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Dear Friends,

Greetings from Pahrump, Nevada.

This will not be one of our full blown travelogues, but more of a note to let our friends know where we are. On Sunday, November 6, we left the incredible Las Vegas shooting range and drove about an hour and a half west to one of our favorite little desert towns. Pahrump is certainly a special place in anybody's book. It is a town of about 30,000 people and is located one hour west of Las Vegas, Nevada and one hour east of Death Valley, California. At the right time of year, it is absolutely a delightful place as is Death Valley. Well folks, this should be that time of year. Cool at night and around 70 during the day. Right at the moment, however, we are 10 to 15 degrees below normal. Last night the temperature dropped down to about 34 degrees and yesterday afternoon, the high was around 60. On the bright side, we are experiencing bright sunny skies and almost no wind, so as long as you stay in the sun, you don't need a coat.

There is a lot going on in this area this time of year. There are lots of activities in the nearby towns of **Shoshone** and **Amargosa**, not to mention the annual **49er Encampment** in **Death Valley**. We are constantly amazed at how many people we meet RVing through Las Vegas who have never been to Pahrump, Shoshone, Amargosa, or Death Valley. To our way of thinking, RVing is more about the journey than the destination.

As you may or may not know, Pahrump has several major casinos and many minor ones. It also has a couple of major league high end brothels, as well as minor league establishments further out of town. Eating out in Pahrump is so cheap that you can hardly stay home. No, we're not kidding. We mean this literally. Sunday night we went out with friends, **Robert and Natalia**, to a little casino named Irene's. Seven nights a week you can get a 16 oz. New York steak dinner with all the trimmings for \$8.99. We can't eat that much food at one sitting, so \$8.99 means two good meals. Pretty hard to beat. Last night, we took another friend to the buffet at the Pahrump Nugget. It's a big buffet and the price includes beverage and dessert. Six nights a week you can have the two for one special. The regular buffet is \$10.99, but now it's two for \$10.99. Mind blowing, isn't it? Two people can eat until they are sick and the cost is \$10.99 plus tax. Well, we could go on and on about the two for one buffet special at the Saddle West Casino or about the incredible three egg ham steak breakfast at Terrible's downtown casino, but we think you get the idea. Pahrump is one low cost place to eat.

RV camping is also pretty darn cheap here. You can have a full hookup site at the Saddle West Casino for \$325 a month and you don't need any affiliations or memberships. If you're willing to drive a little way out of town, it gets cheaper still. We are staying right down town in a member owned park called Preferred RV Resort. We pay \$3.50 a night and our membership will let us stay 35 days a year. Preferred also provides us a free room to put on our retirement seminars.

Speaking of seminars, we are doing one this year called, "Straight Talk About the Economy." Our first one will be at 2:30 in the afternoon on Sunday, November 13, and at 4:00 p.m. we're buying dinner and dessert. We hope some of you can come. If so, we need to know so that the cooks can get a head count. Even if you've heard our seminar before, we're now doing some new things. Besides offering life insurance and fixed indexed annuities, we are now authorized agents for the sale of precious metals and we also offer funeral trusts. (See the attached flyer.) Yep, Cole & Cole Financial is expanding and soon we will have a new website and be publishing free financial and economic newsletters.

Well, that's it for now. You know where we are and what we are doing. Come visit if you can. This is the best time of year in Pahrump.

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Until next time, home is where we park it.

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