

Happy

Trails



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...TO ALL OF YOU

AND BEST WISHES FOR 2017

Beate and I wish you a merry, merry Christmas, enough time for the most important people in life, your friends and family and great health in 2017. And we wish you to have all the power, money and courage to do all the crazy things, that are on your bucket list! Life is short - live it my friends, live it!!!

We know, for some of us the last year brought pain and suffering, therefore 2016 will not be the fons of memory. May the next year bring joy and happiness. We are very thankful for every day and moment on our awesome tour across this great continent. For us the last year brought countless memories and the most precious thing: great friendship!

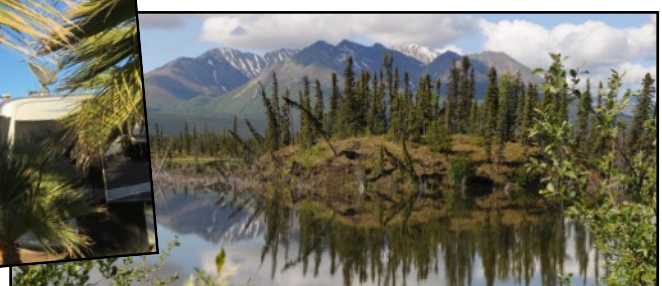
Right now we are in the Texas Hill Country near Uvalde for a couple of month. We love this place - the people around us! (see also newsletter 14)



Here we will discuss and decide our future in the US.
Will we stay or have we move back to Germany?



Ein in allen Belangen tolles Jahr liegt hinter uns. The great destination Alaska, the discoveries at the Yukon, the glacier worlds of British Columbia or the wild Rocky Mountains in Alberta and Montana; but especially the great people whom we were able to meet, who gave us their time and their smile, their fish or their affection, have so wonderfully filled our 358 days this year. We are very grateful for all this! Thank you all for being part of our live!





This is a life we are born to. We enjoy the freedom to put a finger in the wind in the morning and then ask ourselves: "Do the people here please us? How is the campsite? How will be the weather?"

Either we stay or the journey continues. This is pure freedom. Not being driven by time is a valuable asset and we use this gift wherever and whenever it is.

Our problem is rather that we fall in love with some areas and their people, that we can hardly move forward. Or it always takes us in the same spot. But, is that actually bad? We do not think so, although our great goal of visiting all the US states and then down the Pan-American Highway to Panama is a bit in a distance. One of these places, which we will always go back to, are the Black Hills of South Dakota. Not Mount Rushmore, not the buffalos of the Custer State Park nor the motorcycle rally in Sturges lure us. Simply a group of great people. They immediately took us three by the heart. There is only one word to describe it: LOVE!!





**Friends
of Custer**
(we call it family)



Dawson Creek, British Columbia

Our rig now has a name:
“dicke weiße Berta”



Port Aransas, Texas



Denali NP, Alaska



Denali NP, Alaska



Port Arthur, Texas

2016 P. Gefele



Glacier NP, Montana

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In any weather our save home

British Columbia, Kanada



Brazos SP, Texas

Yes and then there
are these
breathtaking
landscapes of North
America.
Who needs TV & Co.?
We certainly do not.



Jasper NP, Kanada



Garner SP, Texas



Prince William Sound, Alaska



Watson Lake, Yukon

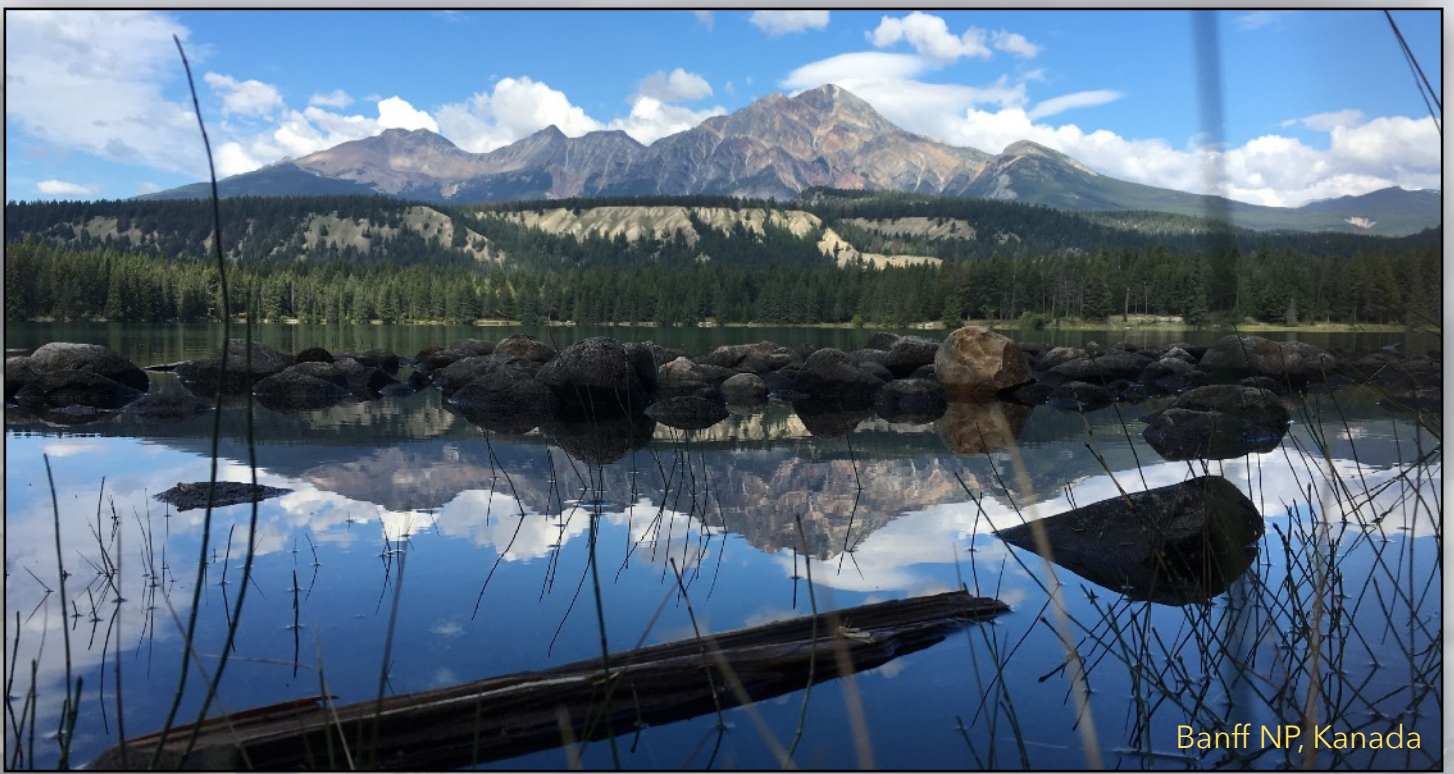


Valley of Fire SP, Nevada

Sometimes breathtaking, sometimes just heavenly beautiful. Then again wild and rough. Oceans, mountains, lakes, rivers and forests; also deserts, steppe and tundra were our front yard this year. Rarely we were ever so close connected with Mother Nature.

North America the Beautiful.





Banff NP, Canada



Glacier NP, Montana



Whittier, Alaska



Noah brings us much joy every day. He is in the center of our team and due to his intelligence, he is always responsible for new adventures. We particularly value his absolute obedience. Either because we can take him without a leash into the wilderness or because he watches the 25 feet around our RV as German territory He will guard and defend it! Outside that perimeter, one can literally fall around his neck in the truest sense of the word. Oh yes, he's a real swarm of women. Not infrequently the ladies are at his feet! I need to be a dog in my next life.





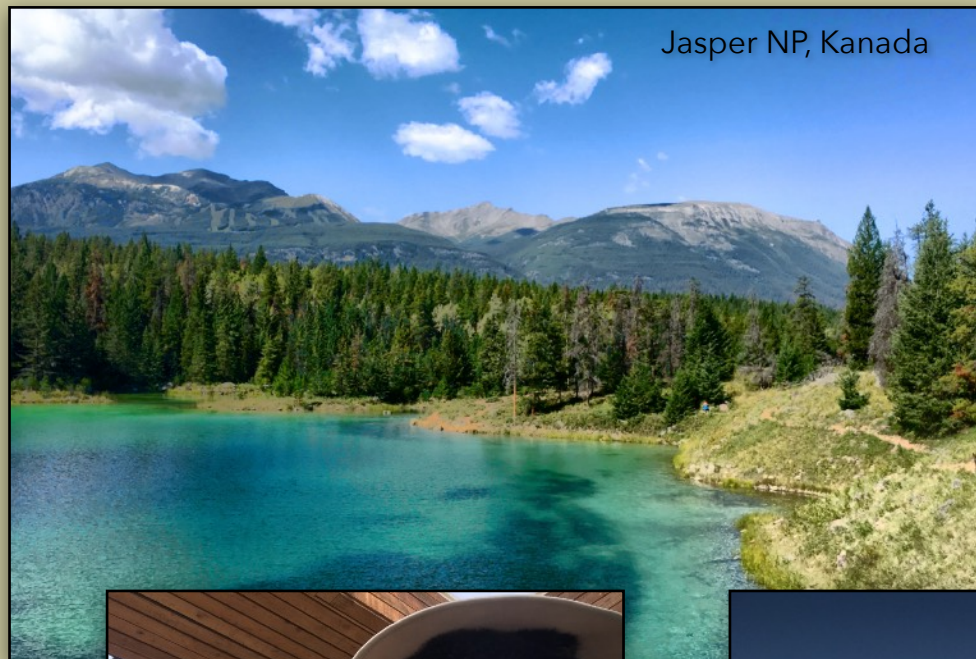
Mitternachtssonne, Alaska



Banff NP, Kanada



Lake Las Vegas, Nevada



Jasper NP, Canada



Colorado, Arizona



Food

Still an integral part of our trip: cooking food. We do it inside and outside, still bake all our bread/rolls and make bratwurst, sausages and yoghurt ourselves. Very seldom does it attract us to restaurants. By the way, there is a smoker's oven near our campsite. I think I have a new challenge!!



German Hash Brown



first Bratwurst

We would like to thank all of you who have hosted us during the year, called or contacted us in other ways. It is so wonderful if one (at the supposed end of the world) is not forgotten. We are really looking forward to receiving any word and seeing you next year!



Thank you!

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until march no phone (thank you Verizon for
not covering this area!???)

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[Whatsapp](#)

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That's it for today!

Sending Love, hugs and wet kisses

Rudy, Beth & Noah

