

END OF HIBERNATION

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Strictly speaking, we start the year 2017 in the reverse order of our last trip. First stop is again El Paso. Talks with the shipping company and the Luftwaffe administration regarding our whereabouts in the USA, attend the good bye and farewell party of our close friends Gabriele and Larsen and to visit all the nice people, we had not seen in December last year or only briefly . But also the reunion with "Friends & Family" in our old home town was very important to us. When a few surprise guests appeared in El Paso, our schedule in El Paso was a stroke of luck. Overall we spent two weeks in March in and around El Paso, celebrating, talking, drinking and a lot of eating (we must look so skinny!!). Our friend Timo booked us once again a nice and this time very quiet campsite in a central location, so that we could quickly and comfortably do our visits. Unfortunately, we could not visit all of our old friends. Our program was just too tight and we very quickly bumped! After two weeks, we headed westwards to Arizona's west coast, the mighty Colorado. Since they live on the way we stopped for two incredibly nice people. Jeannie and Detlef live in Surprise and we spend a whole week with them.

Now we are for Easter on our beloved Colorado River.





The desert is alive. And especially in spring. Once again, we could witness this natural miracle. Wherever our walks and hikes led us, whether in Texas, New Mexico or Arizona: everywhere cacti, grasses and trees bloom in all the colors of the rainbow. Partially, whole desert areas are littered with a yellow flower carpet.







Having fun in El Paso



I was particularly pleased to be able to see this face once again live and in color after a good 14 years. My friend and longtime military companion Andreas was on a mission in El Paso! What a joy. Instead of lying at the pool or going to a shopping mall, we talked about the good old days, our children and the political landscape in the world! Again a pleasure, very nice Andreas.

By the way, Andreas repaired my old website and gave me valuable tips on the future Gefeke website.

In addition, numerous old comrades were in Fort Bliss for some exercises, which I had not seen for years. Nice to see you all healthy and lively.



I was able to take part in the monthly meeting of the retirees who stayed at the Fort Bliss and were even able to speak about our tour. I was pleased not only to see my former General, the best thing was the reunion with a comrade who had worked with me here Bliss in the early eighties. What a little world. Greeting in the round! See you next time.



Gabrieles & Larsen's Farewell Party



Ardivinos Farmers Markt



**Huevos Ranchero at
La Malinche
a must for me**



**a visit at our
storage facility**



**Timo's world class
Smoked Trout**



F.R.I.E.N.D.S



everywhere we were
pampered



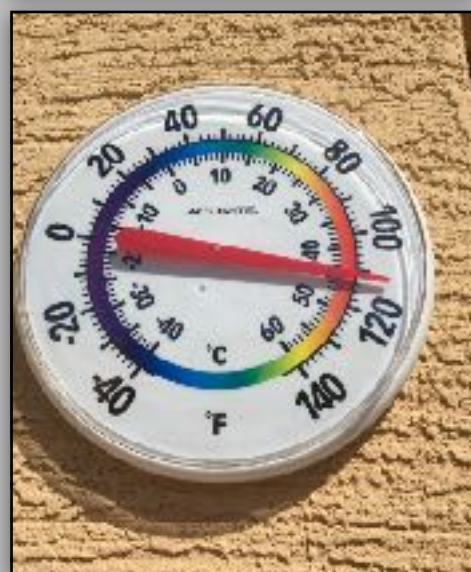
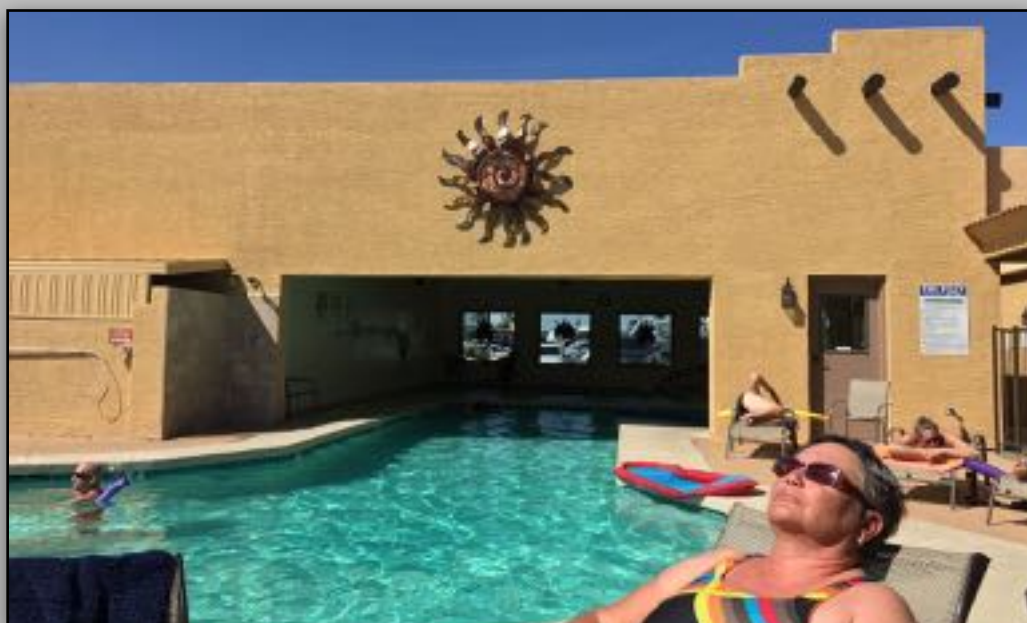
In Deming (New Mexico) we did not want to go by, because we had to visit a well-known musician couple from the Black Hills of South Dakota. The **Ramblin' Ranger** are currently in the south with simply great Western music. See ya in Custer later this year my friends!

<https://www.facebook.com/ramblinrangerswesternmusic/>



Yes and then we had promised nice folks we met last November some homemade German sausages. So again, a one-week stopover in Casa Grande, Arizona.

The campsite in Casa Grande is very luxurious for our circumstances and is in the winter months firmly in Canadian hands. 850 sites, tennis courts, 9 workshops for craftsmens, various fitness rooms, pool facilities and golf courses provide entertainment and sports activities. Everything is well maintained and green. We are allowed to enjoy a special discount for far under \$ 20 a night and enjoy this beautiful resort.





Detlef & Jeannie



For a week we invaded again Jeannie and Detlefs place. With their great hospitality, their fantastic cooking and their joy of life, both have captivated us again. They live simply fantastic in the midst of the desert in a green oasis. Thanks for a great week !!!!





Schatzi



Sedona





picnic in the Red Rocks of
Sedona

1958er Porsche 356
everything is original!!!



much younger:
1985er Zimmer Coupe



**And as always:
fascinating cars on the
roadside**



Yes, and now we are in the sun, crystal clear waters, sandy beaches and palm trees. We are in the bathing paradise of the Colorado River in Parker. In addition to bathing and beaching, boat racing lures in front of our nose. Also, different visitors have called in to spend some time here with us and make some party. Let's see how long we stay. Life is good - also for Noah.





We wish you all
a Happy Easter.



LOST AND FOUND: WAS SONST UNS SO BESCHÄFTIGTE

Even in the remote West Texas province, there are always great shopping opportunities!
(US 90 in Marfa und Marathon)



We are looking forward to Las Vegas and
meet two very special people!

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Well, that would be it for today.

We are now 630 days on the road!

Until soon, SeeYa

Your 3 Gefeke's

