

Day 17: 271 miles for the day, 2330 since leaving home.

Update from last night. After resting at the motel for a while I was ready to go out and try to find the Cloud museum. Since it had cooled off from the 106 when I checked in to 108 (wait a minute.....?!!) I drove out there. It was closed, which is what I expected from the website, but I was able to check out the outside stuff through the fence. He has quite a big collection of Model T stuff. I talked with a neighbor and close friend of Johnny Cloud, and I guess there are a lot of Model T and Model A stuff in the buildings all restored. Hopefully I will have a chance to see it when it is open some time.



Cloud Museum

It was a good drive from Yuma to Sedona today. I wanted to beat the heat a bit, so I got on the road at 6:30 this morning. It was 88 degrees in Yuma when I left. That sounds hot, but it was actually quite comfortable. The car ran great, so I made it to Prescott in time for lunch. I ate at the Prescott Brewing Company. Since I was going to be driving, I passed on checking out their beers, but they make a dynamite hamburger.

As I was leaving Prescott there was a dark cloud bank where I was heading. There was lightning and some VERY loud thunder claps. It looked like I was going to drive into a deluge. I went through a 6 inch rain. I checked out the raindrops on the windshield, and there was 6 inches between each one. Actually, I did get into a little rain, but it was more of a sprinkle than the dumping that it looked like I was going to get.

I got to the town of Jerome, AZ at about 3:15. If you are not familiar with Jerome it is an old mining town that is literally hanging on the side of the mountain. The mines are all closed now, but the town is now tourist shops and art galleries. I spent a little over an hour checking things out there. I have been through Jerome a few times before, but it was always early in the morning, and they don't get up early there. This is the first time I have been there when the shops were open.

I am settled in now at a campground just outside of Sedona, AZ. I have the tent pitched and am ready to settle in later. There is still rain in the area, so it could get wet. I will have things covered just in case. I will need to check out maps to figure out where I want to stop tomorrow. I might try to go a little farther north and get into Colorado tomorrow if it works out.



A Nice Campsite

See you tomorrow.