

Introduction

This book represents the third publication resulting from my 2004, 343 day, 16,000+ mile RV trip through Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama. We entered Mexico from Lukeville, AZ, January 2, 2004, and crossed back into the United States at Douglas, AZ, December 9, 2004.

The first book "PANAMA OR BUST - A 343 day adventure in a motorhome!" presented a day-by-day journal of our daily experiences. It discussed the beautiful scenery, wonderful people, great food and superb music. Also presented were details of countless positive cultural experiences and fortunately only a few negative happenings, The diary format resembled the same form one might have kept while crossing the pre-United States in a covered wagon such as "The Indians attacked us today and we also ran out of water." While written in a manner hoping to make other Rvers consider a similar trip, the primary format makes great reading as an armchair adventure.

The second book "CENTRAL AMERICA - The New RVing Frontier" with a sub-title of "How to take an RV into Mexico and Central America, enjoy countless cultural experiences and return alive!" resulted from the many questions asked of me by others, primarily Rvers. Shortly after the publication of my first book in November, 2005, I found myself doing a lot of public speaking in the form of a one-hour long "Trip Presentation". I spoke many times at Thousand Trails RV Resorts, Coast to Coast RV Parks, Escape RV Parks and Public Libraries. In addition, radio interviews and newspaper articles became a part of my life. During these "Trip Presentations" I fielded many "How to"-type questions such as "Where did you get your water?" and "Where did you dump your waste tanks?", and on and on and on the questions went. It finally dawned on me that a "How To" book was needed. I published that book in November, 2006.

This book "CAPTURED IN MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA! - A Photo Diary of a 343 day, 16,000+ mile RV Trip" has been floating around in my mind since the publication of my first book. I've selected 175 of my favorite photos from my 343 day, 16,000+ mile RV trip. There are 151 Chapters. Each Chapter is one 8.5 x 11 page with a photograph and associated dialog. Where space permits, some chapters have two photos. They are chronically correct, presented in the order they occurred. You will also find nine maps identifying our route and flags from all eight countries. This book presents our trip in a "like a rock skipping across a lake format". Touching down at unique locations without bogging you down with the 94,000 word edition of Panama or Bust - A 343 day adventure in a motorhome! Perfect for a light and easy visual ride on a "once in a lifetime experience!" I find myself greatly pleased with the result. I believe this photo diary does a great job of visually presenting some of our many countless experiences in these eight countries. I trust you will agree!