

Earl's Diary - Friday, February 1, 2013

Dear Readers - Surprise! I am on a new adventure. Well, sort of a new adventure. I am traveling the roads I traveled last year to the State of Arizona.

My ultimate goal is a week's stay at Quartzsite. You see, way out in the middle of the Arizona desert is where all kinds of Northern Snowbirds congregate each January and February. The BIG Quartzsite camping expo/rock show, etc. happens. In addition to that there is a "cult" gathering of fiberglass "egg" trailers. This will be my fourth year of attending this gathering. I will also be traveling to Yuma and Sun City to visit relatives. (At least, they haven't invited me NOT to come back!)

I left Galt Wednesday morning, heading for the big bustling community of Bakersfield. It's about 265 miles from Galt to Orange Grove RV park. Just the right distance for a long day's drive for me. Not too much exciting happened on the trip down. In Stockton, a traffic backup of 3 miles occurred when one lane (of the two) was closed and traffic had to merge and creep along. What happened? They were working on a small strip of pavement, right in the middle of the freeway! I arrived at Orange Grove at 3:30, just in time for my afternoon nap!

The next morning I was off, heading for the big town of Needles (a distance of 273 miles). Again, nothing exciting happened. At one point, out in the middle of nowhere, freeway traffic was narrowed to one lane. Apparently a large semi-truck crashed and burned. It was a mangled mess of truck - and whatever else it was carrying. Lots of people were out there helping clean up the mess. It must have happened the day before.



I arrived at Desert View Rv park about 3:30. I had stayed here last year. The photo you see is one I took last year. I didn't see any point in taking a new picture. The scenery hasn't changed a bit!

Later this morning, I will be heading off for Parker, AZ and nearby Buckskin Mountain State Park for a 3 night stay. I was here last year and enjoyed the view right on the Colorado River. You can look across the river and see California. Hey, it's like not leaving home at all! There is no internet service here, so you may not hear from me for a few days.

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