

MAY 16 - KINGMAN, AZ & HISTORIC ROUTE 66

Before we left this morning, I snapped this photo. Notice the orange floats that were in the water yesterday are now resting on the bottom. Damn the dam, eh?!

We headed east, climbing up to Union Pass (3,571') and then Coyote Pass (3,737') before dropping into Kingman, AZ. Here are some pictures of the ever-changing topography.



We arrived in Kingman, AZ to the sound of trains - two BNSF container trains passing each other.



We dropped into the Visitor's Centre and came away loaded with all sorts of information on the Historic Route 66.



How's this for precise measurement - on the front entrance to the Visitor's Centre?!



The weather was lovely so we decided to walk to the Beale Street café for morning coffee. It was a bit more of a hike than we anticipated, so after coffee, I walked back to the rig and returned to get Jen. On my way back to the rig, I snapped these few pictures: Kingman train station, the Hotel Beale (air cooled no less), the Old Trails Garage (note the auto names) and Dream Machines.



(I see a '55 Chev 2-door BelAir hardtop, a roadster, a Lincoln or perhaps a Mercury, a '70s Mustang, a '57 Chev 2-door hardtop, and a late model Mercedes. If only.....)

After picking up Jen, we drove up the hill from the lovely "old town" Kingman into the mass of humanity that is Kingman, AZ today. Gawd, it was wall to wall cars, shops everywhere. We did a Wallymart run and then got onto Route 66 heading for Peach Springs and points east.

A lot of Route 66 was replaced by I-40 but this section survived although I cannot say the same for some of the business along this historic route. Nevertheless it was fun to drive along a section of this historic highway of yesteryear.



All too soon we arrived at the end of this section of Route 66 and Seligman, AZ (5,520'). Up the on ramp, we got onto I-40 heading towards Williams, AZ (6,765').

We decided that instead of driving up to the Grand Canyon, we would take the train that runs from Williams to the Grand Canyon, so when we got to Williams, I went to the train station to get tickets. Tomorrow is going to be an exciting day if the weather holds - rain is forecast for the afternoon.



See you at the Grand Canyon.