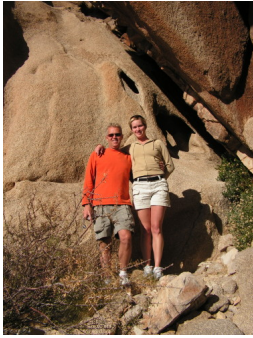


Just Being Tourists

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Last night an old family friend from Ontario in the area on business, Mike Komeka, joined us for dinner at the motorhome. By the time we finished dinner and Mike left, Angie who had been awake since 2:00 AM (Pacific Time) was barely able to keep her eyes open. Her ability to stay awake so long was commendable and she managed to sleep until 6:30 this morning. When I headed to the pool at 8:00 AM, Angie went for a jog then later joined Rick for a swim.

Today we decided to just be tourists and go to Joshua Tree Park to do some hiking and take pictures. Here in the valley, they were predicting a high of 24C but we expected cooler temperatures up in the park so we weren't surprised when the mercury dropped 7C at the higher elevation. On our way there, we stopped in the town of Twenty-nine Palms for lunch at a popular café and enjoyed a healthy pre-hike meal. It was a perfect day for hiking and with the clear blue sky; some of our pictures were awesome. Everytime we go to Joshua Tree Park, we see things we haven't seen before and today was no exception. We encountered a few jackrabbits and geckos and we could hear a pack of coyotes as they roamed by in the distance.

This evening we took Angie to Native Foods for dinner and Jennifer our neighbour joined us for the outing. Afterwards, we met Mike at the Palm Springs Street Fair where we wandered around enjoying a variety of musical entertainers while browsing through the vendor's booths. We had some good laughs, saw some beautiful country and returned home tired and ready for a good nights sleep.