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## IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Would you believe that the travel year is starting out with a cruise from Florida to Columbia! The following describes one of our adventures.

The Mini-bus zoomed down the highway on the “wrong” side of the road. At least here on Grand Cayman it is legal. We drove past gas stations with US\$ prices of \$9.50/gal on our way to Sting Ray City. There, hundreds of stingrays waited for their lunch, (hopefully not us!). We and 25 other boats anchored in waist deep water. We went overboard and were immediately surrounded by hungry rays. Many with a wingspan of 3 ft. We could feed squid directly into their soft underside mouths! We could stroke their leathery topsides and their soft velvet undersides.

When we ran out of food, they deserted us for the new boats arriving. During the last huge hurricane that depleted tourism. The boat owners had to go out every day to feed them, because they are born and raised here and are dependent on the tour boats and cannot fend for themselves.



After heading back to town, I had to search for hearing aid batteries. I grabbed the wrong batteries that fit my old ones. There was only one store on the island that had the size I needed.

It was a \$10 taxi ride each way for a 1 ½ mile trip. The store had them for a pack of 8 for \$20. That totaled \$40 for 8 batteries = \$5/battery or \$10 to hear for five days! Costco sells them for \$0.40 apiece!

A good lesson for remembering what to bring from home!

PS: Back home when cleaning out my carry bag, I found the two cards of batteries I packed. Getting old ain't for sissies!

Dave

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