Great Escape #96 (South Dakota Still)

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Dear Friends,

Greetings once again from Hart Ranch, Rapid City, South Dakota.

We hope you are all having a pleasant Independence Day weekend. The weather here in Rapid City has been a mixture of everything imaginable. We have had bright sunny days as warm as 95 degrees, cold days where 64 was the high, some rain, and some hail. If there is a pattern to this weather, we don't know what it is. It feels like random luck to us. This morning started out bright and sunny and now at 2:30 in the afternoon, it looks like we might have thunder showers.

After six years of getting around on our motorcycle, we finally broke down and bought a nice little car. We have a brand new 2010 Honda Fit Sport. It's light, fuel efficient, and can be towed four wheels down. However, the main attraction for us is the huge amount of cargo space. The rear seats fold down flat and a six foot movie screen fits in the back with ease. Wow, can you imagine a car that is small on the outside and big on the inside? This is certainly an idea that Detroit would never come up with.





In case you can't read the custom license plate, it says, "SAFMONY". In our financial seminars, we call ourselves, "the safe money people" so it makes some sense. Speaking of seminars, we are doing one every Wednesday evening here in Hart Ranch RV park. If you want to know more, drop us a note and we'll send you a flyer.

In our last newsletter, we described part of our travels from Pahrump, Nevada, to South Dakota. Here is a little more. After leaving **Hurricane**, Utah, our next stop was **Capitol Reef National Park** in Utah. What a delightful spot this is. The scenery is spectacular and the camping spots are lovely. The picture below is our rig in a beautiful grassy and shaded spot.



Fruita Campground, Capitol Reef National Park



The meadow next to Fruita Campground

As you can see, the beautiful **Fruita Campground** is literally an oasis in a rugged, rocky desert. What a contrast and what a spectacular drive through the desert canyons.



The desert canyons of Capitol Reef National Park



Chuck and Tim riding the canyons



Donna shot this photo of Tim over Chuck's shoulder while riding

Capitol Reef is a bit out of the way, but we strongly recommend it. It's definitely worth the effort to get there. Capitol Reef National Park is about in the middle of Utah from east to west and is about in the bottom fourth of the state. We took a real back road adventure to get there. We left Cedar City on Highway 15 going north to Highway 20 where we went east to 89, then north to 62, then east on 62 followed by north on 62 and then east on 24. Yeah, if you can follow these directions, you've got a darn good map. **Once again, Capitol Reef is worth the effort.**

Until next time, home is where we park it.

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