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Dear Friends & Relatives,

The great escape has started! At long last we are completely off our old property in Douglas City. The property sold in only one week, but it took us nearly 3 months after close of escrow to completely vacate the premises. Getting out was a huge job. We ran yard sales 7 days a week for about two months and then started sorting and moving the rest. A lot went to the dump, the stove business was moved to a large storage shed in Weaverville, the remaining items for sale were moved to a second large storage shed in Weaverville, and the things we wanted to hang onto were moved to a third small storage shed in Weaverville. It didn't help that Donna broke her ankle and leg about 15 days before escrow closed. It was such a bad break that she had emergency surgery by an orthopedic surgeon and spent a night in the hospital. Six weeks in a cast and then six more weeks in a brace, she's now doing pretty well. It made the selling, packing, and moving a real challenge.

Our old next door neighbor has allowed us to store our Lance camper, a utility trailer, and an enclosed cargo trailer on his property and another friend in the Indian Creek Trailer Park (Douglas City) has given us his spare bedroom to use as an office. We are very grateful to have such wonderful friends.

We picked up the new motor home right near the factory in Coburg, Oregon late in October and drove it to Weaverville where we spent a month in the Sidney Gulch RV Park. Yesterday we moved it to our current location at Indian Creek Trailer/RV Park in Douglas City. This is quite convenient for us as our helper, George, lives here and our office is here. If you'd like to visit us, we are in Space #20.

The new motor home is wonderful. We had it specifically built for us and so just about everything is exactly the way we want it. For the technically inclined, it is a 2005 Monaco Cayman. It is a 34 foot diesel pusher. It is very comfortable to live in and quite nice to drive down the road. Our hope was to get the shortest coach that we thought we could live in on a full time basis, and that's what we've accomplished. This is our full time and only home.

**We deliberately have no fixed home base. Ultimately, we will own only what we can travel with. No debts, and no extra stuff. This is our idea of freedom. Having been homeowners all of our adult lives, this is a major transition. Not everyone can imagine such a rootless lifestyle. It has taken almost a year to get our minds around the concept. So far, we love it. Not having to work on the house and property is such a relief. Now the question is, can we become complete vagabonds? We think so! If you're curious about the psychology of our new lifestyle, stay tuned. We will keep you**

**updated in future newsletters. On the other hand, if you think we're nuts and you don't want to hear more, just drop us a note and we'll take you off the mailing list.**

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Our ultimate goal is to travel the United States, Canada, and Mexico about 8 months of the year. Unfortunately, we have so many loose ends to clean up, i.e., selling the stove business, the Lance camper and Ford truck, maybe our 2003 Volkswagen diesel Golf, our biodiesel processor, a professional treadmill, a large digital copy machine, and a ton of this and that.

In the meantime, we will try to travel a little as time permits. We hope to go away for at least a week around Christmas time.

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Well that brings you up to date. Perhaps the next newsletter might be a little more exciting.

Hugs,

Chuck & Donna