## **Truckers Tool**

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As you can see, we are back to "undesertlike", cold and rainy weather and this morning we headed west to attend the <u>FMCA Convention</u> in Pomona, where the weather is even more unsettled. We are parked amidst a sea of motorhomes (approximately 4000) of every make, model and colour available from new to old and large to extra large. When we departed from Catalina Spa, we were a convoy of two Mohos, plus a Suzuki 4 X 4; Rich driving their motorhome and Laura in the 4 X 4.

Earlier we had a discussion with our friends, Laura and Rich about cell phones and CB radios. Techno-wizard-Laura had trouble fathoming how we could function without a cell phone here and we tried to explain the value of a CB radio. (She was sure they were merely a trucker's tool!) Well, lo and behold, about 40 kilometres from our destination we came across a solid, barely-moving traffic jam and Rick, who had the CB on, heard the "truckers" coming eastbound explain what was causing it. We pulled off of the freeway at the nearest exit and made a detour through the city bypassing the jam and then re-entered the freeway leaving the stalled traffic behind us. Laura and Rich gratefully followed us and we arrived at the Pomona Fairplex shortly thereafter.

Once we were parked, we set up our rig, launched the Internet satellite dish and located the TV satellite; all within a matter of 15 minutes. Even better... our Vonage "landline" is functioning with the Internet dish, (albeit with a slight delay) so we can still communicate via telephone if we need to. Oh... and Laura now understands the value of a CB radio and knows that it is not just a truckers tool!