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HOT OFF THE GRILL

Traveling through Florida, which does not lack for bugs, we stopped for gas. As we watched cars come in for gas we noticed many small sparrow type birds around. While the owners fueled, the birds climbed all over the grills picking off all the dead bugs. They have figured out how to get their meal without working much for it!

We have now reached the furthest distance from home and are now starting our return. We have seen the statue at Punta Gorda, and that leaves only 2 left to see on this trip.

After we left Punta Gorda we decided to go to a state park that has a Manatee refuge, as well as other animals. These Manatee's are in permanent captivity and you can get up close and personal



with them. It was a fun experience. Manatees are on the endangered species list. There are about 1200 of the Florida Manatees left. They must have warm water, above 65 deg. to survive. They move slowly around and graze on plant life in the water. They average 2,200 lbs. when mature. They have no natural enemies except humans. We drive boats right over them and cut right into them with the propellers. They are also known as Sea Cows.

We were doing some figuring tonight, and we still have a day and a half in Florida yet!

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