

It has been about a month since we gave you a progress report on the great escape. Doggone, it is really hard to describe an escape that, in fact, hasn't happened yet. We're antsy. Very antsy. The road less traveled is calling and beckoning for us to get going. Do you remember John Steinbeck's little book, *Travels with Charley* (1962)? Steinbeck purchased a truck camper and toured the United States with his large poodle, Charley, for about three months. We are re-reading it now, and it certainly is intensifying our wanderlust. He named his truck camper, Rocinante, which was the name of Don Quixote's horse. Okay sure, that's a little more literary than our "Solar Queen" motorhome. When we do leave, the escape will have happened and then we have no choice but to write about *Travels with Annika*.

Our friend, Jen, and her daughter, Becky, have been on the road with their truck and 5th wheel for many months, and their reports of their adventure are glowing. Our very special friends, Gary and Linda, have finally departed Virginia in their 40 foot Catamaran sailboat today. Their adventure has started and our hearts and thoughts are with them. Daily, we meet RV friends who've made the break and we are obsessed with joining them.

Our park host job ran out, but we are still here in Green Acres RV Park. We are paid up through October 31 and then we plan to move, but we are not sure where. The entire month of October is devoted to getting rid of stuff, simplifying our business, and improving communication with the outside world. If you'd like to visit with us in Redding, better give us a phone call first as we are likely to be moving around quite a bit.

Thursday, October 20, we are leaving for Reno via Susanville and expect to return to Green Acres on Monday, October 24. We have a FuelMeister conference in Reno which will probably be fun. Win, lose, or draw, four days on the road will be great. We are getting anxious for a change of scenery.

If we can sell or give away a lot of stuff that is bulky and has low value, books for instance, we might be able to consolidate our stuff from two sheds down to one. Heck, that would be good enough to put us on the road for perhaps six weeks. So, one way or another, we will hit the road sometime between November 1 and 15 and stay on the road until late in December.

Now the question is, where to go? Arizona seems to attract the snowbirds from Oregon, Washington, and California. We may have to go see what the attraction is. On the other hand, San Felipe, Baja, looks a lot more interesting to us. We would really like to spend a few weeks in San Felipe. Well, check it out for yourself <http://www.sanfelipe.com.mx/> Hey, it looks really good and it's easy to get to. It's only a few hours from the border at Mexicali and all of it on a fairly good road.

If you're interested in traveling to Mexico, we recommend a couple of good books, both by Mike and Terri Church, *Camping Mexico's Baja* and *Mexican Camping*. Also, the website of Bill and Dorothy Bell, <http://www.ontheroadin.com/> has a wealth of information.

There are a couple of problems that we need to solve before heading to Baja. The first is communication. We need to be on the Internet every day or so in order to keep selling our FuelMeister biodiesel processors. We expect that getting on the Internet in San Felipe will be difficult. **We are exploring every possible means of communicating while on the road, and in a few days we will send you the results of our study.** Our second problem is the title to our coach. Before we purchased it, we established residency in Oregon, got Oregon driver's licenses, took delivery of the coach in Oregon, and registered it in Oregon. However, when we paid it off, we got a California pink slip from the lender. How the heck this happened, we have not been able to figure out, nor have we been able to resolve it as of this time.

Well, it doesn't matter what it takes. We have the urge to wander and wander we will. After all, if not now, then when?

Until next time, home is where you park it.

With love,

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