

John's Journey - Day 12

April 12, 2009 Easter Sunday

Paragould, AR to Jonesboro, AR

I pulled out at 7:40 AM. It had just started to rain.

I went about five or six miles and Jack slipped on the wet asphalt. Shortly after that I talked with Chris Pfettfer for about 10 minutes.



I asked him if he knew of anyone who would shoe my mules today. He said that he thought he could find someone & I told him where I planned on stopping for the day. He said he'd take care of it.

I was sitting at a traffic light with some very nice looking vehicles on both side of me when I saw a fire truck heading straight towards us. They had the sirens blowing, the lights flashing & they turned directly in front of us. I was really proud of the mules as they stood there quietly & handled the situation very well.

Drove about 23 miles today and arrived at the Craighead County Fairground in Jonesboro, AR about 2:00 PM. It was still raining so we went inside.



Chris met me there with the farrier. His name was Clint McGowen. The mules gave him a bit of a hard time, but we worked together & before long they both had a set of new shoes on. I was amazed at how worn out their shoes were. I had them shod about a week or two before I left Henry, TN so there was about 320 miles on this first set. The Drilltek was completely worn off the toes, but was still on all the heels.



Clint McGowen, the farrier & John



Here they are relaxing after they got their new shoes on.



Dawn came by this afternoon with Spencer, & Olivia. I went to their home for supper. It was really good. I had a great time with them. It's been quite a while since I had a chance to spend any time with them.



Before I left Paragould, AR, Moses Borne-trigger from Salem, AR supplied me with an evener & two single trees for my wagon. I also picked up another neck yoke today.

Chris gave me 4 bales of hay today for the mules. I sure do appreciate the generosity that many people have shown to me already.