

Day 16: 169 miles today, 2029 miles since leaving home

First day out on the return trip was an easy short day. I left Chula Vista at about 10:00 this morning and checked into my motel in Yuma, AZ at about 3:45. The car ran great. I haven't gassed up since I got into Yuma to get the mileage for the full day, but when I filled up in Calexico, CA I was getting 23.7 mpg at that point.

Temperature was quite a change today. It was 70 degrees in Chula Vista when I left and it was 106 in Yuma when I checked in. Amazingly, I never really felt uncomfortable. Apparently the dryness and the wind blowing over you at 40 -45 mph is enough to keep the body temperature in line. I brought plenty of water and I also got some gatoraide to help keep the electrolytes in line. A cold beer once I got into the motel tasted pretty good as well.

I am in another of those motels that seem to be right out of the 50's or 60's. It is called the Yuma Cabana. The internet connection here is pretty slow, so I am forgoing pictures. If you want to see the motel check out their website. <http://yumacabana.com/>

I had some suggestions from guys on the Model T Ford Club forum to check out the Cloud Museum. It generally isn't open in the summer, but it is fairly close so I might at least drive by to check it out when I go out for dinner. At 106 degrees I will have to decide how much driving around I want to do. I will let you know tomorrow if I got to see it or not.

Tomorrow I will probably end up in the Sedona, AZ area. That will be a fairly long day at close to 300 miles, but I hope to get out early tomorrow to get as much driving in early before the heat is too bad.

So long until tomorrow.