

We left on Saturday in the rain. Drove in the rain for approximately 2 hrs. Then sunshine and warmth. Keep in mind it takes 3 1/2 days of highway driving just to get to the Grand Canyon--our first destination. Our first night was in Nebraska--stormed all night with Tornado warnings. The winds were sufficient to set off my bike alarm @ 2:30 AM.

The next morning found us looking at clear skies to the west and horrible dark skies just to the east. Another day of highway driving. The first sign of elevation and curves was when we entered CO. We stayed about 23 mi west of Denver. Beautiful scenery and riding. Perked me up just to see elevation and curved roads. The morning we left CO it was 58'. Rain, heat in the 90's and now cold in the AM. That is what elevation and mountains will do to you. Very scenic drive leaving the area. It may have taken 3 1/2 days to get to the Grand Canyon--but seeing it from the ground--in person--was absolutely awesome! Stayed overnight in a hotel within the Park's perimeter. The weather we experienced at the Grand Canyon was in the low 90's--very pleasant.

Continued on towards Las Vegas. Stopped at Hoover Dam--temperatures in the low 100's. Arrived at Las Vegas after driving through a day of nothing but reddish colored earth, sand and brush in 112' heat.

After arriving at Henderson, NV attempted to see the Pawn Stars Store and stop by Counts Kustoms--for those that aren't fans they are both TV shows. Could not get in due to the fact that they were filming at both locations.

After watching the news and accessing the weather on the hotel computer it was going to be record breaking heat wave for the next few days. The destinations in CA were going to be 109' and returning back through Las Vegas that weekend we would experience 115' heat.

We opted to cancel the CA portion of the trip and head north. Looking at the future forecast Salt Lake City was going to be our next destination. After driving another day in 112' heat we stopped short of Provo, UT. The next morning we decided to cut the trip short and just start to head home. This took us right through Provo, UT and the scenery was beautiful and the temperature dropped considerably into the high 80's. What a relief. The remainder of the trip took us through Provo, UT then Cheyenne, WY and home.

In summary, we experienced: rain, heat, cold, pleasant temperatures and nice scenery for a number of days.

