



In Search of El dorado

A daily journal of my travels and adventures in my.....Search for Eldorado

Hello to Family & Friends

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I guess since you are seeing another newsletter I must have something to show you, and you'd be right. I called Sea Turtle Inc. first thing this morning and left a VM offering my volunteer services. Since an article about SpaceX SN10, the rocket I photographed on the launch pad a couple weeks ago, said it might be ready to launch today, I made that my first destination. Somewhere along the way I stopped for lunch and left a second VM for Sea Turtle Inc.

I'm not even sure which highway I was on, but I saw something that I have been waiting to see for two plus years now. Out of the corner of my eye I noticed the animals below and pulled to the side of the road. I had to back up a little ways, then opened the door and took the photos. But are they Javelinas or ferrel pigs?



There it is, that distinctive silver band along the front shoulder. Definitely a Javelina. The first ones I have ever seen, right along the side of the highway. They didn't bother to move as the RV idled about 50 yards away. They're probably used to the vehicle noise.



Pretty cool, right? I think so anyways.



Ok, back on the road to SpaceX. I started down the Boca Chica HWY once again, but pulled to the side after only a couple miles. I didn't want to drive another 18 miles just to see the same rocket on the launch pad again. Some of my searching told me that they close the road when the event is going to take place. There was no out of the ordinary activity at the border patrol checkpoint and there was only a vehicle coming towards me every once in the while. This told me there was no action. I dug a little deeper and found that there is nothing definite. It could be any day next week. I was not about to sit here on the side of the road for another week so I turned around. At border patrol I asked the officer if he knew anything about the launch and he told me he had heard nothing.

Back into Brownsville to the WalMart with the crazy Great Tailed Grackle population, which is still in force. They must be a regular feature here.

Speaking of bird populations, I had this thought a while ago – Almost every city or town that you travel through down here has some kind of bird sanctuary or is adjacent to a National Wildlife Refuge or brags about how many birds spend the winter in South Texas. I have been in about four of these bird sanctuaries, mostly the largest ones, and I think I may have seen more alligators in them than I have birds. I remember as a kid taking family outings to Horicon Marsh to watch the birds stop on their migrations either north or south, and there were just thousands of birds, more like the grackles I see around here. I began to wonder where all these huge flocks of wintering birds are.



I don't know what it is, but I spotted the plume of smoke as I headed east. By the time I drew abreast of it the upwelling of smoke had stopped and the dark cloud was all that remained.

I took a look inside WalMart just for the heck of it. Shelves are bare over here also. I told one of the claims companies that called me today to make sure and tell any adjusters coming to Texas to bring lots of food and water with them.

I asked about milk deliveries and was told they usually come in the morning. I will see how long the line is tomorrow.

Looking at museums and other sights in San Antonio, most were closed this week but began to open up today as the weather warmed into the 40's with 50's, 60's and 70's predicted for the next week. So I think I'll mosey on up to San Antone and see what I can find to do.

Tomorrow will mostly be a travel day. I'm undecided as to if I should drive over to Sea Turtle Inc and talk to someone in person before I give up and head north. It's an extra 60 miles round trip. I think if they needed my help they would have called me back.

I'm kinda looking forward to being a tourist again instead of 'a bump on a log' as my dear old mother would have said.

Until next time.....