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The departure from Flagstaff, AZ suffered a slight incident. Smoke emanating from the motorhome chassis was determined to be a broken oil line. We returned to Flagstaff and spent the night in a motel. The repairs were completed the next day and we tried again to depart for the North Rim.



The next morning and the next four days we were greeted by scenes such as this view of the canyon.

The North Rim Lodge is situated on the edge of the rim and is a spectacular place to visit or stay.

One is greeted each morning by mule deer, grazing placidly on campsites in the park.

The park is the sole habitat for a very unusual squirrel. The Kaibab Squirrel. It only lives in the Kaibab forest and lives in the Yellow Pines. It is distinctive by it's fluffy bushy tail which is stark white! The rest of its body is a steel grey color.

The campground is at an elevation of 8280 ft. and that elevation produces 44 degree morning temperatures! In addition, us old folks are finding it difficult getting enough air to breathe! It is hard to believe that after ten weeks in the heat, we have the furnace on every morning!

The North Rim is as different as night and day from the South Rim. It is only 1200 feet higher than the South Rim and has a forest of trees, and different animal life.

We spent the days with my sister and her husband, and our friends the Lowrys, from Redlands.

The trip is coming to a close. We are staying the last night at Mesquite, NV. Tomorrow we leave for Redlands, and a pile of mail which is waiting to be read!

Dave and Bonnie