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## SPRING TRAVELS

We left the Alamogordo Chili Chapter Rally and drove to Pahrump Nevada for a Dodge Diesel Rally and several day trips to Death Valley National Park. Then, we drove to Kanab UT and spent a few days at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary where we volunteered with the dogs in Dogtown. Also, while we were there we met Bob and Marie Helm for lunch one day in Springdale. Then, we went to Cannonville Just east of Bryce Canyon and Parked next to Bob and Ede Trockels for a week. We enjoyed visiting with them and did some hiking and exploring in Bryce and in Escalante Staircase National Monument. After that we went to St. George so Bill could get a crown on a tooth he broke at the rally in Alamogordo. While there we decided to get dental checkups and cleanings. It turned out Linda also needed a root canal and a crown so we had the privilege of spending a month and \$3000 in St. George. We spent a few days at the Elk Lodge, but then moved to an RV park. The Elks Lodge is nice in cool weather but the parking is on black asphalt with no shade and the temps were often over 100. We did enjoy exploring the surrounding area and visiting Zion and Cedar National Parks. One day we drove up to Duck Creek State Park east of Cedar City and spent an afternoon visiting with Don and Doris Gage and Bob and Marie Helm. The temp was about 68 there and 105 in St George – what a difference! After that we headed into Colorado we spent a couple days in Fort Collins and then to Loveland. We then had a great week parking next to Norm and Shirley Partch and George and Linda Frey at Boyd Lake State Park. We all had happy hour most every day, went to breakfast together one day, and Bill really enjoyed riding his bike on all the great Loveland and Boyd Lake bike trails. One happy hour we made a phone call together to Bob and Ede who are now in Park City Utah where Ede is recovering from knee replacement surgery. They were glad to hear from all of us and she said she is recovering well. They send greetings to all their friends at The Ranch. Today June 27 we left Boyd Lake and moved across town to park at Linda’s brother’s yard for a week. We are having a family reunion here next week and are looking forward to that. After the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend we will be heading for Missouri for 2 or 3 weeks before going to Omaha to visit our son and his family. We are having a great summer and hope everyone else is too.

Bill & Linda Good

LOT # 62

## PLANS CHANGE

We were all set for a fun filled summer in the Pacific Northwest starting with a couple of months in Cascade ID studying wood carving. Things started going wrong in mid-May when Charley's dad passed away. So we made our way from Boise ID to Kimball NE to help his mom take care of the small estate and get her moved into assisted living. Things went very well on that front while we were in Kimball. We moved her and the things she wanted to keep out of the old apartment into assisted living. Had a successful yard sale, cleaned out the apartment and turned it back to the landlord. Along the way we got dad buried and got mom's finances straightened out with Social Security and the VA, we hope. She even had a lucky hail storm that totaled the 96 Vintage car she had been thinking about selling. The insurance company paid her more for the car than she'd hoped to sell it for, so she decided to keep it and drive it into the ground. The hail only put a small hole in one of her tail light lenses that was easily repaired with a \$3.00 roll of lens tape. And of course also put in a few dents

We on the other hand didn't fair so well. Total hail damage to our car, truck and trailer was

### UPDATE

We checked into Diversified Truck & RV repairs in Denver on JUNE 1. They inspected the damage to our car, truck and trailer and put in for supplemental repairs on all three. Our insurance company decided to total the car on 10 June, a silver 2010 Subaru Outback we got in January. We took the check settlement to Loveland and bought a white 2010 Subaru that afternoon so we have wheels again. They hauled our old car out of the shop in a thousand pieces on a truck. We'd been staying in the trailer outside the shop waiting on parts and repair authorization on the truck and trailer until this morning, 14 June. This morning we moved into Best Inn and Suites so they can start repairing the trailer. Hopefully the truck authorization will come through soon so they can start working on it. If everything goes according to plan, repairs will be complete and we'll be back on the road again in another 37 days.

Charley & Sheila

Lot #46

estimated at \$30K and would require a couple of months in the shop to repair. Sure glad we have insurance! We taped over 49 holes on the trailer's fiber glass roof. Taped a plastic trash bag over the car's back window and hoped that the car and truck's front windshield would hold together long enough for us to get everything to the repair shop. We just needed to find some place that worked on everything and that didn't look like it was going to be western NE or eastern WY. Our RV adjuster told us about the Diversified Truck and RV repair shop in Denver CO and said they'd be able to work on all three vehicles. After Memorial Day weekend we headed to Denver to get things fixed. They had a power outlet in their parking lot, so here we are camped until the trailer goes into the shop. They started tearing the car apart on June 5. Not sure when they'll start on the truck and trailer yet. This isn't the summer I'd recommend to anyone, but I guess we're going to give it a try. Look us up if you make it to Denver in June or July.

Charley & Sheila Scarborough

Lot # 46

### Hello Ranch Hands wherever you are.

Dave and the dogs have been holding down the fort at The Ranch by themselves for most of the past month. Aside from it being so HOT, it sounds like they have managed without me quite well. I (Sally) have been working in Oklahoma with FEMA. I traveled to several towns in a mobile Center and found it quite interesting. Some of my co-workers were complaining about the steps getting in and out of our Mobile RV Bus full of equipment. Seemed quite normal to me. I was helping tornado survivors but while I was there, Oklahoma City was flooded. What a mess! Yesterday I was able to spend some time at the Memorial for the victims of the bombing of the Murray building. If you are in OK City, do plan to spend some time there. It is very well done. Today I took a quick trip through the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum before heading to the airport. Looking forward to returning to take a more leisurely view of that museum. We are hoping to do some traveling to the northern part of New Mexico between FEMA deployments this summer.

Happy Trails to all,

Dave & Sally Lot # 86

## OUR TRIP

*Art and I left The Ranch in early May and headed to Cochiti Res. And saw the Singley's. While we were touring Los Alamos the brakes were smoking so bad we had to spend a day in Santa Fe at the Ford dealer and Old Town. We took a ride in the new Ford diesel, nice truck. Sure had a lot of pick-up and much better turning radius for 4 wheel drive. Might be our next truck. We left the next day for the Black Hills. We were going to the Badlands when some storms hit so we decided to come back to Wisconsin. It was snowing when we left but melting as it hit the road. It's been raining off and on since we got back. Even our garden is starting to get moss growing in it. Tomatoes are doing well. We're on our third planting of parsley. I was worried that Art wouldn't have enough to do since he isn't working for the Camp Ground but he hasn't had time to fish. Catching up on stuff we let slide. Hope to be able to paint our sheds as soon as the weather gets better. I've been working on a quilt for a grandson, I keep running out of material so that means another trip to the quilt store. Sure hope I get this one done because I need to make one for another grandson. I hope to get a wall hanging done for Round-Up*

*Hugs for Now*

*Sherry & Art*

Lot # 6

Our sympathies and love go out to Mary Smith and her family on the death of Bill. After a hospitalization in Texas they went on to Ohio where he passed. Mary can be reached at:

Mary Smith  
8778 Terrell Rd.  
Athens, Ohio 45701

Although they gave up their lot here at The Ranch we hope to see Mary again as a visitor.

## TOGETHER

As some of you know we have been working in South Dakota since the middle of March. We will probably be working at least until the end of August, but we hope not too much beyond that. We were in Pierre (pronounced Pier) the capitol of SD for about 2 months and now we are in Sioux Falls. Unlike most years we are actually working together instead of in different locations. We like it!

The weather hasn't been that good – lots of cold, windy weather to begin with; followed by threatening weather and now it is starting to get hot. At least there are more shopping and eating opportunities in Sioux Falls.

We were able to get together with Chuck and Nettie in Sioux Falls for breakfast – that was such a nice visit! Cleone Rue, a former Ranch Hand, is also working here and Kurt and Emmie (the dog) are with her. We celebrated George reaching 40 lbs lost by eating Mexican food with them. George is still losing weight, which is a miracle when you're working away from home.

I, Pam, am taking a very short trip to spend 4<sup>th</sup> of July with my family in Southern California. In May we moved my mother to a residential care house down there and although we are very happy with the care she is getting, she is declining at an even faster rate.

We miss The Ranch and will probably be back in the fall.

Ranch Hugs to all

Pam & George Lot # 65

Hey a little more news from us. We just spent the most wonderful 6 days with Don & Doris Gage at their summer volunteer job at Duck Creek UT. Wow! What a beautiful place and the weather was so cool. Don & Doris showed us around the area and it was so nice to get to know them better, they are so sweet.

Lots of great hiking also and Dan and I & Skippy did as much as we could with the elevation being 7500. We also got to meet fellow Ranch Hands, Bob and Marie Helm, Lot # 70. They are also working up there.

We left this morning and are staying on in Richfield Utah at the Elks Lodge and I was in need of a Wal-Mart fix. We were going to visit several National Parks along the way but too HOT.

We are saddened by Bill Smith's passing; we do count our blessings that we were able to spend some time with him and Mary. She and her family are in our prayers.

Hope all is good at The Ranch

**BIG HUGS**

Dan & Judy Todd

Lot #66

## EUROPE

We left The Ranch on April 9<sup>th</sup> and thanks to Soren and Barb we got a ride to Roswell to spend the night at a motel so we could catch an early morning flight to Miami. The next day we boarded a ship and crossed the Atlantic with stops in La Harve France, Rotterdam Netherlands, Dover England and finally Hamburg Germany. From Hamburg we took a train to Denmark where we picked up a motor home that we purchased from an Escapee in July of 2009. We are the third owners and the rig is now 12 years old so we were a little worried about what shape it was in. When we arrived in Denmark, the couple that had stored the rig in their barn for the previous owners picked us up at the train station and drove to their farm. What a wonderful couple. They had coffee and pastries waiting for us and we got along so well that they also invited us in for a delicious home cooked dinner that evening. After dinner we sat around and they served us lots of wine and, before we went out to spend our first night in our "new" rig they invited us in for breakfast the next morning. We had breakfast with them and then headed out to explore some of Denmark. As it turned out the rig ran fine and was in good shape. The couple we purchased it from had planned on traveling again this year but later decided that after five years traveling through lots of European countries they would put it up for sale. That turned out great for us because they had left everything in the rig when they stored it in Denmark. All we needed was our clothes. Denmark at the end of April and the beginning of May was pretty chilly so we decided to head south into Germany. The weather gradually warmed up in northern Germany although we did have considerable rain.

We stopped to see a couple that we had met the previous summer when we traveled the northeastern U.S. They had shipped their European RV over to the states and we met them in Maine near Bar Harbor. We had a long conversation and when we told them we had plans to RV in Europe they invited us to stop when we were near their hometown of Hannover Germany, which is exactly what we did. They took us to a famous castle (called a Schloss in Germany) that was built in the middle of a lake. Later that day we had a great dinner together before parting but we still hook up on Skype now and then.

Aboard the cruise ship in our trans Atlantic trip we had wonderful meals and formal dinners. Our table mates turned out to be going to Germany from Florida. They live part time in Venice Florida and part time in Aschaffenburg Germany. He was a professor and very interesting to listen to. We hit it off like old friends and they invited us to their apartment in Germany so when we reached that part of Germany we got together. He had grown up in Aschaffenburg and showed us all around the sights. It was interesting to see where he and his family would go during WWII during the bombings. Together the four of us visited several fantastic German restaurants and beer halls.

We continued south through Germany and into France to meet up with a young French girl that we had encountered during our travels in Baja Mexico in 2006. She was 22 years old at that time and hitchhiking her way alone through Mexico and sleeping in a small tent at night. We always kept in touch with her via email and she told us she would like us to visit her on our European travels. She now lives in Lyon France so after getting to the southwestern corner of Germany and the Black Forest we crossed over into France and traveled to Lyon. Laurene greeted us at the opera house in Lyon and we spent three wonderful days with her seeing lots of the highlights, going to a huge open air market and trying out different restaurants every evening. Lyon is said to be the cuisine capital of France and it sure seemed that way to us. When we left Lyon we again continued further south stopping at some really interesting villages, towns and cities. For the last week we have been cruising east along the French Riviera and will be in St. Tropez tomorrow, then Nice, Monaco and into the Italian Riviera.

Roy and Kathy Gilbert  
Lot # 119

Our very best to Pam McMickin on the death of her mother. Our love is with you.

We have had some new folks move in lately and since at this time no one seems to be around (not even our newcomers) to hold a welcome/Information meeting, I am including an article from several years ago to help our newcomers get oriented and feel more at home.

#### OPEN DOORS

The Ranch house doors are open 24/7 for the convenience and use of the leaseholders. When using the Ranch House at night (or any time) please be sure to shut off the lights and any electric appliances you may have been using.

#### RED LIGHTS

These lights are found over the top of the restroom doors in the Ranch House and when lit indicate that the rest room is in use. In an emergency or if the light has been on for without change for a very long time it would be okay to knock and ask the user to hurry or find out if all is well.

#### STRING CHAINS

Located in both restrooms and the laundry are available if anyone in the room is in need of assistance. The above mentioned red lights will blink.

#### FLASHING CAR LIGHTS OR CAR HORNS

Someone is probably in trouble and is in need of assistance. It may be a medical emergency so be prepared to know what action to take. Please check with the lot holder before calling an emergency service.

#### CANON SHOTS

These may often be heard during a storm. Not to worry or be upset. It is the Pecan growers doing their part to save the nuts.

#### OUTSIDE ALARM

Hopefully most of you have seen the signs regarding our alarm system and have heard it go off once a month at noon on Wednesday. Please check the sequence of sounds so you recognize when it is time to get going or when it is time to just ignore it.

#### Committees

THERE ARE 13 COMMITTEES at The Ranch and members of the committee are available to help with answers to your questions, give you information, and help you to make decisions about what is and is not proper procedure for things here at The Ranch

These committees include:

Beautification - volunteers keep the foliage, plants etc looking good.

Grievance/Dispute - helps resolve problems between folks.

Lot Transfer - Handles the sale and resale of lots.

Ranch House - Keeps things in the Ranch House Running, orderly and neat.

Building/Safety - Approves plans for lot improvements or changes, and inspects lots as needed.

Library/Video - Keeps our library and film sections neat and orderly

Nominating - searches for eligible candidates to run for our Board of Directors

Palaver - Edits and prints the Ranch newsletter

WIFI - Handles items to do with our Wi-Fi system, adds and removes folks from Ranch Ramblings and monitors usage.

Document Review - Keeps track of changes made by majority vote of the Ranch Hands to all governing documents.

Long Range Planning - Plans for future projects to improve and keep The Ranch good looking and running well.

Water - Handles all problems dealing with our water, sewage and RO systems

Welcome - Greets newcomers and visitors, arranges adoptions, and informs newcomers of needed information.

Each of these committees are made up of volunteer members of The Ranch and anyone willing to help may join the committee of their choice.

## MEANWHILE



## BACK AT THE RANCH

MOVIN OUT  
Dave & Janet Duncan  
Lot # 48

MOVIN IN  
Loyce & Laney Finch  
Lot # 48

Cass (Catherine) Davis  
Lot # 94 has moved to  
1402 W. Gilchrist Ave  
Apt 1A  
Artesia, New Mexico  
575-746-0202

### HELLO FROM THE RAILEY'S

Notice how the people driving by our rig are wearing their sun glasses. The trailer is finally polished and waxed and the reflection is blinding. We can see ourselves in the shine.

AND

We don't have to share our meals with the flies.. The porch is screened and is the final project before leaving to take our Santa Fe grandkids on a vacation to the Grand Canyon. Then it is time to head for parts unknown for a couple of months.

See you down the road or back at The Ranch.

Hugs,  
Bob & Marilyn  
Lot # 30

## Who *what* where

As is usual with the Escapees food has been a major project during the last two months. There have been the usual men's coffee, MEWS, ladies coffee, Chili Chapter Luncheons, Ladies Luncheons, and Birthday/Anniversary parties. We also had a special pork chop dinner planned and directed by Marilyn Railey with a big Happy New Home sheet cake for Cass. Almost 40 attended that dinner even though there are relatively few in the park.

Lago Vista has had only one resident at home for awhile until John and Judy dropped in for a few days.

The rest of the streets have two or three residents present for the most part., with Coyote Run having the most.

We started a new tradition and held a First Memorial BobO work day to make more gravel paths in Central Park and to rake up some of the leaves, sticks and acorns around the Ranch House. A total of 10 or 12 folks were out there working at one thing or another in the less sunny hours between 7:30 am and 9:30 am.

Work continued a few days later.

The water committee (with some help) is building a new building out at the well to house the extra generator to make sure we have a more continuous flow.

This new month will be no exception to the fun, games and food being planned. Mary Ann and Charlene are taking on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bash; Roxy will handle the Birthday/Anniversary party, while Johnnie will be doing the July calendar as soon as she and Richard return. And there will still be all the other usual outings and/or eat-in MEWS, Chili Chapter, and coffee mornings...

Mahjong has become a popular game in recent weeks but Pokeno and Bingo are still going strong.

A couple of new and very welcome additions have appeared in our ice cream selection – Frozen Lemon Italian Ice and Rainbow Pops which to me seem like old fashioned creamsicles. Yummy and folks are just gobbling it up. Rumor has it that we may be using up to four cases between purchases from Schwann's

Sally has returned from her latest job venture and Dave sure is a more contented man.

Only three Ranch Hands showed up to help serve at the Moose luncheon in May but some youngsters pitched in and helped and seemed to have really had a good time doing it.

Railey's have a new addition at their casita (a screen room) and the shine of their newly polished rig along with the one on Chris's motor home has that part of Coyote Run sparkling. On the other side Gil and Paula have a new small addition to their travel equipment and Gil spends a lot of time working on it.

Sally hosted the June Birthday/Anniversary party and folks showed up, even some we haven't seen in a while.

Roxy has quit her job at Wal-Mart but there is still a Ranch Hand working there as Greg Obst works the night shift. Roxy has also lost her refrigerator this month and is waiting for a new one to arrive.

Jennifer and Gary are still in the park although they have been so busy in their new shed that they are rarely seen.

## AROUND THE RANCH

After 2 inches of rain all of our plants and trees are very happy and growing.

The paths in Central Park West are nearly finished thanks to all the guys that have raked and done the tractor work. It is amazing how they dress up this area.

Marilyn Railey planted nine clumps of desert grasses by the walk to the Ranch House and take a close look at the little flowers growing along the path to her lot.

If any of you have cactus that need to be thinned out on your lot, beautification can use them in the common areas.

The grass area by the office is filling in the bare spots. A large desert grass clump has come up and looks great in just the right spot.

Charlene

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HAVE A GREAT  
4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

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ENJOY  
YOUR  
SUMMER



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY

Sandy Singley 7-7  
Chris Giffin 7-9  
Jay Mc Connell 7-10  
Art Lumb 7-12  
Larry Andrew 7-13  
Dennis Rundall 7-15  
Carmen Begin 7-17  
Charles Russell 7-22  
Jim Whitworth 7-28

AUGUST

Elizabeth Evelyn 8-31



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

JULY

Art & Sherry Lumb 7-1  
Jerry & Marg Krebill 7-27  
Dean & Yvonne Minard 7-30  
Charlie & Sheila Scarborough 7-31

AUGUST

Carl & Merrilee Mager 8-17  
Jim & Joan Whiwtor`th 8-21  
Vern & Sheila Miller 8-23  
Charles & Paula Russel 8-31

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O'ER THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH

