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## OUT OF THE FRYING PAN, INTO THE .....

Welcome all you travelers, actual and vicarious ones. Here we go again! The same rules apply, if you don't want to bother with all the journals, please let me know and I will remove you from the list.

We put in a hundred bucks or so of gas to top off the tank so we could make it to the cheaper gas prices in AZ. A Willie Nelson tape in the cassette blaring "On The Road Again", and we headed off into 110deg temp in Blythe.

It soon became very obvious that the price of fuel is starting to affect travel. Trucks were the predominant vehicles on the road. The fewer cars were the high dollar cars driven by people who could afford high gasoline, and very few motor homes!

A couple of nights at the Colorado River kept us out of the huge dust storm in the Phoenix area. The RV park we stayed in was virtually empty.

We then set sail for the Tucson area. Arriving there needing a lot of fuel, we learned a lesson in new travel math. Intent on using Costco for cheap gas, we missed the turn off and ended up going 30 miles out of the way round trip total. Our 40 cents per mile fuel cost was \$12 to save \$3 over the cost at stations along the freeway. It seems probable that this kind of calculation will apply to a lot of our decisions in the future!

Our destination today was St David AZ, the home of Western Horizons RV park. It is always an inviting place to park by the lakes that are their signature here.

The elevation of 4,000 ft. provided an evening temp of 75 deg and a gentle rain to keep it cool.

We plan to go to the Carlsbad Caverns after a visit with friends, the Swarners in Hereford.



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