

John's Journey - Day 26

April 26, 2009

Stamps, AR to Just East of Texarkana, AR

We were on the road and moving by 7:30 this morning. It was a really nice day, just a little on the cool side.

We had one long hill just outside of Stamps this morning. Mack & Jack did real well together & up we went.

We crossed the river at Garland. No one was on the bridge, just the mules, Brit & me when all of a sudden something spooked Mack. In a minute I had him back in control, but I have no idea what scared him.

I stopped at the Old Mill Equipment Company in Garland & filled up my water supply. I thanked them for the water & while I was there Frank Wagner stopped by & we chatted a minute or so. Frank had talked with Billie Ray Turner & he told me where I could park tonight. That location would put me about 12 miles from Texarkana. Well I waved good-bye & headed on down the road. After about a mile, I missed Brit. I stopped & there she was walking beside the wagon. She jumped in the wagon, tail just a wagging, - happy that she didn't need to walk all the way to Arizona.

You're probably wondering what this picture really is rather than what it looks like at first glance. When you're driving your car at 65 mph you can't see these groves real well, but they are effective at alerting

you when you are about to get off the pavement. Try as I might we were not real successful straddling these grooves for very long & they are sure aggravating at 4 miles per hour, mile after mile.



I was sure glad I had filled my water supply in Garland because where I stopped for the night there was absolutely nothing around. I pulled well off the road at the junction of 27 & 82. We travelled 23 miles today.

Tomorrow I'm heading to Texarkana where I have been invited to spend Monday afternoon & Tuesday at Dee & Melissa Evans' place.