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pizza). The 3 of us formed the Gate C44 Group and decided we were going to Dallas come hell or high water. The Delta folks also seemed to be considering it a challenge because they now were telling us that the alleged "part" was on a United flight from Phoenix and that we should be leaving by 9:30 PM (sigh). A short while later, we were told that the United flight had been canceled. Let’s see, I think we are up to plan R by now. Little Rock Mike and Shreveport Tina and I had noticed for quite awhile now that there was a plane over next door at Gate C42 that seemed to be ready but going nowhere. Why, oh why, can’t we just take that plane we asked over and over again.

Of course, no answer came. The Gate C44 group watched the snow removal equipment whose job seemed endless; we even began making plans to register to vote and file a homestead stake at gate C44. Finally the Delta guy said that they found another plane and would bring it over. About 11:00 PM the Good Ship Albatross was pushed out of the way and the SS Minnow was brought in. Finally, we got on board and the witching hour of midnight came at which time the plane actually took off!!! Unbelievable. We landed in Dallas at 2:30 AM CST. I went to the baggage claim, but of course, no bags were there. I waved goodbye to Mike and Tina, got in a cab and said take me to the nearest Marriott. I got in bed by 3:30 am and slept until 8:30 am. I thought my feet would never thaw. I called Delta and they got me on the 12:55 PM flight to San Antonio (the one I should have been on Sunday!!). I looked out the window and saw a big blue sky and snowless terrain. It was lovely. So I ordered pancakes and coffee. I will never again see Dallas in quite the same way.

I got to my house at 2:30 PM Monday. I was greeted by Jimmie, Dale and Twyla who gave me a good talking to. We opened all the windows, breathed in the fresh air and gave thanks that we didn’t live where it snows. I hate snow. I hate cold weather. This trip confirmed that I am not meant to live north of Austin.

I think I will never travel again! 🎉

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