

John's Journey - Day 35

May 5, 2009

Honey Grove, TX to Windom

I tossed and turned all night last night. I'm worried a bit about Mack. The rub on his neck continues to get irritated by the harness. I continue to put medicated salve on it, but it's not helping much. I thought about changing out the tongue on the wagon from the floating tongue to my stiff tongue. This allows me to use tongue chains rather than the neck yoke. That change will allow Mack's neck to heal faster because it won't be constantly rubbing the area. The wagon will definitely pull differently, but they will get used to it.

It is damp here this morning - I got the heat turned on low to take the dampness off the wagon.

I was glad to see that Mack was hungry this morning. No hesitation, he ate all his grain. I sure hope he does again tonight.

I noticed that Mack needs rear shoes so the farrier is coming this morning. Valor Mason helped me locate a blacksmith. Johnny Young, Jr. Horse Shoeing. His business address is 1621 CR 33100 Summer, TX 75486 903-758-4743 or 903-249-1647. He did a really good job with Mack. He stood still & didn't give the blacksmith any trouble. Johnny donated his time to shoe Mack. I thanked him a lot for that - I sure do appreciate it.

I got a late start this morning. We pulled out at 10:30 & drove 14 miles.

I changed course from Highway 82 to Highway 56 because it has more small towns along that route. Due to the late start, I knew that I could not make Bonham today. We stopped at Windom, TX at MC Trailer Manufacturing 11821 East Highway 56 Windom, TX 75492 903-623-4189

I spoke with Miguel Jaramillo and he told me it was okay for me to stay there overnight.

My sister Cheryl called & told me that Channel 12 News from Sherman, TX was on the way. Tom Johnson introduced himself and did an interview. He said it would be on the air tomorrow.

It's really muddy here. It is black and it sticks to everything like glue. It's hard to stay clean out here with all the rain. Within two hours after a shower you could never tell I had taken one. I'm sure before too long, I'll be wishing for rain, but for now, I'm really getting tired of it.