North to Elkhart

We couldn't go north fast enough, as far as I am con-I have had more than enough of this hot cerned! weather! We briefly met up with Abe & Donna again in Heiskell, TN. The original plan was for the four of us to go on to Renfro Valley, KY, but they developed mechanical problems with their coach and needed to have them addressed. Since that didn't work out they suggested we meet them, after Elkhart, in Sycamore, IL. Well, in short, that didn't work out either because it is the end of August and we are still here in Elkhart. This is because our good friends Henry & Anne arrived, so we decided to change our plans again. It was so good to see them! This is the one year anniversary of our last stay in Elkhart following the fire, and it was with the help of the Terrazas and Goldman families that we made it through that crisis as well as we did.

Well, Bob & I did stop in Renfro Valley, a country music park in KY, for three nights. We love stopping there, and seeing the shows, whenever the opportunity arises. We just wish Abe & Donna could have been with us.

In Elkhart, we were able to stay in the campground that *Elkhart Service and Collision* uses, which is to the rear of the service center. This was more than adequate for our needs. It was good to see the team: Bill, Mike, JD, Roger, Rod, Chris, and Walt - plus Lisa's warm welcome at the check in counter. We had actually seen JD and Rod at the International Rally in Perry. It was also good to see that they were being kept busy in the service bays (see pictures to the right). The campground is open to non service customers as well. There is a picture of Chris replacing some rear marker lights on our coach.

As noted, a big part to our visit was for the company of our friends in Elkhart, which has become a second home to us. Henry & Anne work for Trailer Life, and were finishing up with their responsibilities, as well as having some work done on their coach. They plan on moving west when leaving Elkhart, so we are traveling together this Fall and Winter. That will be fun! Everyone in the Tarrazas Family are moving full steam ahead too. Henry continues to work as a Lieutenant in the Elkhart Fire Department and Wendy hopes to move into a new and exciting full time position in Elkhart's recreation department. David is a High School Senior and looking forward to combining College with the National Guard; and Stephanie continues to do well in college and has also started an exciting part time sales position with Coach, the well known hand bag company.

While in Elkhart, Bob carried out one of his first jobs as Past President in the HR Chapter 400. He swore in Renae as the new Vice President and Dan as a new Board Member. Both couples happened to be in Elkhart when we arrived.

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When we leave, we will be heading west for the Chapter 400 Fall Rally in Gering, NE. It should be a good one as Western Nebraska is a new area to explore. Henry & Ann will follow shortly after and the four of us will be attending the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque. I will cover that in the September newsletter. As I am writing this newsletter, it is starting to cool down. I know, I know, I will be complaining about the cold soon too.....