

**2019 RV Trip
Jerry & Del
April 11 thru July 5, 2019**

This year we were on the road from Thursday, April 11 until Friday, July 5; for a total of 86 days. Our final destination was Denver , CO. Along the way we visited family and friends and again marveled at the expanse and beauty of this GREAT country we call "Home."

This year we covered over 5,000 miles. Our travels are mostly on the Interstate system, although there are a few times we take US, State, and some county hi-ways. Almost all the roads are in very good shape. Even so, there were also VERY few which were not so good.

Our first "official" stop was in Richmond, VA for the 2019 CALLERLAB Convention. Due to circumstances beyond our control, including some health issues and minor repair with the RV. We were VERY honored to be on the program for the Tuesday night banquet. Del delivered the blessing for the meal and Jerry served as the MC for the evening. We have attended over 30 CALLERLAB conventions and we always enjoy them because they are our one time a year opportunity to see many of our long time friends, fellow callers, and partners from all around the world.

The biggest and best highlight of this trip was the week we were able to spend with our grand daughter, Sarah, in the Denver area. We drove into the Rocky Mountains near Denver. We are always fascinated by the beauty of this area. We were extremely happy to see how much Sarah was awestruck by the mountains, forests, and snow capped mountains.

On this adventure - we had two calls for mobile RV repairs. One was to install a new switch for our living room slide out and the other was for one of our roof air conditioners. Fortunately, both happened at a time and location which allowed us to stay in one place long enough for the repairs.

This year's travels took us to Jacksonville, FL for a visit with friends, Sue & Paul and Moonlight. Then to Virginia to visit our Grand Sons and their families (Jordan & Brooklyn in Chesapeake, VA and the to Charlottesville, VA for a visit with Tyler, Heather and our Great Grand Son Blake.

After Virginia and the CALLERLAB convention we headed to Kentucky for a visit to "The Ark." This is a full size replica of Noah's Ark. We were amazed by the size and detail of the Ark. We highly recommend this site for anyone passing thru Northern Kentucky, near Cincinnati, OH. After The Ark we headed to Oswego, IL for a very nice visit with Del's brother and his wife, Bob & Georgian. From Illinois we headed to Central Nebraska for a visit with Jerry's brother and his wife, Fred & Kay. From there we moved to Eastern Wyoming for a visit with Del's artist friend, Clara, and Jerry's site and her husband, Lois & Ben.

After Wyoming we moved to Golden (Near Denver), CO. Jerry's son, Shaun, moved to Denver several month ago. While here we also met up with Jerry's son, Kelly "Sky" and Ania. We were also overjoyed to have Sarah visit while we were there. While in Denver we celebrated Del's birthday with Shaun & Sarah, and our good friends Jim & Judy Taylor.

After Denver we headed home. We made a short stop in Topeka, KS for a visit with the CALLERLAB office.

On the way home we stopped near Atlanta, GA for the 2019 ARTS meeting. We always enjoy it when we can attend, we see friends who also attend the once a year meeting. Unfortunately, we are not able to attend every year.

During our trip we experienced a very wide range of weather. From lows in the 20's and highs near 100. We were fortunate in that we never had "high" winds. We did have some rain, but never enough to impact our travels AND there was NO SNOW!! Fortunately, we were not delayed anywhere due to the weather. Overall we had FANTASTIC weather. Several times we were sure the cold weather was behind us, only to find more cold weather. AND then, after we left the Denver, CO area, we ran into VERY - VERY hot weather - nearly 100 and VERY humid. We believe this trip was the coldest spring of all our trips. We burned through a lot of propane, but our reliable furnace kept us cozy warm.

We found a wide range of gas prices; from a high of \$3.00/gal to a low of \$2.00/gal. We also stayed in a wide range of RV Parks. By far, most were very nice with friendly staff, level sites, and many had cable TV. Only a few were in the category of "we won't go there again."

Del was able to visit some art museums and Jerry was able to enjoy some fine "people watching." We also enjoyed some fine "eatin" places.

Bottom line - we VERY much enjoy traveling AND we very much appreciate getting home. We thank each of you for your thought and well wishes.

IT IS VERY NICE TO BE HOME!!!!