

Roger's Travelers Notebook | Pre-Road Trip Notes and Itinerary

[📷 indicates a corresponding photo.]

One advantage of a gasoline vehicle over an EV is that we can travel 400 miles without stopping to refuel. **Full disclosure:** We won't be doing that. Stopping along the route is half the fun!

Tomorrow, Carol and I will embark on what we expect to be a fun road trip to Branson, Missouri. We will drive approximately 1,800 miles across six states, starting from our home in Fresno, California. The purpose of our trip is to attend a Bible Conference, which will be led by our pastor friend, Dr. Randy White. More on that in future reports.

We're going to take our time, dividing up the outward bound part of the road trip into six travel (driving) days (See the itinerary below). That should make for about an easy four to five hours of driving per day.

We have a general plan for where we want to be on a specific day. However, we thought we'd live on the edge and not book our hotels in advance. Instead, we will figure out where we will stay each night rather spontaneously. What could go wrong?

Life just isn't complete without a little adventure, don't you agree?

Interstate 40 has plenty of hotels scattered along the route (although we may wander off the beaten path). Since it's the week before Labor Day, hopefully the traffic won't be too crazy 🙌

It has been four years since we last attend this same Bible Conference in Branson. We are looking forward to catching up with a lot of friends.

Four years ago, as you recall, it was the unpleasant year of 2020! The year we all couldn't wait for it to end, and then 2021 came along and it was worse. Yes, that 2020.

August and September were the unfolding months of the COVID scam. On that occasion, we took an American Airlines flight from Fresno to Springfield, Missouri, then drove down to Branson.

During that trip four years ago, we were instructed to wear masks at the airport. *Do you recall that ridiculous rule?* Being a tad rebellious, we seized any opportunity we could to remove them.

On the plane, the mask situation was different we had to wear them or we couldn't fly.

Tyranny! Carol sat across the aisle from me, and I was seated next to two young college age guys who shared my same belief that masks were worthless. They still are worthless, by the way. If you believe otherwise, you've been propagandized, but I guess we can still be friends.

Four years later, there are no dumb mask rules. But since we are driving, it doesn't matter.

For those who like travel journals (I do), I'll try to share some daily highlights of our travel across parts of America in 2024, and some favorite Photos. What are the people we meet like? Is it dangerous to travel in America? What is the cost of gas? How is the weather? What shape are the roads in? What kind of food we eat, and stuff like that.

I'll give some daily updates from the conference, too.

That said, our RAV4 (Hybrid) is gassed up and ready to roll. 🚗

Day one begins tomorrow. And, Lord willing, I will report again then!

Here is our preliminary driving itinerary, spanning six states and approximately 1,800 miles across well over half of the United States. 🗺️

- Friday **August 23** - Barstow, California
- Saturday, Sunday **August 24,25** - Flagstaff, Arizona
- Monday **August 26** - Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Tuesday **August 27** - Amarillo, Texas
- Wednesday **August 28** - Weatherford, Oklahoma
- Thursday **August 29** - Branson, Missouri
- Friday **August 30** - Branson, Missouri (Conference Begins)
- Saturday **August 31** - Branson, Missouri
- Sunday **Sept 1** - Branson, Missouri
- Monday **Sept 2** - Branson, Missouri (Labor Day - Conference Ends)
- Tuesday **Sept 3** - Homeward bound itinerary TBD

