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GET YOUR KICKS ON ROUTE 66

After a visit with The Sedlaks, in Ada, OK, we started west from Oklahoma City.

Driving IS-40 we were parallel or on top of the Historic Highway 66. Trying to imagine driving this big, wide motorhome on the narrow two lane old road, was almost impossible! The current number of trucks using this route would not be possible on the old road.

We stayed the night in Tucumcari, NM and saw first hand the remains of a once busy thriving highway town. The numbers of business buildings boarded up was a sad sight. The new road bypasses the town and the newer part consists of only the freeway necessary business services.



One thing we saw that was beautiful, was this mural painted on the side of a building in town. It perfectly depicts the old 66.

To close out our trip this year we are going to visit our friends, the Dotsons, in Prescott, AZ. At Flagstaff, we had a choice of routes to Prescott. We took the wrong choice! We went the route through Sedona, AZ, Oak Creek Canyon, and Jerome. Those of you who know, are shaking their heads. For those who don't know, we are talking beautiful drives, but steep hills, narrow roads, switchbacks, Jerome, a town on a steep mountainside with tourist crowded streets, no room for a motorhome and an oncoming vehicle, you name it, and all on a route that prohibited rigs over 50 ft, and we are 54 ft! We made it.

We have a 50 yard dash to home. Thank you all for reading these. If you missed any, they are on the website. www.dcschumaker.com (also the new Indians)

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