

Happy Thanksgiving!

It is Thanksgiving morning and we are parked at the home of our RV friends, Jerry and Judy. They have a nice house and a lovely piece of country property in Palo Cedro, California. While Jerry and Judy are away for the Thanksgiving holiday, we are cow sitting. We met Jerry and Judy when their motorhome was parked adjacent to us at the Great North American RV Rally in Redmond, Oregon. With about 7,500 motorhomes at the rally, it was a great coincidence that we were parked next to someone from the Redding area.

For two people who describe themselves as semi-retired, we have been incredibly busy. After our fun trip to the biodiesel conference in Reno, Nevada, we went back up to Oregon. Our first stop was Grants Pass where we think we have squared away our coach title. The next stop was AM Solar in Eugene where we had our two starting batteries replaced with sealed AGM (Absorbed Glass Mat) starting batteries. Oh, what a treat. Now all of our 10 batteries are AGM and we don't have to service them or deal with out-gassing or corrosion. Our third stop was the Monaco service center in Harrisburg. Monaco replaced a portion of one of our decals and they also repaired a defective tail light. All three stops were fast and efficient and very pleasant.

After we got back from Oregon, we settled down in Redding for a few days and concentrated on reorganizing our storage sheds. Not an easy task as it rained cats and dogs.

Next, we took on a large computer job in Cottonwood, California. Our friends, Ed and Linda, purchased a new business and needed a website, database, as well as a sophisticated communication program. We worked several hours a day for about 10 days. Fortunately, they had a great side yard where we put the motorhome. This is a picture of the Solar Queen (our motorhome), Little Red (our motorcycle), and Little Red's Wagon (the enclosed trailer for the motorcycle) parked at Ed and Linda's.



After the Cottonwood job, we moved here to Palo Cedro, which is fairly close to our storage sheds in Redding.

This afternoon we will be enjoying a Thanksgiving dinner with friends, Bob and Candy, in Redding. It will be fun to spend time with 3 generations of their family.

From November 25 to December 1 we will be concentrating on selling stuff from our sheds. It is our hope to sell cheap and give away enough stuff that we can go from two big sheds down to one. If we succeed, we will hit the road and head south. Our intention is to move slowly in the direction of San Felipe, Baja. Perhaps spending Christmas through New Years in Mexico. If you're anywhere near Redding, we invite you to prowl around the sheds and see what we have. There will be huge bargains! It's better for us to get rid of stuff than to continue paying rent.

Our other big priority is to completely revamp our Doctor Diesel website. After two years of work, we finally have the world's first true biodiesel additive that lowers the gel point of 100% biodiesel. We may have a tiger by the tail as this is a product that is desperately needed worldwide. We have already set up 44 dealers in the U.S. and Canada and most of Europe. Happily, shipments have finally started. We are drop shipping from a chemical blending plant in New Jersey, and so we don't have to carry any of the product with us. The same is true with our biodiesel production equipment which we have drop shipped from Reno, Nevada. We are intent on becoming a web based sales organization that can work from anywhere the motorhome happens to be parked. The chances that we can pull this off look very good.

So what the heck? We expect to be full time on the road around December 1. One way or another, we will make our chosen lifestyle work. We have talent, inventiveness, and courage. With a little luck, that should be enough.

Until next time, home is where you park it.

With love,

Chuck & Donna