

John's Journey - Day 49

May 19, 2009

2 miles West of Seymour

The day started off much like every other day. I got up normal time. Britt jumped out of the wagon & I fed the mules. After they were finished eating I started the routine of hitching them up to get ready to go.

I called Britt and then it all went wrong from there. She was inside a pen that had an electric fence about 6 inches off the ground. Somehow she got tangled up in the fence & it shocked her really hard. As soon as she got free from it, she took off running as hard as she could go. I called her, but she ignored me and kept running at full speed. I've never seen her run so fast so I knew she was running scared. I finished hitching the mules up and called for her again, but she did not come back. I have no idea where she is, but I cannot leave right now, so I waited hoping she would come back. I feel like she is laying down somewhere out there scared half to death. She is such a timid dog. It's about 9:30 and I'm still waiting - if she does not show up by noon, I'll spend another night here and trust she comes back tonight when she gets hungry.

My sister Bev from Phoenix called me just a few minutes ago. She doesn't call me very often during the day, but said that she just felt that I needed something and wanted to call to make sure I was okay. When I told her about Britt, we were both crying together. I didn't realize how attached I had become to Britt. She has been my constant companion for 4 years now and 24/7 since the 1st of April. She told me she would put something on the web-site to spread the news of what had just happened and within the hour, it was published to the site. I was glad Bev called.

Today I noticed that the American Flag is starting to fray a little bit. I intend to fly her every day until I reach Phoenix and replace her there. Hopefully the

bad weather is behind me and it will hold up until then.

Dan Stricklin called me today. He is with the Texas County Reporter. They are going to hook up with me somewhere near Lubbock and do a full interview and put my story on Rural Texas RFD-TV.

I want to thank the radio station for broadcasting the news about Britt and soliciting the listeners to help find her. The Seymour Police also put it out to all the officers that she was missing. Myra Busby also came by today to offer her support and assistance to help find Britt.

Matt Matthews, from Wichita Falls came by late this afternoon and took me out for supper. I sure did appreciate that.

It's late & I'm still worried about Britt and praying she will come back to the wagon yet tonight. As much as I hate to, I must leave in the morning.