

Dear Friends,

Greetings from **Hart Ranch, Rapid City, South Dakota.**

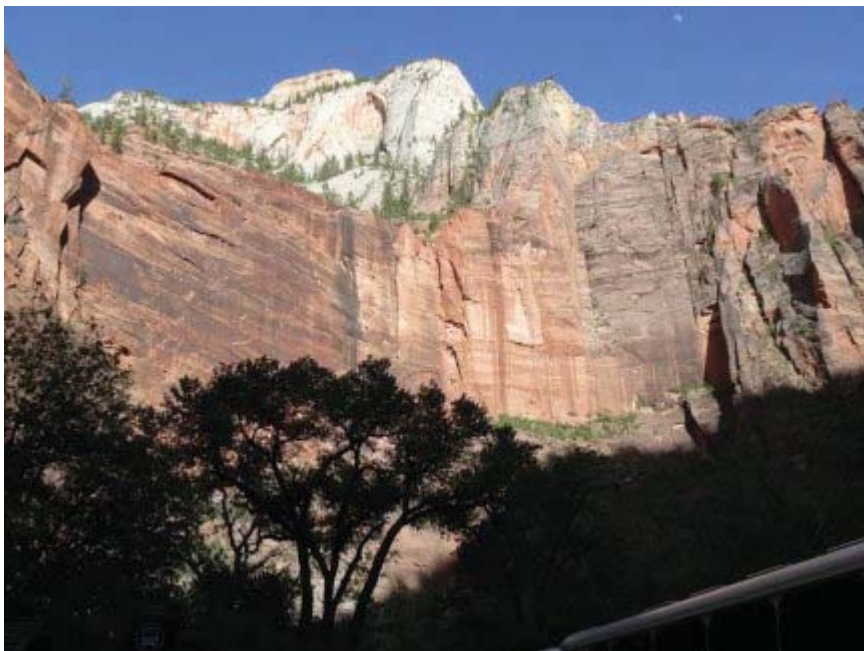
We are all settled in at our favorite park of all time. Hart Ranch RV Resort just cannot be beat. At 10 am on Friday, June 11, we will give our first financial retirement seminar and we expect to give one every Friday morning for two or three months. If you want to know more about these seminars, drop us a note and we will email you a one page flyer. We have the pleasure of having our friends, **Alan and Debbie** parked near us. Debbie is training with us to become a sub-agent of Cole & Cole Financial.

About 10 days ago, we promised to give you more details about the wonderful places we visited on the way to South Dakota. The first great stop was the **St. George RV Resort** in **Hurricane, Utah**. This park is just a hop, skip, and jump from **Zion National Park**. We have written about Zion in the past, but it's always worth throwing in another photo.

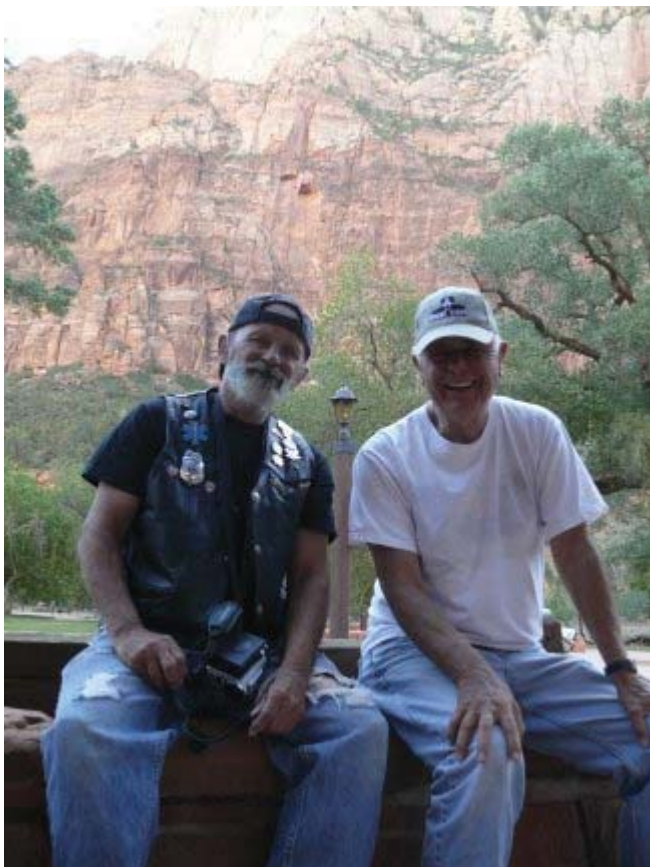
### **Zion National Park**



**One of the tram stops in Zion National Park.**



From the tram in Zion National Park.



Tim and Chuck in Zion National Park.

### Silver Reef Historical Area

Right near St. George RV Resort in Utah is the old mining town of **Silver Reef**. This is one of the few places in the world where silver is mixed with sandstone and readily available on the surface. At the present, Silver Reef has historical sites and dozens of old mines all mixed together with luxury housing and beautiful views.



Silver Reef Museum currently housed in the old Wells Fargo building.

Silver Reef was discovered between 1866 and 1870. (There are many different stories about the founding of this town.) However, in 1874 a man named William T. Barbee is credited with getting the mining going. In 1875, he had 22 claims here. In 1876, Silver Reef became an established town. Main street was over a mile long. Silver Reef had over 2000 people living here. There were hotels, 9 stores, 6 saloons, a bank, several restaurants, a hospital, 2 dance halls, 2 newspapers, a Chinatown and 3 cemeteries. In 1891, the last mine shut down. This area is definitely worth a visit. You can learn more at <http://www.silverreef.org/>

### Dinosaur Discovery Site, St. George

Our next stop was the dinosaur discovery site at **Johnson's Farm in St. George, Utah**. This is another worthwhile visit. They have so many artifacts on this property that they stopped digging them up for lack of storage space.



The St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site at Johnson Farm is home to exceptionally well-preserved dinosaur tracks, some displaying skin impressions. These tracks, along with hundreds of fossil fish, plants, rare dinosaur remains, invertebrates traces and important sedimentary structures, show evidence that this site was produced along the western edge of a large, Early Jurassic (age between 195-198 million years ago) freshwater lake named Lake Dixie. Learn more at

<http://www.dinotrax.com/>

## Mountain Meadows Massacre Site

Our last stop in this area was the site of the **Mountain Meadows Massacre**. What a sobering and emotional stop that was. We still haven't gotten over it.

In the summer of 1857, a wagon train was traveling from Arkansas to California over a regularly used route called the Old Spanish Trail. The wagons made camp in a beautiful valley near Cedar City, Utah. Without warning, the wagon train was set upon by local Mormons from Cedar City with the aid of local Indians. Just why the train was attacked is unclear. At any rate, after five days of fighting, the men of the train were persuaded to lay down their arms and leave their wagons where they were, and were promised safe passage on foot to Cedar City. About a mile up the valley at a predetermined signal, every man of the wagon train was slaughtered. Meanwhile, the Indians went into the wagon train and killed all of the women and most of the children. All in all, 120 people were slaughtered that day and no one understands why. Seventeen children under the age of eight were spared and ultimately returned to Arkansas.

Today there is a beautiful memorial with the names of the slaughtered victims on a hillside overlooking the valley. In the valley, there is now a mass grave where many of the victims' remains have been buried. If you would like to know more, please go to <http://www.mtn-meadows-assoc.com/>



**Mountain Meadows Massacre gravesite.**

Until next time, home is where we park it.

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