

Machines...

Airplane + Wind + Robot

Palm Springs, California

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Pictures by Chris

Palm Springs Adventure:

1. The Palm Springs Air Museum sponsors fly-in of various types of aircraft on various weekends. I think the pictures are of World War 2 surplus training aircraft.
2. Tried to get to Wind Generator tour at 12:30 PM on Sunday. The Van starter failed, cloud of white smoke from engine. Smelled just like a short circuit. We Uber to tour by 1 PM
3. Wind Machine Tour was very informative and interesting. 90% of all wind machines turn into junk on the desert. Most fall apart in 5 or less years. Junk cleanup is not in the original budget when built. The newer machines are bigger and are supposed to last for 30 years. There are also solar panels and a natural gas backup plant to produce electricity. Tour also included all the old wind machines that had failed. It was over by 3PM, free date shake was for Windmill store, closed on Sunday.
4. Uber back to motel, saw robot exhibits build by a studio artist on way back, took pictures, good exhibit. The exhibit plan is to move out of the residential area to a suitable location.
5. How to get Van repaired on Sunday.... Wait until Monday. All repair facilities closed on Sunday. Stay another night at Travelodge with Bob and Linda, eat at Elmer's.
6. Get up at 7 AM on Monday to tow Van to Davie's auto care. Sit in waiting room looking pathetic until 10:30 AM. I even fell asleep and started snoring. They put me on top of list, got a new starter, even in Palm Springs for a 1989 vehicle. Van still did not work; there had to be short somewhere since that is what the smoke smelled like and I told them that. Half-hour later; they fixed the shorted cable. I could leave with the Van running correctly.
7. Chris finished her homework by noon; since it was Monday, the Windmill store was open for free date shake; then, we all drove back to Los Angeles.









































