

Tuesday September 30, 2008

As we said goodbye to September we also bid our adieus to



*Drumheller
and the
bunnies at
Dinosaur RO
Park.*

*The country
side was
beautiful with
lots of recently
harvested
crops.*

*And more of
the badlands
with their
fascinating
rocks.*





We had mapped out our route the night before on the computer and then programmed the GPS to take us to Rocky Mountain House. It looked fairly straight

forward, but as we drove along it became apparent that we were heading for the Bleriot Ferry.

The incline was 12% down to the river – whoa Nellie!





When we arrived the Ferry was on the opposite side of the river.

Mike pushed the bell and soon the Ferry was on its way to our side.

The Ferry operator was a young guy with a multitude of pierced earrings. He warned us that we would probably “bottom out” when we reached the other side but cheerfully informed us that we could deal with it when the time came.



Mike gingerly drove the truck and rig onto the ferry and we began our crossing. On the way over the operator gleefully told us stories about the many calamities that he had witnessed on previous crossings with trailers.

We were not feeling very confident!

It was decided that Mike would slowly drive off the other side and when the skid bars on our rig hit the ferry platform we would stop, jack up the rig and put some metal plates underneath to avoid getting stuck. Fortunately



the skid bars did not hit bottom until the last few inches, then they bounced on the crack and we were free!

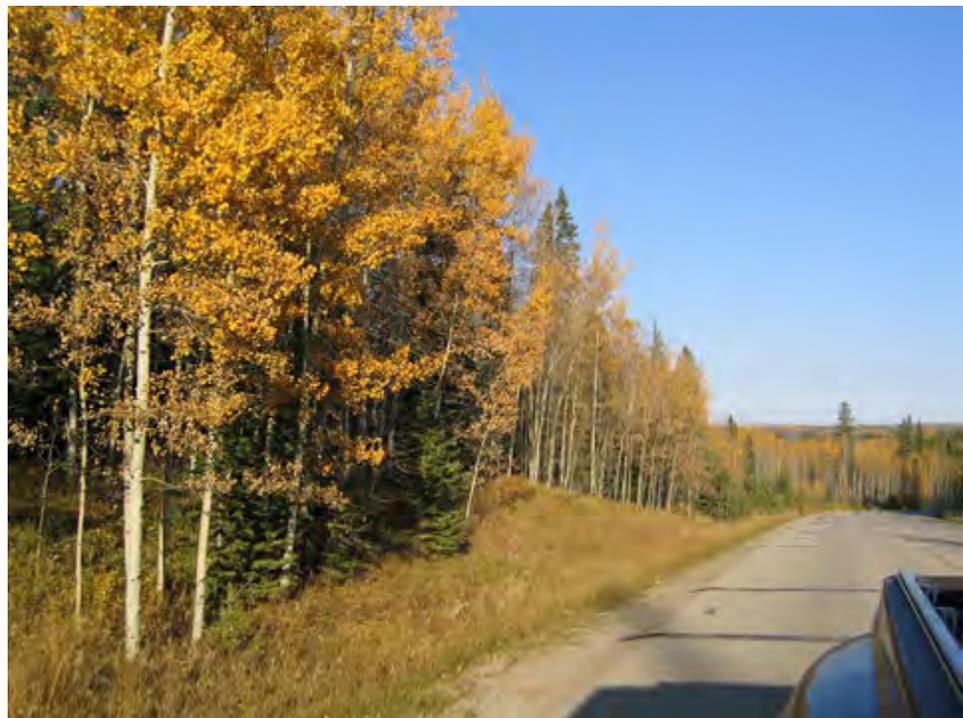


With a sigh of relief we were on the road again.

Once we had calmed down we were once again able to enjoy the scenery.



As we drove north the topography changed quite a bit with many more coniferous trees but there were still plenty of pretty colours to brighten the landscape.



Finally we arrived at our destination on the west side of the town of Rocky Mountain House. Wilderness RD Resort is a very large park on the edge of Crimson Lake Provincial Park.



We were given plenty of choices of lots and after some deliberation chose one that was quite secluded with an open south western sky to accommodate the satellite dish.





That evening we enjoyed a wonderful campfire in our spacious backyard.

Wednesday October 1, 2008



Mike tried to set up the Satellite Internet but unfortunately the site line to the sky was not high enough. We tried moving the tripod to various locations (even put it on top of the picnic table) but it would not work. A call to Armand in Ontario gave us the bad news. As we had travelled north the satellite would be lower in the sky. This combined with the tall trees did not bode well.

We did discover however, that there was very good wireless at the clubhouse, so a trip with our laptops would be the order of the day for the next week.

Took a trip into town for supplies and then kicked back to enjoy the unseasonably warm sunny weather.



Thursday October 2, 2008

Very close to our campsite there is an access to a trail into the



provincial park. With Percy in the lead we headed off on a long hike that wound through the forest, then out into a meadow.

After a long climb we ended up the top of a hill with a great view of the surrounding countryside.



Along the way there were many interesting things to see





Friday October 3, 2008

Maureen drove into town to visit some nursing homes. Mike went to the clubhouse with his laptop and discovered that the wireless was not working. He went to the office and was able to fix it. The manager offered was very appreciative and kept offering him a job as they needed someone to help them with their computers.



Saturday October 4, 2008



Spent most of the day reorganizing the basement and cleaning the truck in preparation for heading south next week.

Sunday October 5, 2008

We continued to prepare for the trip South. Mike updated the web site, and Maureen worked on inside cleanup

