

John's Journey - Day 29

April 29, 2009

Texarkana, AR to Hooks, TX

We pulled out this morning about 7:30. Bennie wanted to ride with me today & I welcomed the company.



Sure was good to have someone to talk to. We talked a lot & he shared lots of stories about his wagon trips.

We crossed the state line into Texas just before 9 AM.



We went a few more miles and stopped at Big Jake's BBQ just off highway 82 & had lunch. Big Jake gave me a big BBQ sandwich & a drink, Compliments of Big Jake &

Texas hospitality. I thanked him and it was time to move on again. Just before we left there I was interviewed by the Texarkana Paper.

We drove on down the road and the phone rang. It was Ronald Wyatt, my neighbor from Henry & he wanted to know where I was. I told him I was about a mile or two from Leary, Texas on Highway 82 West. I found a place to pull off the road so we could talk for a few minutes. He was headed down to Houston & wanted to find me.



We talked for a few minutes & before he left, he gave me 50 pounds of sweet feed & a big bale of hay.

We drove on for a few more miles, when Marlyn Follis tracked us down. She gave me two Arkansas T-Shirts & said she would drive on to Hooks & find me a place to park for the evening. Before she left, she also gave me some bananas to eat.

My sister Cheryl called me with my weather update. She told me that a bad storm was coming in & I needed to find shelter. I told her that I'd be okay. I was in God's country.

About a half hour later Craig Atkins called & told me about the same bad storm. I told him, that I was already in it. The visibility was about a half mile.

With this storm on me, I was glad to arrive at JC's Truck & Auto Repair on 1412 W Avenue, Highway 82 in Hooks, TX. (903-547-7396) I spoke with Don who is the service manager there & he said that it was okay to stay there tonight.

I drove 20 miles today & had a great time with Bennie. I just spent the last 22 days crossing Arkansas.

Mack & Jack are doing okay. They each have some areas that the collar & harness is rubbing, but I continue to put salve on those spots. They don't seem to hurt, because when I touch the areas with the medicated salve, they do not flinch or anything. I disconnected the lines from the hames on the collar. The healing is a little slow, but there's no pain associated with these areas.

Well, I've survived another storm. It's just raining now & it looks like it going to clear up tonight. Brit's jumped inside the wagon for the night to stay dry. I welcome her company.