

We hope everyone is doing well! Here in South Carolina, the covid-19 numbers have not slowed down as much as other areas. They say some people are just not practicing preventive measures. Bob & I are being conservative and go out just when we need to. Our main amenities building is open, with practical rules to follow. We have not gone up there yet.

Listening to the daily news across the country, I really think covid-19 has affected the brains of many people. I am sure you know what I am writing about here. We need to continue to pray!

On a lighter note, this has been an unusual Spring in Lakeside with regard to wildlife. We gave you a good glimpse last month. There are a couple more pictures I have to show, including one from this month. We also had the outside of our house cleaned by military veterans called Patriots Power Washing. They did a great job!

Remember the family of geese in last months newsletter? The three babies looked like 3 light gray little puff balls? Look at them now!! They now have the same coloring of the parents. We saw them again today and you can't tell the difference between the adults and the off spring.

When I took the next picture, I wasn't sure what I was looking at? When I enlarged the picture, it revealed several turtles! We have never seen this many turtles so close together! In fact, since the lake was lowered we rarely see turtles on our side of the lake. A turtle convention?



In the center of the picture right below, is an alligator swimming to our end of the lake. As a matter of fact this picture was taken yesterday. We think he is about 5 feet in length. Once again, we don't know where he came from and how long he will stay? If he doesn't leave on his own, arrangements will be made to move him.



In this newsletter I will wind up 2002. Like I said earlier, we don't have a lot of pictures as we were just getting started on our ten years full timing in our motor home. Towards the end of the year we ended up in Texas and Arizona, which was a great way to end the year! When you are in a motor home you go where it is warm in the Winter, right?

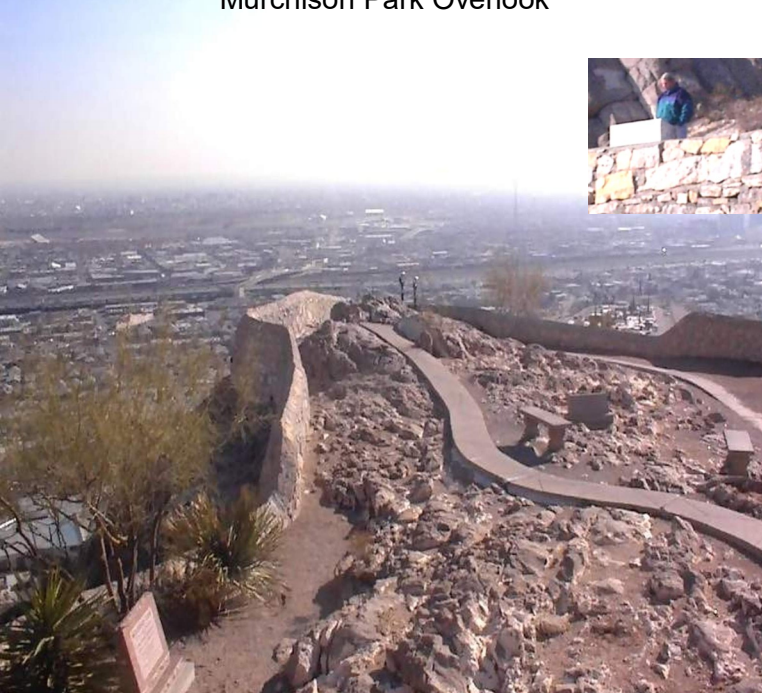
Boerne was first, which of course made it the first time visiting there in the motor home. With family here, many visits were made to Boerne over the 10 year period, which will include great pictures. I tried to pick unusual photographs, as I go. Lets start with the Smith family. From left to right, the younger Smiths, Thomas & Kevin, then Bob & I, taken in Boerne. The next picture is the famous Alamo.

We were there over Christmas, so a mile high Christmas tree was raised on the front lawn. I had taken a picture prior to the tree, which is in the lower corner. I just love seeing historical sites I remembered from history class in school.

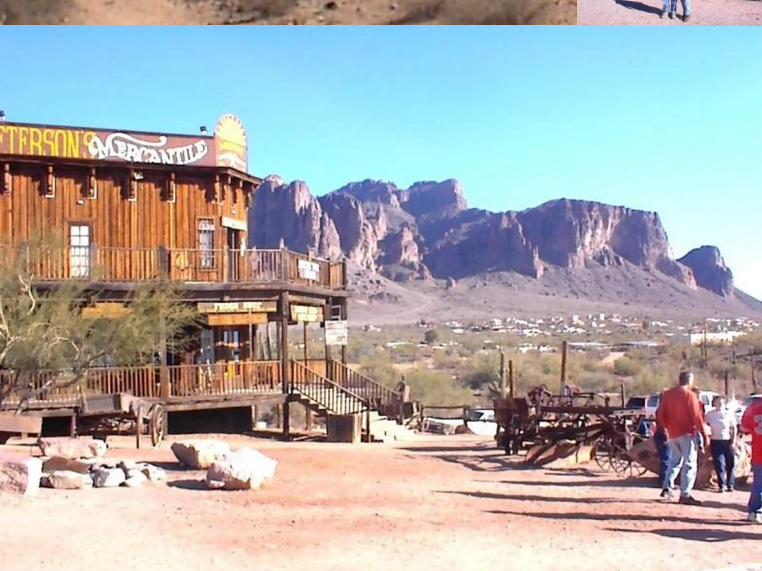


Yes, this is our Gold Wing, but many years ago my Bob used to drive the ones behind as well!

Murchison Park Overlook



The following is about an interesting place in Arizona, the Biosphere 2 Center in Oracle, AZ. At the time it was affiliated with Columbia University. This was a group trip with the Holiday Ramblers Full Timers Group. The mission for the center is research, out reach, lifelong learning about earth, it's living systems and its place in the university. It is now affiliated with The University of Arizona. We toured inside where all kinds of plants were being grown. Inside pictures did not come out well, I think because of high humidity.



I added a couple of desert views from the area. One thing I am sorry we did not get to do while on the road in the motor home was to see the desert in full bloom in Spring.