at 5:30, get ready, and travel 35 minutes to Manteca. I don't plan on getting up until 7:00, and leave Galt at 9:00. Heck no! I will meet you in Bakersfield in the afternoon." As it turns out, I receive another e-mail from Michele: Don and Faith have a valve stem leak in one of their tires. They will have to stop at Les Schwaub's to get it fixed before leaving Galt. As it turned out, I was ready to leave Galt at 8:00 and met Rosses and Weinels at Les Schwaub's. We finally left Galt at 8:45 and traveled to Modesto where we met the others for breakfast. We were finally on the road south by 11:15.

The rest of the day was uneventful as we drove south on highway 99. Gee! I was just down this way last weekend! No wonder it seemed very familiar! I arrived here at the Orange Grove RV park at 4:15. The weather was very warm. In fact, my A/C helped cool The Peanut down.

After a brief rest we 7 people had a spaghetti pot luck in the park clubhouse. We enjoyed the food and company in the beautifully appointed clubhouse room. The weather cooled off very nicely and we had a gentle cooling breeze all night long. That made for good sleeping.

I had intended to take a few photos of the various trailers and people in our traveling party Thursday. Alas, that didn't happen. I'll try tomorrow morning before we head on out. Our destination tomorrow afternoon is Needles, CA. I suppose it will be another hot day. We'll see - - - Anyway, that's my first day. As usual, if you don't want to read my ramblings, either delete them, or let me know and I'll delete them for you. Thanks for traveling along with me on the GREAT adventure.

Bye for now - - Earl

P.S. Here are the pictures I didn't take yesterday.

Let me introduce my traveling companions



That's me!



Alan and Michele



Bob and Jackie



Don and Faith



Our four trailers parked at Orange Grove RV park in Bakersfield, CA