

Earl's Diary - Saturday - May 4, 2013

The morning dawned bright and clear. The night was cool so I had to dig my light blanket out of the storage bin. I had planned to sleep in a little late. However, the doves got up earlier than I did. Their constant cooing made for interesting listening. I did manage to ignore their songs (if you want to call it that) and sleep until almost 7:00.

In yesterday's page, I forgot to include photos of our parking spots here at Desert View RV Park. I guess I was still so thrilled about finding that DQ out in the middle of nowhere! Since we are still here for a short time longer I will insert them now.



This is a lovely park and each site is separated by oleanders for privacy. I have stayed here several times on my trips to Quartzsite and Yuma.

After a leisurely morning I headed east on I-40. It was 9:45. The first pre-planned stop was in Kingman, Arizona. Apparently all four vehicles are ready to shop at Super Walmart.

The directions I was given said, take exit 51. What wasn't said was which way to turn. After almost flipping a coin, I turned right. Well, let me tell you, THAT wasn't Right! Before I knew it I had taken a 5 mile detour through old town Kingman. I even had to take another detour. Some of the main streets were closed off due to a special event. That meant another detour around another city block! After finally getting turned around, I headed back to the place where I should have turned LEFT. Wouldn't you know it, the Wally World was only a couple blocks off the freeway. Oh well, I got to see part of Kingman.

Just as I pulled into the parking lot, I met Alan and Michele coming out. They had already completed their shopping. I tramped on ahead anyway and got lost in the multitudes of shoppers. Everyone from miles around must do their shopping Saturday morning! I wanted to see what they had in the way of ink jet printers. I need a small one for my new laptop when I travel. They had just what I wanted - and it only cost \$59.

I have already tried it out by printing a couple of my diary pages for 2 people who don't have internet access. I also had to buy a bathing suit because I forgot and left mine at home. One of these days I will have to model it for you. After purchasing a few groceries I hit the road again.

Our final destination for this day was Williams, Arizona. I was within 15 miles of Williams when I received a telephone call from Alan. He said there had been a change of plans and he would meet me at McDonald's. When I arrived there he explained there had been a miscommunication of RV parks desired. As he put it, the one we had reserved was a "dump". Fortunately we were able to move to a nicer park without too much hassle. This new park was adjacent to the train station. In fact, I think the whole area - train, train depot, hotel, restaurants, and RV park are all part of Grand Canyon Railway conglomerate.

After dinner, Alan, Michele and I went for a delightful swim in the hotel swimming pool. It was explained to us that it was a salt water pool. I don't think there was too much salt in the water. The water was heated and the pool was indoors. After a nice time in the pool, we sat in the Jacuzzi for a few minutes.

The weather here is certainly a change from Bakersfield or Needles. It has been a little breezy and the daytime high was about 70. Tonight it may get down to 35. That means I will sleep inside my sleeping bag and not on top of it like I did last night. Did I say breezy? NOT! In fact, it was down right windy all night. It's a good thing I had all the stabilizer jacks down. Otherwise I would be rocking and rolling all night!

That's about it for this diary page. Thanks for coming along with me.
Bye for now - - Earl