



Sky from our field, October 11th



Sunol



Mountains



Ocean

A FIRESTORM LIKE NO OTHER

A week and a half ago we were relaxing and enjoying watching Rylan play soccer. The next day everything changed.

At 6:15 Monday morning on October 9th, Kathy texted to ask if we were alright. She and Tim were packing their car to leave having been alerted by neighbors to fires around them. They heard fires were also burning near us. Our power was out and soon our cell service as well. We were cut off from what was happening until we went to Raley's to use their free WIFI. No need for us to evacuate.

Tuesday, October 10th, the smoke was intolerable. We headed to Chris' house for the day. Power at our house was restored that night. We returned home.

On Wednesday, with so much smoke from the scores of horrendous fires burning in both Sonoma & Napa, we took the dogs south to Sunol Regional Park for the day.

Thursday we spent the day inside because of

smoke before joining Kathy and family on Friday at a cabin in the mountains where they headed after being told by the sheriff to leave their home. With reports of cleaner air, we came back home last Monday only to wake the next day with a downturn in air quality. We took the dogs to the ocean.

Yesterday we again stayed inside most of the day. Today the air quality is so much better. Robert is spending time outdoors readying for rain due to arrive tonight, rain we hope will dampen what is left of fires still burning.

So many people have lost their homes and businesses. The astounding response from all over to fight the fires has saved many others.

Signs showing appreciation for all the first responders to the firestorms are popping up everywhere. The Pines are now back in their home and the kids have made their own signs of appreciation to display in their heretofore very threatened neighborhood.

