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SHORT REVIEW

40 degrees Celsius in the shade - and that at 11:30 a.m. - we are back in Arizona, specifically in Laveen, a suburb of Phoenix. We normally avoid such temperatures, but our flight to Germany on Wednesday leaves from here. Birgit and Jim are so sweet and take care of Henna and our fat Berta while we are away. ❤️

❤️❤ Here our girls are in the best of hands. Yes, a few last purchases, pack your bags and then head across the Atlantic. We are looking forward to the family, German food and of course good beer! It is Oktoberfest time !!!!

Before that, we first spent a few days with our close friends Susan and Dale at 5000 feet above sea level. They were back from their Alaska trip and not only brought us fresh salmon and halibut but also lots of nice stories and photos. As always - great with the four of them! 🥰 In a couple of weeks, we will be reunited in southern AZ for the winter! ❤️❤❤❤❤



The past few months in the Black Hills have once again flown by. The highlight of this year was the visit of our youngest nephew Joram (17 years old). For 5 weeks he delighted us, oh what am I saying, the whole campground, with his youthful charm. After a few days he was already discussing the meaning of membership in the European Union with our American friends, greeting new guests on the RV loop with quick sayings or cooking Italian dishes for his aunt and uncle. But our Custer Gang also immediately took him under their wings, took him on 4x4 dirt road safaris, invited him to the cinema (Oppenheimer, Indiana Jones, Mission Impossible), showed him real American BBQ or turned him into a real cowboy in a short time, with Stetson hat and valuable belt buckle from private ownership!



Jogi with
Randy-Shmandy

Joram
- aka Jogi -

Beate and I also had the opportunity to show Joram the beauties of the Black Hills. Always a pleasure for us. Devils Tower, Badlands National Park, Sturgis and of course Custer State Park were on the agenda.



❤ In short - it was a pleasure having Joram here! ❤



We also had a lot of fun in Custer again. Our owners, employees and our long-time guests once again formed an inimitable Custer family. Joint celebrations, magnificent breakfast buffets and dinners that are second to none were weekly highlights. Visits from long-time Alfa motorhome friends rounded off the summer.

We always realize that this is our summer home. Here we have everything Beate, Henna and I need: great friends, unique nature, lots of fun and no drama in pleasant temperatures! What more could you want?



always fun around the camp



Here is a little insight into our culinary supporting program at this campground.



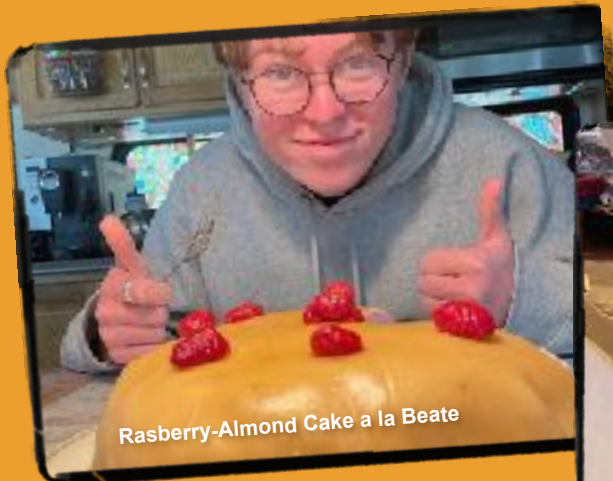
German Pea Soup



New York Spiedies



Shrimp in Creme



Raspberry-Almond Cake a la Beate



Pizza Night



Gyros



Fish and chips



Chicken Noodle



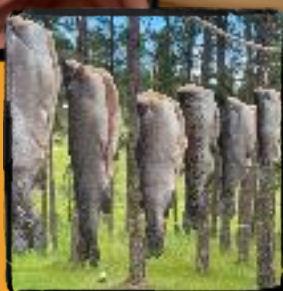
fresh Salmon



Tomato -Mozzarella Tart



Green Hatch Chile



smoked Trout



Beates Bread



mexican evening at Pam and Randys place

On our drive back to Arizona, we couldn't resist exploring the Santa Fe area again for a few days.



one of the oldest building is from 1610



A stroll through the old town is always a feast for the eyes.





Santa Fe



Fort Union, New Mexico



We also visit a historic military base that was built in 1851 to control the New Mexico territory conquered in the Mexican-American War of 1846/48 and to protect the trading trains on the Santa Fe Trail from Indian raids.



On the way home we spent the night at a truck stop (rest area), had a romantic dinner and slept peacefully until two Oversized Trucks woke us up!



Now it's time. The suitcases are packed. All souvenirs are packed. We are ready to go.



We would like to thank Birgit and Jim again for taking care of Henna and the motorhome while we are away! That's friendship at it's best!

From September 28th to October 20th we will spend time with the children in the Cologne-Bonn area in Germany and only take a short trip to our hometown of Bielefeld for just two days. We will report.

Everyone stay healthy, happy and continue to be well-disposed towards us!



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