

John's Journey - Day 34

May 4, 2009

Reno, TX to 7 miles east of Honey Grove, TX

I got up early to feed this morning - mist in the air I thought it was just heavy dew. By the time I pulled out it was just a light rain. I stopped in Reno & got a Sausage & Egg Biscuit for breakfast.



A little while later I stopped at Metro Gate Manufacturing Company (Quick Silver Products) PO Box 619 Paris, TX 75461. (800-6517-1906 or 903-758-8911) just outside of Paris, TX. I spoke with Richard Sharrock while I filled up my 55 gallon drum with water. I had no idea where I was going to stop tonight, so I wanted to be sure that I had plenty of water. He told me about the sale barn & tack store near Perry, TX about 7 or 8 miles east of Honey Grove.

Along the way I saw some interesting sights such as this plane parked in this field near Toco, TX



and a field full of old tractors.



When I arrived at the sale barn, it was called the Paris Horse Auction & Wholesale Tack. I spoke with Curtis McDaniels for a while & he was telling me about how his ancestors migrated from Tennessee to Texas. That was a pretty interesting story. He let me put the mules in a stall again tonight.



I needed to get some supplies while I was there so I picked up 5 pounds of electrolytes, 2 hay bags, & 50 pounds of sweet feed. I'm going to mix the sweet feed with the pellets that I got a few days ago in hopes that Mack will eat it better. This is the first time that I'm dealing with the mules not eating the feed that I give them. I can't always get the brand that they are used to, but I would think that they would adapt faster to the change. I sure do hope they adapt to this mixture soon. Jack continues to eat as he should. It bothers me that Mack is so picky. He munches down on the hay, but the grain will provide him the nutrients that he needs.

I went to Wal-Mart to pick up a few things that I needed. I also got the left front tire replaced, so that should be okay for the rest of the trip. I also stopped at a dollar store & bought a case of water. That should hold me for a while.

Mack was just plain lazy today. It seems like the day after a day off he just does not want to work at all.

Jack's neck is healing really well. As for Mack, if he would hold his head up a bit more instead of laying on the breast harness it would be better.

I drove 19 miles today.

I heard thunder in the distance. And yes, it is raining again.