

John's Journey - Day 56

May 26, 2009

Lorenzo, TX to just west of KOA near Broadview

We drove 27 miles today.

The wind is blowing and it feels like rain in the air this morning. As the day progressed it turned out to be a beautiful day.



I asked the fellow at Gilbert's Garage to put points on the axles for me so it would be easier to put them into the ground to tie the mules to when there is no other place.

As we were coming into Lubbock, TX there was a tall tower called the Space Needle at an amusement park.



I'm going to drive straight through downtown Lubbock on Highway 82. I'll be turning on to Highway 84. Due to construction and some road work it was a little confusing. I asked for directions and someone told me how to get through. One of the road workers told me to just drive across the new asphalt. I was concerned about the heat from the asphalt. The mules sank into it about 2 inches, but they did okay. I checked their hooves afterwards just to be certain and they were fine.

When I arrived at the KOA campgrounds later in the afternoon, they did not have a place for me. So I moved on and just about a half a mile down the road I found a place well off the road and stopped there for the night.



I started to unhitch the mules when guess what - I discovered that I had left one of my ropes at the camp site last night. I finished unhitching Mack and began taking the harness off of Jack when a train came by. It startled Jack and he got a bit excited. In a few minutes he settled down. During this outburst, I lost the ring that holds the reins together in the tall grass.

I talked to quite a few people today. They are still taking a lot of pictures, waving and blowing their horns.

My sister Cheryl called to tell me about another storm coming in. I could see rain off in the distance and could smell it and I saw lightning as well.



Moses, from Salem, Arkansas called me today to see how I was doing. He made my harness and gave me lots of advice before I left Tennessee. I thanked him again for a job well done on my harness. I've driven now over 1000 miles without an issue with my equipment and the mules are looking just as good as ever.