MAY 22 - GOD WORKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS

Before you think we've just got religion, let me tell you this story:

We were having tea outside the rig yesterday afternoon at Meteor Crater RV Park. I looked at the rear right trailer tire and noticed a nail head. Had the tire been in any other position, I wouldn't have seen it. Our tire monitor system did not indicate a leak, but just in case I looked up a tire shop - Discount Tire - in Flagstaff. We drove into Flagstaff this morning, but of course the GPS had no idea of where the tire shop was. I knew it was on Hwy 89 east of Flagstaff.

Well, we didn't find it, so we gave up and continued onto Flagstaff. Along the way we saw a Goodyear Tire store. A quick right turn and we drove by but there was no place to park, etc. so we continued on into Flagstaff.

Then I saw Hurst Tire with a great place to park the rig. I went inside to ask for assistance. The counter staff were extremely helpful. A mechanic came out, sprayed the nail head and just started to ease it out - oops, bubbles!

While we were waiting for the tire to be repaired, we began chatting with a fellow (and his Husky, Kenai) on his way home to Oklahoma City. It turned out he'd visited Antelope Canyon a couple of days ago. I told him I tried to book online but all tours were booked solid (Upper canyon - I never did see anything about the other, Lower canyon).

He gave me the name of a tour outfit for the lower canyon (you have to book a tour; you can't just wander in by yourself) and guess what? I'm going Thursday morning!

So if I hadn't noticed the nail in the tire, not found Discount Tire, couldn't get into Goodyear Tire, found Hurst Tire shop, and struck up a conversation, we would have missed Antelope Canyon!

Thank you, Jesus!!

We continued on to the Info Centre in downtown historic Flagstaff for information about camping in and around the area. Afterwards, we headed up Hwy 89, towards the Grand Canyon, and turned into the Bonito campground run by the National Forest Service (NFS).

On the way in we stopped at a wayside to look at the views.





We've decided to stay 2 nights then head north to Page on Wednesday. We'll see you there.