

Day 24: 222 miles for the day, 3734 miles since leaving home.

The epic journey has ended. I am home.

Last night after I posted my report, we unloaded everything from the back seat of the Model T and Jack and Libby, their daughter Nikki and her four kids Calli, Nina, Chaz, and Emry all piled into the car with me for a ride around Johnson Lake. I think everyone had fun. Emry, who is two, said shortly after the trip started “Papa, can you turn on the air conditioner now?”.



**The whole clan ready for a ride. (Except Nikki who is taking the picture.)**

This morning, after breakfast, I loaded up the stuff back into the back seat and bid my hosts farewell.

Not too far down the road from there some good friends, Kermit and Rube Wilke, live. I made a phone call to see if they were in. (They had told me to stop by on the way through.) I stopped there and they showed me their collection. I had seen pictures of it and heard about it from others, but had never been there myself. It is really quite a collection.



**Some of the collection.**

By the time I was ready to leave it was lunch time, so Ruby insisted that I stay and have lunch with them. Thank you Ruby for the fine meal. She also gave me some homemade apple butter to take with me. I can't wait to try it.



**Ruby and Kermit by the T.**

I stopped by one other friend's house on the way home as well. Ron Koch texted me the night before to stop on my way by. They live only about 10 miles from home, and I drive almost right by their place anyway. It was only right to stop. Ron was really glad to see me home safely. I think he really worried about me driving through the desert. He got pictures, but I did not get any to post. Then I noticed the time and new that Susie would be getting home from work pretty soon, so it was time for me to head home. She beat me home, and had tracked where I was on the cell phone, so she was waiting by the drive to take pictures of me arriving back home.



**Turning into the drive. I am home!**

And so ends my adventure of 2012. I will be gathering my thoughts and in a couple of days will post a summary of the trip and my reflections.