

BluCon's Maiden Voyage

Montclair, California to Santa Fe, New Mexico via Utah and Arizona

Bernie and Martha Marks; June-July 2009



Bernie stands outside BluCon in the Kolob Canyons section of Zion National Park on June 26, the afternoon of his second day at the wheel. The morning had been spent shopping in St. George, UT, for food and RV essentials. We hung around St. George and Zion for two days, unpacking the four boxes we'd shipped to Lazy Daze before our flight, getting organized, and soaking up scenery.



Two days later, Bernie relaxes in our campsite at Cedar Breaks National Monument (10,030 feet). With an early afternoon arrival, BluCon landed a great spot at Cedar Breaks—almost perfectly level with a superb long valley view off her right side. (No need to close the blinds on that side for privacy.) She performed well on her first boondocking. It was 70-ish in the day and in the lower 50s at night. We spent two nights there. Bernie painted the mass of glorious orange hoodoos while Martha photographed birds and lizards. Our Travasaks were toasty warm for sleeping, but early-morning bathroom breaks were... *brrrrrr!*



From Cedar Breaks, we headed south for an overnight in stunning Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park (UT), where the outside temp was 105 upon arrival. We cranked up our generator for the first time and cooled BluCon down twenty degrees before going out to catch the "sweet" evening light on the dunes. Again, Bernie painted as Martha photographed, ignoring dune buggies zooming in the distance. The night air was blessedly cool... and quiet.

Next day, it was on to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon: our first time on that side. We spent that night in a National Forest Service campground in Jacob Lake, AZ, and the next night in a commercial campground in Gallup, NM.

Got home late in the afternoon on July 3.

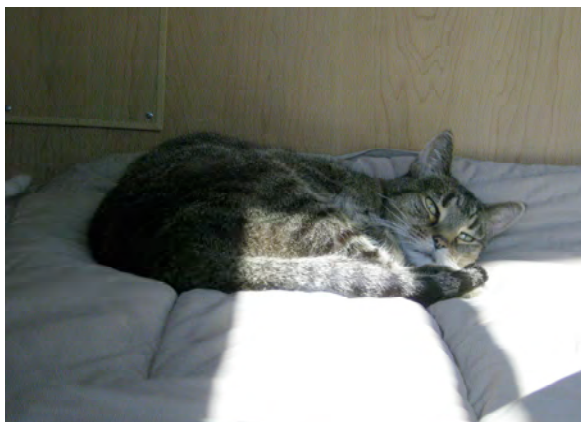
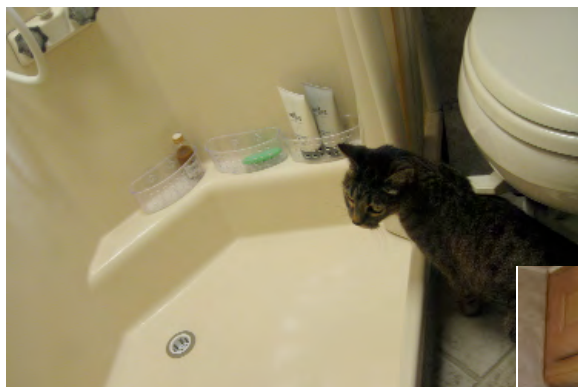
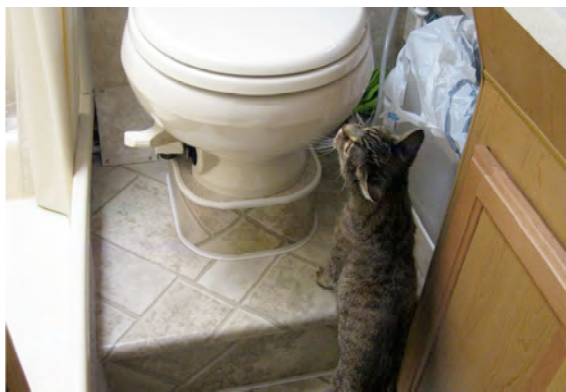


For those friends who haven't heard what we're up to these days... **BluCon** (it's blue, and Bernie says Martha conned him into it) is a semi-custom 27' Class C "mini-motorhome" made just for us by **Lazy Daze, Inc.** (lazydaze.com) in Montclair, CA. Lazy Daze's reputation for making the best Class Cs on the road is well deserved. BluCon is everything we hoped for.



Sugar Investigates BluCon

On July 4—the day after BluCon reached Santa Fe—Sugar got her first introduction to her new mobile abode. It was fun to watch this senior citizen check out every nook and cranny, like a kitten. She quickly noted the presence of her very own litter box and scratching post.



Sugar and Martha have now spent several nights sleeping in BluCon right in our driveway, giving the kitty a chance to settle in before all four of us head off to northern New Mexico's Jemez Mountains and the Chama River area on our first true RV adventure. We can hardly wait to see how Sugar reacts when her new home starts rolling through the mountains!

