

Journal Entry –July 3, 2009

Homeward bound

Well, as you can all see, we made it across the Ocracoke Ferry, motor home and all, to the outer banks islands of North Carolina and spent a great week at the beach there. The water was perfect and we loved the white sandy beaches NOT crowded with people as experienced in Calif. We have found that the wifi has been either nonexistent or poor the last couple weeks and it was hard to get out much of a message. Most of the time if we had any wifi at all, it was only available outside and we had to sit outside and battle the mosquitoes. That didn't last long and messages were short or nonexistent. I guess the south is not big on "in coach wifi" but there are Waffle House restaurants on every other corner. We just had to go try out the waffles so about an hour later we rolled out completely stuffed with all the good southern country cooking breakfast treats. Great tasting but high calories and oil content :)

We were sad to leave the sandy dune beaches of the outer banks of N. C. Cape Hatteras Island is beautiful. Leaving the island also signified that we were starting our return trip. We stopped on the road in Nashville (my favorite all time spot) and saw Wynona and other singers at the Grand Ole Opry, enjoyed the honky-tonk bars and then hit the road again to Sam's Town in Tunica, Mississippi for a few days along the Mississippi River and a little gambling. The Tunica area is much like Laughlin about 20 years ago. After the hurricanes destroyed much of the gulf gambling in Biloxi, Mississippi decided to pump some money into the improvement of the Tunica area which is not near the gulf or hurricane areas. The roadways and delta areas are very nice. We enjoyed the weather and the beautiful Tunica delta flowering trees and green landscapes in Mississippi. Before we could lose too much money in Tunica we headed onward to Shreveport, La. We checked out the area and then moved along to the grassy rolling hills of Wichita Falls, Texas at 101 degrees. With temps soaring and the promise of more heat to come, it's a good thing most of the trip is behind us.

Now we are in the hot country (Amarillo tonight) and tomorrow we head to Albuquerque, Flagstaff, Laughlin for a little rest and then home. It's been a great venture but home will feel good and we will be glad to reconnect with family and friends. We should hit home sometime next week and then back to reality. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July. Happy Independence Day to all! Janice