



TEXAS IN WINTER

OUR LIFE AS WINTER-TEXANS

The year is already 2 month old. We are 19 month on the road, drove more than 35.000 miles, spend 600 nights at more than 110 campgrounds and wrote 24 newsletters.

And we are still not tired and enjoy every second, every moment and every day like the first one!

Therefore Beate and I decided to continue this life until further notice! Not an easy decision, since not only our heart, but also the mind was to be asked. And this sees always risks on the horizon. But we take the risk and look very positively to our next years. If something intervenes==> it's destiny.

We are especially happy and grateful for the approval by our beloved children, close friends and relatives, who have helped us in the decision-making process.

Well Tuscany, Crete, Croatia and German Wattenmeer - you have to wait a few more years for us. One can not have it all. This team is now looking forward to see 18 new US states, all Canadian provinces, Mexico, exciting stories, great people and adventures. Just join us on this adventures.



*We haven't been everywhere,
but it's on our list!*



*Nature is always
and never the same.*



*We want to collect memories
and moments. Not things.*





Already last spring it was clear to us where we will spend the winter 2016/2017: in the Hill Country of Texas. At that time we had found a beautiful campground, which seemed suitable for a few months. Great green landscape all around, nearby forests, crystal clear waters, mild temperatures, super big sites, very friendly neighbors and also very affordable: the BECS RV Park in Concan near San Antonio. A wise decision as we found out later.





After many long trips in the last few months, it was really time to relax. And that very extensively. Of course, we do not just hang around: Beate and Noah are on the trail every day for at least 2 ½ hours and they are crossing through the mountains and riverbeds. Our German shepherd profits the most. I meanwhile made home made sausage or maintain the vehicles. As already mentioned: there is always something on a camper to fix or repair. For example: I installed a few meters of LED lighting inside and outside, build a table for the steering wheel and did various other add-ons. There in Concan I had time and even got some help from my neighbors. In addition, the "fixed address" helped to order necessary parts on the Internet.



We also visit places of interest in the surrounding area. San Antonio, Uvalde, Fredericksburg and the mountainous Hill Country are always worth a visit and lure you with sometimes very crazy sights even for Texas: Stonehenge II, thick heads of the Easter Island or a original German Christmas pyramid from Seiffen.



Fredericksburg, Texas



What a great campground! Look, how much space we had!





Visitors from El Paso, Dallas and Germany



==> not one boring day

What do you do all day? Well, what old folks do: celebrate and eat. Winter Texans are not children of sadness. There is always an occasion for an evening gathering at the camp fire, in the neighboring caravan or a Happy Hour with the managers in their house. The so-called "Potluck dinners" are better in quality than any other expensive buffet in town. Our neighbors are from Louisiana, Iowa, Kansas and Wisconsin and have Czech, Polish, German and Swedish blood in their veins. Just as different as the people are the food and the drinks, the jokes and their customs, that these immigrants brought to Texas for winter! We loved it.



Buddy smoked a Texas BBQ at its finest, John enchants us with the best Ribeye steaks we have eaten in years, soups, bread and stews from Bonnie, chocolate delights from Jane Live is good.

I do not need to mention that Beate with her homemade breads, cakes and cookies spoiled us all.

As a thank you, we made homemade German liverwurst, Reibekuchen and fresh German bratwurst.





great friends at BECS RV park



Spring in Texas



LOST AND FOUND: WAS SONST UNS SO BESCHÄFTIGTE

Everything is bigger in Texas - even Teddy Bears.



Next stop will be El Paso. We love to see friends & family!

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That's it for today!

Sending Love, hugs and wet kisses

Rudy, Beth & Noah

