

Earl's Diary - Friday - February 8, 2013

Dear Readers, One and All;

Remember on my last diary page I mentioned how the weather might change? Last night, it did!!! After 4 days of beautiful shirt sleeve weather, it suddenly turned very windy and blustery! About midnight the wind came up and blew for the remainder of the night.

I left my solar panels out. Foolishly I thought they might be heavy enough to ride out the wind. About 4 a.m. I thought I should at least check and see what was happening outside. There were all sorts of "bumps" going on in the night. All seemed to be OK and the panels were right where I parked them and hadn't seemed to move, so I went back to bed. About 5 a.m. I heard them thunk on the ground. Getting up, once more, I saw they were now flat on the ground. I figured at least they were flat on the ground and the wind couldn't move them any farther. So -- it was off to bed with me once again. It started to get light at 6:30, so I again crawled out of bed and went outside to collect the panels and put them inside the truck. Fortunately there didn't seem to be any damage. This afternoon I made sure I securely fastened them to the trailer.

The wind has continued today and it has been very chilly. It is definitely warmer weather clothing for tonight and probably for tomorrow. This morning, the count of arriving trailers was at 54. All afternoon more trailers have been arriving. There's got to be at least 85 now. For all of you "newcomers" to fiberglass "egg" trailers, I thought I would show you what some of them look like. They come in all shapes and sizes. Some are no longer manufactured, some are.



Here's my 5th Wheel Scamp (with it's repositioned solar panels strapped to the trailer tire.



"Eggs" scattered all over the desert



13' Casita - The Casita brand is manufactured in Rice, Texas

16 or 17' Casitas. Casita makes both sizes with different floor plans.





16' Scamp



Bigfoot - One of the largest molded fiberglass trailers. They are about 6" wider than other brands, and have dual axles. One of the age old questions: If you one, it's a Bigfoot. If you have two or more, is it Bigfoots OR Bigfeet? I know we discussed this topic last year without coming to any conclusion!



13' Scamp - The Scamp brand is manufactured in Backus, Minnesota



Boler - 13', no longer made



Burro - No longer made. Some people like to get these to restore.



Escape - Fifth wheel model. This brand is manufactured in Canada.



Trillium - These people came all the way from Ontario, Canada.



U-Haul - No longer manufactured. U-Haul used to rent these out. Notice the carriage compartment on the top. I can't understand how a person would reach up there.



Lil' Snoozy - One of the more interesting trailers that I had not seen before. These folks are from Alabama. I wonder if that's where they are made. I'll have to find out.



Outback - Looks to be 13' in length. It reminds me of a miniature Bigfoot.



Well, dear readers, that's probably more than you every wanted to know. It's now 6:00 pm, on this Friday evening. I hear the pitter patter of rain of the roof. I guess it's time to end this particular page. I will write more later. Thanks for coming along with me. Bye for now - - Earl



The Egg Camper is unusual in that it is put together different than any other molded fiberglass trailer. Notice all the rest are put together with top and bottom pieces. The Egg Camper is put together with the two halves vertically.