

EXIT 13



Electric Road Warriors Susan & Jenn hit the highway.

Taking Charge

Did you ever want to pinch yourself to see if you are dreaming? That's how I feel most mornings these days. Having the freedom to explore the country. Making my schedule my own. Chasing 70-degree weather. And seeing some of the most beautiful places in the US. Some have told me this is crazy or that I am too old, but most friends and family are incredibly happy for me and some wish they could be tagging along.



Jenn & Sixty

Selling everything you own and investing in a nomad lifestyle is not for the faint of heart. Fortunately for me, my daughter had the same dream. Without her, this would not have become reality. But anyone can give this lifestyle a try on a small scale by renting a Class B or B+ RV, or a campervan, which is drivable, self-contained, and easy to set up and break down—an effective way to test the waters.

After a couple of months on the road, we have figured out how we like to travel between destinations. Jenn still works remotely, so moving is limited to weekends. If we have more than 200 miles to go (and we have gone more than 500 miles in a weekend), we make Saturday a long, long travel day with a few hours to go on Sunday. And then we try to spend two weeks in one spot so Jenn can have a weekend with no travel in between. We have also found that the best EV charging is along the interstates, as is the access to free overnight parking at Cracker Barrels for our Saturday night stops.

In March, we spent an extra week in South Carolina to visit with friends, staying in a new campground, Crossroads Coach Resort at the ROB in Lake City, which has a small, artsy downtown area with fun shops and restaurants. From Lake City, we moved to Foley, Alabama. To get there, we had to figure out how to avoid Atlanta's nightmare traffic. We changed our timing a bit to sneak through Atlanta at 10pm on a Saturday night. Thankfully, we breezed through the area.

Foley is an upcoming area on the gulf coast. It was particularly special since I was able to have dinner with a high school classmate that I had not spoken to in 62 years. After wondering what we were going to talk about, we talked non-stop and realized so many things in our lives have had a common thread.

We left Foley early on a Saturday morning, heading to Texas. We traveled through Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana and arrived in Texas late Saturday night. It is amazing how much of our country looks the same, at least along the gulf coast. I realized that I have never driven west of Dothan, Alabama, so it has been a treat to see from the ground and not just "fly over" these states.



Tip of the Month – We had no problems and felt safe spending the night both at a Walmart in Texas and a Cracker Barrel in Georgia. For a quick overnight stop without having to unhitch makes it easy to get on the road early the next morning. Be sure to give them a call to confirm they allow parking overnight.



Colorado County courthouse, c. 1891



Out our window



The Pro shop. No, really!

