

Earl's Diary - Friday, May 3, 2013

This morning I was excited to be on the road, so crawled out of bed at 6:30. That has to be a record for me!!!! I scurried around taking the photographs you saw in yesterday's epistle. By 8:30, almost everyone was on the road again, headed for Needles, CA.

I really love driving through the California desert. The different shapes and colors of the mountains are truly amazing. Would I want to live in this desolate environment? Heck no!! It's just nice visiting once in awhile.



The one truly BIG HIGHLIGHT of the day was spotting the Dairy Queen out in the middle of nowhere!!! Forty Five miles after passing through Barstow, a small spot in the road, Ludlow, appears! I saw two gas stations and a couple convenience stores AND a DQ. Here let me show you:



Of course, we enjoyed the DQ Blizzards!

Back on the road again, we hit Needles about 2:00. It was warm, not overly hot. We kept eyeing the nearby pool. Needless to say we set up trailers in rapid order. Then we headed to the pool. With the outside temperature approaching 95, the cooling water felt real good. I stayed in almost 45 minutes until my skin started wrinkling. (Maybe that has to do with the 74 year old skin covering my bones.)



This evening I made reservations to make a trip to the Grand Canyon via the Grand Canyon Railway on Sunday. I decided to go first class dome car (for an extra upgrade fare). Oh well, it's only money and I will only do this once. This should provide for a good photo-op.

Tomorrow is another travel day. These past two days have been 265+ miles. Tomorrow is a short day, only 158 miles. I hope that means we can sleep in a little longer. We'll see - - - - - We will be spending two nights in Williams, Arizona. While I am traveling to the Grand Canyon, several others of my traveling group will be heading for Sedona.

That's about all for this day. Thanks for coming along with me. Bye for now - - Earl