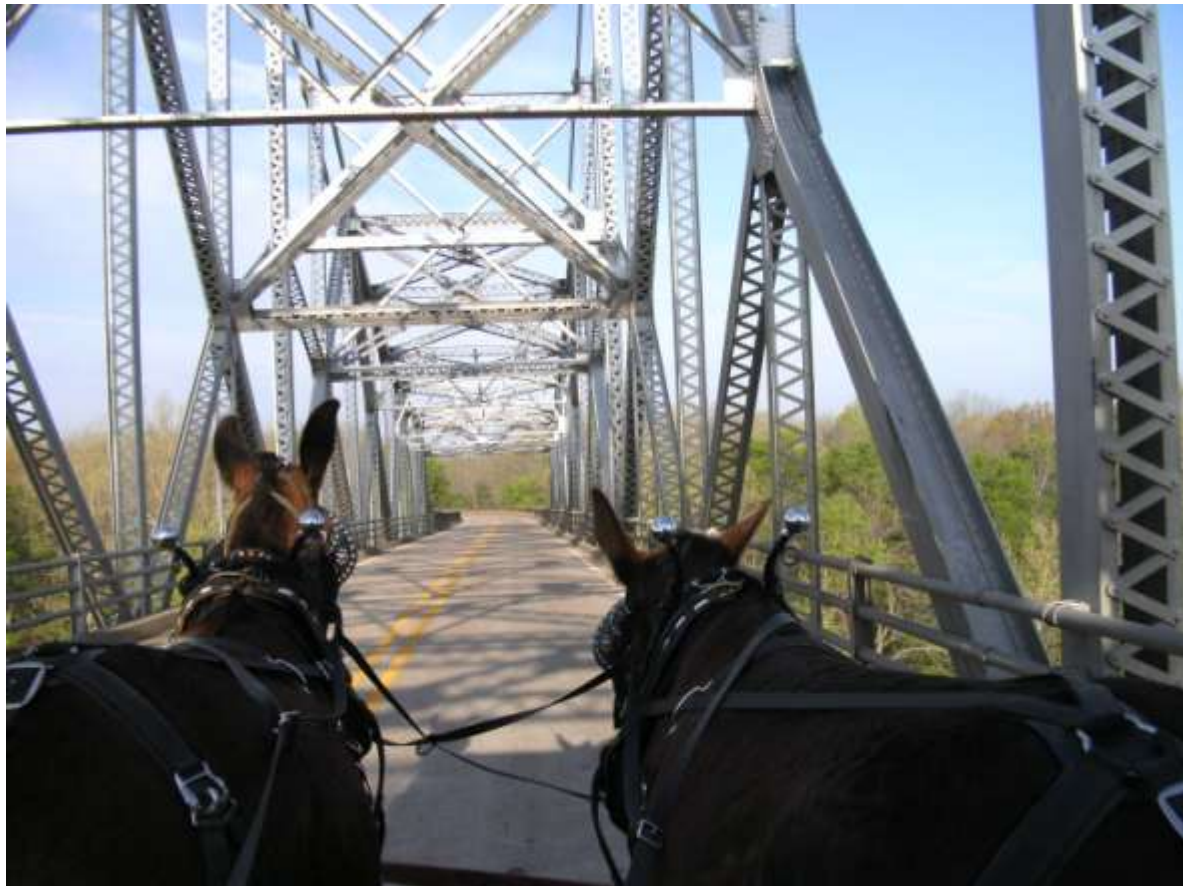


John's Journey - Day 17

April 17, 2009

Clarendon, AR to Stuttgart, AR

I left Clarendon this morning about 7:30. By 8:00 the police had located me and had me set up to cross this narrow stretch of bridges. They opted to close the lane down for me. It took me just about an hour to cross.





I sure appreciate the police taking care of me through the great state of Arkansas.

We arrived in Stuttgart in early afternoon and stopped by the New Holland Dealership to fill up with water. We moved on a little further down the road & saw nothing for several more miles & thought it best to stop for the day. I pulled into the John Deere Dealership & asked if I could spend the night there & the owner said it was okay. (www.agprocompanies.com)

I set up camp & put the mules inside the electric fence. A few minutes later a lady came out to talk with me & gave me some water & two hats from the store. There was a huge commotion & before I knew it, the mules were loose.

There were quite a few people trying to help me catch them, but as big as my mules are they can be rather intimidating. We chased them for about 2 ½ hours & finally we caught them. I was tired & just a bit irritated by now. I decided to tie them to

the wagon tonight. I need to figure out something better for tomorrow night.



On top of that, sometime today, I must have bumped the switch and turned on the headlights. The heat from the lights burned holes in the tarp. It looks a little bit bad, but it will be okay.

We drove about 23 miles today. Tomorrow were continuing toward Pine Bluff, AR.