

Dear Friends,

Greetings from **Las Vegas, Nevada**.

Denver was getting pretty darn cold and we had our annuity and income tax work completed so it was time to head south. After a couple of days, we rolled into the old and quaint town of **Beaver, Utah**. The park in Beaver was tight and narrow, but it did have two wonderful surprises. First of all we met **Ron and Michelle**, who are very serious RVers and a whole lot of fun. The park (**Beaver Canyon Campground**) also has its own Mexican restaurant. Surprise number 2--the food was exceptional. Honest to goodness real Mexican flavor. Way better than anything we found in North Dakota, South Dakota, or Nebraska. It was so good that we ate there two nights in a row.

The morning we left Beaver, the temperature was only 30 degrees and our tire sensors were complaining about low pressure. We took care of that, but 230 miles later, we were in Las Vegas and the temperature here hasn't been anything close to that cold. Vegas has been about 65 before dawn and 85 in the afternoon.

Hey, temperatures aren't the news, but where we are camped certainly is. Clark County (Vegas) has the most upscale shooting park we have ever seen. For starters, there are 80 full service RV pull-thru sites. They are wide and they are long. They have water, sewer, 50 amp power, and night lights. At \$20 per night, they are also fairly reasonable.



Our rig at the Vegas shooting park.

The shooting park is very large and located on a hillside on the north side of Las Vegas. At night, it's absolutely beautiful overlooking the lights of Las Vegas.



Our rig looking toward the mountains.

This park is a tremendous facility and it's not even close to being finished. Low on the hill is a very nice archery center. Higher on the hill is the RV park, the shotgun center with 24 stations of trap and 24 stations of skeet, plus a restaurant. Higher still on the hill is a training facility and a range for law enforcement. Also at the elevation is a rifle and pistol range open to the public. In winter of 2012, they plan to also build a shotgun sporting clays range.



The archery range.

Today was a special event at the archery range. The range supplied bows and free beginner instruction. Children got to use very light weight and small compound bows and shoot at pumpkins filled with green slime. The kids were ecstatic.



Pumpkin archery targets.

As you come up the hill further, the next level contains the RV park, a restaurant, and the shotgun center.



Shotgun center and restaurant.

The shotgun range is composed of 24 upscale shooting stations. Each station contains trap and skeet. Everything looks like it's built to last 100 years.



24 trap and skeet stations.

With so many wide shooting stations, you really don't want to walk from station 24 back to the restaurant which is just past station 1. The parking is fabulous so you can easily drive your car or truck or for \$20 a day the park will rent you a very nice golf cart.



Another picture of the restaurant with rental carts.



Trap shooting underway.

If we go up the mountain further, we come to the pistol and rifle complex.



A small portion of the pistol range.

Are you beginning to get the idea that this shooting facility is pretty close to unbelievable and it appears to be less than half completed. Did we mention that all of the shotgun, rifle, and pistol bays have incredible lights for night shooting? In addition to all of the normal public events, there are also special events. Today and tomorrow, the "Silver State Claybreakers" has a trap competition going on. Plus the kids pumpkin archery event is going on. Plus between 9 am and 3 pm, a local gun shop put on a machine gun shoot. For \$25, you could shoot 25 rounds of full auto machine gun. Wow, there were lots of machine guns to choose from: M4, AK47, MP5, UZI, M249, M1919, a Tommy Gun, and a Sterling, just to name a few. Actually, there were more.



Some of the machine guns and machine pistols to choose from.



Chuck with a Thompson sub machine gun.

We have many friends in Las Vegas and Pahrump and we have been totally shocked that none of them have visited this incredible shooting park. Please, if you're in the area, come and see it. It doesn't cost anything to visit and watch. Better yet, there is free instruction in rifle, archery, and shotgun from 9 am to 11 am every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Bring your own equipment or rent it here. This is too good to pass up and way too much fun.

The ranges are closed Monday and Tuesday and open from 7 am to 7 pm Thursday through Sunday. On Wednesday, the ranges are open from 7 am to 10 pm. We expect to be here another week. Come shoot with us. If you would like to try trap, we have an extra gun and we would be happy to give you a beginner's lesson. Be sure to call and make a date.

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Until next time, home is where we park it.

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