

Journal Entry –May 3, 2009

Campin' at the Alamo

Hello All,

We are on our annual trek in the motor home. The good news this year is that gas is way more reasonable than it was last year. We're finding it at about 1.90 per gallon so far. We are spending a lazy afternoon in San Antonio TX campground. San Antonio is the home of the Alamo, which we visited yesterday. The Alamo you may recall is the famous battle place of Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone. The State of Texas has done a great job of preserving, collecting and rebuilding structures and artifacts. Although at one time it was a lonely frontier church and fort, it is now one square block in the middle of San Antonio, the 6th largest city in the USA. We also enjoyed the visit to the River Walk, where the San Antonio River runs between beautiful hotels, restaurants and shopping malls. It is a lovely river which winds between these buildings. It is in the same downtown area with the Alamo.

We have had great weather so far and are enjoying our new barbeque, a much improved version of that little tin BBQ we've carried around for the past few years that had a detached lid that would blow off all the time. This one is heavier and the lid stays up on one side to help block the wind (there's always a little wind in the desert at best)!

The motor home and our trusty little Toyota truck have chugged along providing the A/C, Satellite TV with DVR, XM radio and TomTom GPS that spoil us on these trips. That's my idea of camping. The RV parks have all had good wifi so far and we found our first SuperWal-Mart of the trip today, allowing us to stock up on fresh veggies and fruits, fresh hamburger buns and all the other things we splurge on. Nice that the Wal-Marts are always right alongside the Highways!

Tomorrow we leave for a 4 hour trip to Houston, TX where we will stay 4 days and check out the Houston Space Center and other high points of the Houston area including Galveston Beach, a few miles away on the Gulf.

Hope you are all well and NOT catching that swine flu. I'm opting to cook in and avoid the flu until we get to that great food in New Orleans next week.....Having fun, Janice and Walt