



In Search of El dorado

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

6Hello to Family & Friends

Tuesday, March 16th 2021 Day 58



I spent the night at Sam's Club...



First stop is a bath for the RV. And of course it never fails, you choose the shortest line and it ends up taking longer than the long lines. And so it was today. The Blue Beacon Wash across the street had a full line in the lane to the wash, then three more trucks waiting on the street with their turn signals on, about thirteen trucks all together. Gill here had five trucks in front of me. I waited just over two hours for four of them to get washed, and the tractor only and myself got in at the same time. I could have gone through the Blue Beacon four times while I sat here.

My senior moment for the day was forgetting my bike. I took it off for the wash and secured it to a bench just outside the exit. I think because it took so long, and I was so happy to get out of there that I forgot it. Not to worry, I only made it two blocks before I remembered. I would guess that's the equivalent of forgetting why you walked into a room, walking out, and then remembering what you went in there for in the first place.



Good thing I got it washed. Above is the scene outside as I drove away. High wind warnings again. That sure was a worthwhile \$40 bucks.



Second stop is the Laundromat. All I had in my wallet were twenties, but at least I have enough quarters for the next two visits to wash my clothes. I parked as much out of the wind as possible. Note the sky / air above the hood of the red vehicle on the right. Visibility is down to a couple hundred yards.



What a day for flying. This town is named Socorro, but I thought Sirocco might be more appropriate.



Third stop, Food King....



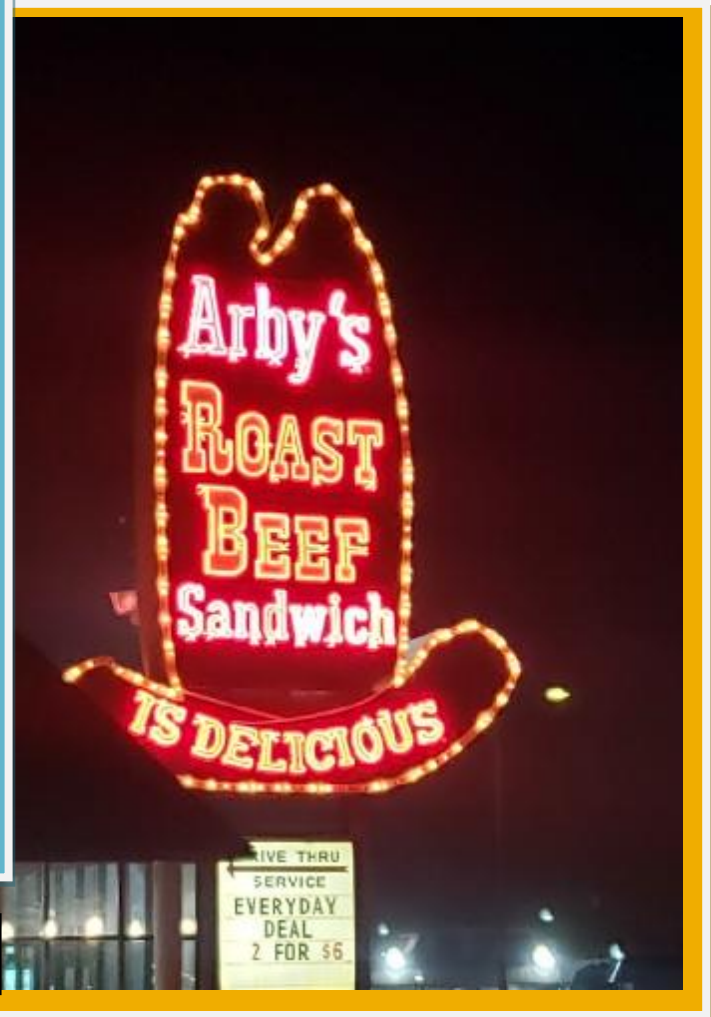
...fourth stop is Walmart for the items Food King did not have...



...and I finished up at Albertson's, which is what happens when the first two stores don't have everything your healthy eating daughter has requested for meals. I don't mind a bit Morgan.



Circle K for diesel...



And Arby's for dinner. Mmm...mint shake...



...and the seven/eleven let me fill up the water tank. Arby's would not let me.

There you have my day in preparation for spending the next five days with Morgan hiking Guadalupe and Carlsbad Caverns National Parks. I would have included a photo of the airport, but then you probably wouldn't see this newsletter for a couple days. We are going to be parking on, believe it or not, BLM land. However, we will also be in New Mexico when we do. It's kind of funny, on the Allstays App as soon as you cross the border into New Mexico there are a dozen green camping symbols for free BLM camping. None in Texas.

Morgan may be in for a shock. The high temp here today was close to 80. It has dropped steadily throughout the day. Right now it is somewhere in the mid-forties and that wind makes it feel like the 20's.

The next few days should, hopefully, be a little more scenic. Actually, more scenic than the rest of this trip put together.

One more hour to go, then a two hour drive to BLM land.

Until next time.....