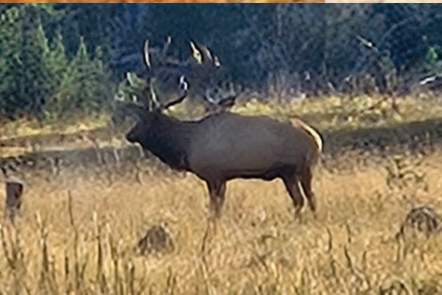


THE BOCA BEACON AROUND THE WORLD



BY LYNN ERB

■ On a recent trip to visit family in Utah, we (with sister Tammy Shafer) took the Boca Beacon along and it quickly became our “flat Stanley.” We first visited Bingham Canyon Mine, a copper mine operating 24/7, 365 days a year, which looked like tiny Tonka trucks moving in perfect sync. Then from the flatlands of Florida we took a tram ride at Snowbird resort to the top of a mountain. For us non skiers it was hard to imagine the terrain covered in snow and people willingly schussing down the canyon. We preferred leaf peeping. The capital building of Utah was another stop for our Beacon photo op. We saw “Temple Square” which marks the spot where pioneers established a planned urban center which once was desert. Yellowstone National Park was next on our list where of course we saw Old Faithful, the historic inn, numerous springs, waterfalls, the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, geysers, bison and elk. We exited through the south entrance, into the Grand Teton National Park and onto Jackson Hole. Jackson Town Square is the heart of downtown Jackson, Wyoming, known for its four elk antler arches at the corners, of course the Beacon was there for a photo. Stopped in the “Drugstore” for a bison burger before heading out to Park City, UT. Our last day we scouted for moose but didn't see any, so it was off to watch salmon swim upstream and of course lots of leaf peeping as the golds were in full color. Salt Lake City would not be complete without a visit to Olympic Park where we hopped in a bobsled like pros and dreamed of our medals. Our quick trip was beautiful, only making us wanting to go again.

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