

Earl's Diary - Friday, December 4, 2015

Greetings to all my loyal readers;

It's been awhile since I've written. Since my last report I must announce that The Peanut is no longer mine. It seems that old age is beginning to settle in and I found a couple who purchased said "Nut" from me. For awhile I was eggless until the arrival, direct from the factory, of my brand new Scamp 16 foot Deluxe egg trailer. Now, moving from a 19 foot to a 16 foot egg did provide some size limitations. However, I am adjusting!



Last year the "lil' Nut" (Oh, that's the title given to the new trailer) took it's maiden voyage to Bullards Beach State Park for the Oregon Coast Gathering. Previously I've provided some diary reports from the Bandon, Oregon gathering.



I'm now on a new adventure with Lil' Nut heading for Sedona, Arizona for the third annual Scamp Camp Southwest Gathering. The Lil' Nut is all packed and ready for take off this morning of December 4.

After a day of uneventful travel from Galt, down our Central Valley, to Bakersfield, California, I stopped for the night at my favorite RV park - Orange Grove, which is located on Highway 58, heading east toward Mojave and Barstow. This park is located in, among, and surrounded by orange groves - thus giving the park its name. Visitors to the park are encouraged to pick oranges to take with them. In past visits I have been later in the season and no oranges. What's in a name?



This time, in early December, oranges are still ripening on the trees. I couldn't resist taking a few photos just to show that they do exist on the trees.



Saturday, December 5, 2015

After a wonderful night's sleep among the orange trees, I was heading east over Tehachapi pass on Highway 58. This was an uneventful drive. The only exciting event was the stop at the Dairy Queen located in Ludlow, a wide spot in the road, 48 miles east of Barstow on I-40. Of course, the requisite Blizzard was consumed before heading on down the road. The stopping spot for the night was Desert RV Park in beautiful (?) downtown Needles.

Sunday, December 6 to Thursday, December 9, 2015

I had been invited to stay with Greg and Janea, and their two kids, Dalton and Kate, until we departed for Sedona on Thursday afternoon. Most of the time we visited, and of course, I took time for the requisite nap. One afternoon Janea and I visited the Anthem Outlet Mall. My Impulse Buying Filter was disengaged as I explored the kitchen store. Never fear, dear readers, I only bought a couple of inexpensive items worth \$30! The center is all decorated for Christmas. Janea mentioned that the Christmas tree is the tallest in the whole of USA. (At least it has been reported as that!) Here, let me show you - - -

That's ME standing at the bottom of the picture!

Dear Readers, that's about it for this report. Tomorrow Greg and I depart for Sedona and Scamp Camp Southwest. Bye for now - - Earl

