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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Sun, 25 Jun 2006 21:50:26 GMT

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Subject: Re: Kansas

Posted by [Paul Braun](#) on Sun, 25 Jun 2006 23:31:36 GMT

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<animix\_spam-this-ahole\_@animas.net> wrote:

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Yep. The middle of the country be flat. Really flat.

It's kinda like Vegas, where you think that you can walk to Paris from  
the Trop in something like 15 minutes because it doesn't look that  
far, does it, dear?

37 hours later, when you've managed to make it to the Harley Cafe',  
you realize that you need to drag your ass over to the monorail or  
you're going to pass out somewhere before you hit Aladdin from the 112  
degree heat.

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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Sun, 25 Jun 2006 23:43:41 GMT

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"There's no place like home. There's no place like home." Really? Was OZ  
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The Tinman

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<animix\_spam-this-ahole\_@animas.net> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Kansas  
Posted by [Dubya Mark Wilson](#) on Sun, 25 Jun 2006 23:47:52 GMT  
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Deej, now you know precisely why I chose Kansas when I wrote the following a few weeks back on the general "column."

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Provocative discussion on Cavuto today, FOXnews; neogtiating with OBL. Several notions were batted around on both sides but one guy pretty much spoke my mind when he asked "what kind of negotiation can be had where the starting point is that each party knows the other party wants the other one dead as soon as possible?"

After that segment, I started thinking of "Running Man" because that's what OBL already is. I wondered what he might settle for if he knew the

handwriting is on the wall. If I were as sinister as the mindset in the aforementioned movie, I think I'd have no problem with offering OBL the following deal:

1. Turn yourself over to us.
2. We arrest you for one day at most in a nice federal safehouse.
3. We talk for several minutes about whatever you like.
4. We give you \$100k in twenties and a \$300 Haliburton brief case.
5. You get a couple of good meals and good night's rest.
6. You are released at 610 N Main Street in Russel, Kansas the next day at 9AM.
7. API gets the lowdown at 9:15 AM on our "deal" except that your location is not announced.
9. Go wherever you like, stay as long there as you like.
10. Kansas is kinda big.
11. The tallest wheat is west of town.
12. The first bus comes at 10:02 AM.
13. Good luck.

Dubya

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Subject: Re: Kansas

Posted by [Dubya Mark Wilson](#) on Sun, 25 Jun 2006 23:59:42 GMT

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And how is 70 anymore? The last time I traversed the country on 70 was 1990...R-coast to L-coast, stayed at Rod's place for a day in KC. I don't know if they've spent any money on 70 since then but I'd say it was THE WORST interstate ending in Zero we had at that time and had been that way for 10 years.

I'll add this positive aspect of Kansas; I enjoyed EVERY firework display in the state Colorado on the evening of July 4, 1990 and I saw all of them from, you guessed it, Kansas. Somewhere in that same trip, I was almost sucked of the road by a Tornado that wiped out a good bit of Limon area, CO.

Dubya out

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Subject: Re: Kansas

Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Mon, 26 Jun 2006 02:12:59 GMT

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And then, you pulled into a gas station. The pump said "eythl", and the price was 98 cents/gallon.

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Subject: Re: Kansas

Posted by [Rod Lincoln](#) on Mon, 26 Jun 2006 04:58:23 GMT

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Hey Mark....remember when we accidently dialed Afganastan or somewhere like that when you were at my house? I think you were trying to show me some trick on the phone that had to do with counting a certain number of seconds before hitting the last number.

Rod

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Posted by [Dubya Mark Wilson](#) on Mon, 26 Jun 2006 08:11:25 GMT

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Bogota as I recall. And it wasn't trickery at play... it was an MCI calling card number that ended in a sequence which confused KC local routing for national domestic LD with international dialing, specifically, Columbia, South America country code. That was a weird day. As Nic Cage said in Con Air while that brand new corvette was dangling at 400 feet like an empty cereal box off the back of that C-130, "On any other day, that would seem entirely unusual" but that whole weekend was just odd, including the drive through KS and CO the next day.

Hey, Rod you weren't with SW the night the old 20-ton straight truck gel'd up diesel between LV and Reno, were you?

Mark

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Posted by [Carl Amburn](#) on Mon, 26 Jun 2006 08:12:36 GMT

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-Carl

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news:449f057c@linux...

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Posted by [Dubya Mark Wilson](#) on Mon, 26 Jun 2006 08:16:17 GMT

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Mon, 26 Jun 2006 14:22:39 GMT

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I've driven across Texas north-to-south (Amarillo to Brownsville) and east-to-west (both Texarkana to El Paso and Beaumont to El Paso) and "perceptually", it didn't seem to take as long as driving across Kansas. Perhaps it's because the terrain changes make it seem like you're actually making some kind of progress rather than sitting in your car with the engine running while moving backwards in time.

;o)

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Subject: Re: Kansas  
Posted by [Sound Dog](#) on Mon, 26 Jun 2006 15:30:25 GMT  
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I've heard that OZ is actually worse. If you're talking about crossing the

middle of Australia that is. 52 degrees (don't know what that is in fahrenheit) and the occasional motel / petrol pump, and the likelihood of a kangaroo jumping out in front of you and introducing your front suspension to your firewall.

So I've heard anyway...

Kansas, now that sounds like fun. Or hey, Nevada, in a supercharged Challenger. Just like in the movie, except without the cops and the dying and the car exploding and stuff.

Stewart.

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Subject: Re: Kansas

Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Mon, 26 Jun 2006 16:13:09 GMT

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David.

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Subject: Re: Kansas  
Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Mon, 26 Jun 2006 16:18:22 GMT  
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Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Mon, 26 Jun 2006 16:28:24 GMT  
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Yah, but you usually can't see farther than 50' there because of the clouds of mosquitoes (the provincial bird)... ;-)

David.

Don Nafe wrote:

> Don't forget Manitoba...pretty flat there too  
>  
> Don  
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>  
> "EK Sound" <askme@nospam.com> wrote in message news:44a00629@linux...  
>  
>>You just described Saskatchewan! It's the next province over... ;-)

>>put a jog in the road every 20 miles or so just to keep you awake.  
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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Mon, 26 Jun 2006 16:52:53 GMT

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I had a feeling like I was struggling with some unknown force the whole time.....and now I know what.....gravity!! It makes sense. Heading west, you're definitely slowly climbing toward the foothills of the Rocky Mountains.....soooo.....I guess if I was seeded east, I could put the car in neutral and just coast across Kansas?

;o)

"Dedric Terry" <[dterry@keyofd.net](mailto:dterry@keyofd.net)> wrote in message  
news:C0C47BCD.16A2%dterry@keyofd.net...

> When I moved out here from Nashville, I drove a moving truck all the way.

> Not so bad out of Tennessee and Missouri, but then we hit Kansas.

>

> Kansas is uphill all the way going west for anyone who's never driven that  
> stretch of I-70. To get near the speed limit (okay 15mph shy at 50), I  
had

> to floor it and keep it there - it just poked along at 50, dead on, not a  
> wiggle, not a hint of 51 or 49. One stretch (between gas stops) was 4  
hours

> of nothing changing inside the truck or out. I almost thought of putting  
a

> box on the accelerator and moving to the passenger seat to read a  
> book...just to be sure time hadn't stopped.

>

> "There's no place like home. There's no place like home." Really? Was  
OZ

> that bad?

>

> The Tinman

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> On 6/25/06 3:50 PM, in article [449f057c@linux](#), "DJ"

> <[animix\\_spam-this-ahole\\_@animas.net](mailto:animix_spam-this-ahole_@animas.net)> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Kansas

Posted by [Tony Benson](#) on Mon, 26 Jun 2006 17:12:41 GMT

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Oh man, I hear ya about Vegas. It's forced perspective in reverse. They make everything so huge it looks closer together! Sure honey. Let's just walk over to the Hard Rock. It doesn't look that far. Ha! We almost died! "Drinks in the snack-a-teria, on me." ;>)

Tony

"Paul Braun" <cygnus\_nospam@ctgonline.org> wrote in message  
news:vu6u921qtb0gg4ie3m8bn8t34fu3vv92ed@4ax.com...

> On Sun, 25 Jun 2006 15:50:26 -0600, "DJ"

> <animix\_spam-this-ahole\_@animas.net> wrote:

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> Yep. The middle of the country be flat. Really flat.

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> It's kinda like Vegas, where you think that you can walk to Paris from

> the Trop in something like 15 minutes because it doesn't look that

> far, does it, dear?  
>  
> 37 hours later, when you've managed to make it to the Harley Cafe',  
> you realize that you need to drag your ass over to the monorail or  
> you're going to pass out somewhere before you hit Aladdin from the 112  
> degree heat.  
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Posted by [Tony Benson](#) on Mon, 26 Jun 2006 17:19:25 GMT  
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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Mon, 26 Jun 2006 19:16:55 GMT  
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Posted by [Tony Benson](#) on Mon, 26 Jun 2006 21:05:03 GMT

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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Tue, 27 Jun 2006 03:36:52 GMT

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Heh. Yeah, if Alice grew up in Nebraska. Sorry I went all pedantic on ya  
Tony.

I've made the drive a zillion times, too. Did I mention the many clean  
Nebraska rest stops, with maps, weather/road reports and abstract  
sculpture displays. I, uh, oh, sorry. :^)

I've also spent a fair amount of time going to and from to New Mexico,  
Arizona, Southern California, Northern California, Oregon and  
Washington. Lots of great country along the way. I really like the drive  
through DeeJ's four corners area. And the vast stretches of I-80 through  
Utah and Nevada. Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, great country. And of course,  
Colorado.

OK, now I'm itchin' for a road trip!

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Posted by [Tom Bruhl](#) on Tue, 27 Jun 2006 06:15:27 GMT  
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Pennsylvania ain't no bargain either. . .

"DJ" <[animix\\_spam-this-ahole\\_@animas.net](mailto:animix_spam-this-ahole_@animas.net)> wrote in message =  
news:449fee07@linux...

I've driven across Texas north-to-south (Amarillo to Brownsville) and  
east-to-west (both Texarkana to El Paso and Beaumont to El Paso) and  
"perceptually", it didn't seem to take as long as driving across =  
Kansas.

Perhaps it's because the terrain changes make it seem like you're =  
actually  
making some kind of progress rather than sitting in your car with the =  
engine  
running while moving backwards in time.

;o)

"Dubya Mark Wilson" <mark.xspam@avidrecording.com> wrote in message news:449f968a\$1@linux...

> Wasn't it Steven Wright, the comedian, whose dry one-liner it was = that,

> "Some people have a fear of heights.... I have a fear width.... = Texas

> terrifies me."

>

> Oh, heck... I've started a whole new threads now... I can hear it = coming

> already

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> Dubya

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> "Carl Amburn" <carlamburn@hotmail.com> wrote in message news:449f952a\$1@linux...

>> This is a funny post, because it's so true. I have done I-70 = through

>> Kansas

>> many many times - 3 times within the last year. I don't remember = any

>> \*without\* the friggin' crosswind blowing 30 mph. I highly = recommend the

>> Red

>> Sun chinese buffet's Mongolian BBQ in Hays, it's by the Walmart = off the

>> highway. If you're heading west during the daytime and it's clear, = it's

>> kinda cool to look up and watch all of the airplane trails heading

>> west....

>> rows of lines pointing to Denver.

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Subject: Re: Kansas  
Posted by [Tony Benson](#) on Tue, 27 Jun 2006 06:46:22 GMT  
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I know what you meant Jamie. It's the same when people judge Iowa by the I-80 drive only. They think the whole state is just gently rolling corn and soybean fields. What a minute . . . It is! ;>) Naw, if you look hard enough we have some pretty stuff too.

Tony

On 6/26/06 10:36 PM, in article 44a0a66d@linux, "Jamie K"  
<Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:

>  
> Tony Benson wrote:  
>> I've driven thorough Western Nebraska many times when I was touring and it  
>> does have some interesting topology. I was just being facetious. It's an old  
>> joke with my family how boring that I-80 drive is as we've made the trip a  
>> hundred times.  
>>  
>> You sound a little like Alice Cooper in Wayne's World, explaining the  
>> history of Milwaukee!  
>  
> Heh. Yeah, if Alice grew up in Nebraska. Sorry I went all pedantic on ya  
> Tony.  
>  
> I've made the drive a zillion times, too. Did I mention the many clean  
> Nebraska rest stops, with maps, weather/road reports and abstract  
> sculpture displays. I, uh, oh, sorry. :^)  
>  
> I've also spent a fair amount of time going to and from to New Mexico,  
> Arizona, Southern California, Northern California, Oregon and  
> Washington. Lots of great country along the way. I really like the drive

> through Deej's four corners area. And the vast stretches of I-80 through  
> Utah and Nevada. Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, great country. And of course,  
> Colorado.  
>  
> OK, now I'm itchin' for a road trip!  
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> Cheers,  
> -Jamie  
> <http://www.JamieKruz.com>  
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>> "Nebraska, birthplace of Arbor Day . . ." I'm not worthy! ;>)  
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>> "Jamie K" <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote in message news:44a03140\$1@linux...  
>>> In Nebraska I-80 follows the Platte river valley, a long gentle descent  
>>> bringing Rocky Mountain runoff to the Missouri river. The route is a part  
>>> of the Oregon trail. It became a logical place to put a relatively safe,  
>>> easy driving interstate. You could ALMOST drive it on auto-pilot but there  
>>> are a few curves here and there. :^)  
>>>  
>>> Since many folks only experience Nebraska by driving through on I-80, a  
>>> common misconception is to equate Nebraska with that drive.  
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>>> Nebraska has other terrain. For example, there are vast sandhill areas in  
>>> the west. In the North East you'll find hills left behind by glaciation  
>>> from the last ice age. The East has interesting river bluff country along  
>>> the Missouri river and its tributaries. Nebraska, birthplace of Arbor Day,  
>>> also has a large man-made national forest.  
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>>> I like the open spaces in the West. We have some incredible areas. With  
>>> our demanding, busy lives it's often hard not to just blaze through them  
>>> with this or that destination in mind, but sometimes it's worth slowing  
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>>>> It sounds like Nebraska. On one trip to visit my uncle in Snowmass  
>>>> Village, CO, I left Iowa on I-80, got West of Omaha, set the cruise, and  
>>>> went to sleep. I woke up six hours later to the welcome to Colorado sign!  
>>>> Talk about a straight, flat road! ;>)

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Tue, 27 Jun 2006 07:10:41 GMT

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Perhaps it's because the terrain changes make it seem like you're =  
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> Oh, heck... I've started a whole new threads now... I can hear it =  
coming

> already

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> "Carl Amburn" <carlamburn@hotNOSPAMmail.com> wrote in message

> news:449f952a\$1@linux...

>> This is a funny post, because it's so true. I have done I-70 =  
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I don't think I was there during that time period. I can't believe you remember all that stuff in that much detail.

I'm in Vegas right now. I'll be back home late tonight.

Rod

"Dubya Mark Wilson" <mark.xspam@avidrecording.com> wrote:

>Bogota as I recall. And it wasn't trickery at play... it was an MCI

>calling card number that ended in a sequence which confused KC local routing

>for national domestic LD with international dialing, specifically, Columbia,

>South America country code. That was a weird day. As Nic Cage said in  
Con

>Air while that brand new corvette was dangling at 400 feet like an empty

>cereal box off the back of that C-130, "On any other day, that would seem

>entirely unusual" but that whole weekend was just odd, including the drive

>through KS and CO the next day.

>

>Hey, Rod you weren't with SW the night the old 20-ton straight truck gel'd

>up diesel between LV and Reno, were you?

>

>Mark

>

>"Rod Lincoln" <rlincoln@kc.rr.com> wrote in message news:449f696f\$1@linux...

>>

>> Hey Mark....remember when we accidently dialed Afganastan or somewhere

>> like

>> that when you were at my house? I think you were trying to show me some

>> trick

>> on the phone that had to do with counting a certain number of seconds

>> before

>> hitting the last number.

>> Rod

>>

>> P.S Just got back from vacation, and am leaving for Vegas in the morn  
for

>> a corperate gig. Back Tues night. Man.....I had some withdrawls from this  
>> place.

>> "Dubya Mark Wilson" <mark.xspam@avidrecording.com> wrote:

>>>And how is 70 anymore? The last time I traversed the country on 70 was

>>

>>>1990...R-coast to L-coast, stayed at Rod's place for a day in KC. I don't

>>  
>>>know if they've spent any money on 70 since then but I'd say it was THE  
>>  
>>>WORST interstate ending in Zero we had at that time and had been that  
way  
>>  
>>>for 10 years.  
>>>  
>>>I'll add this positive aspect of Kansas; I enjoyed EVERY firework display  
>> in  
>>>the state Colorado on the evening of July 4, 1990 and I saw all of them  
>>  
>>>from, you guessed it, Kansas. Somewhere in that same trip, I was almost  
>>  
>>>sucked of the road by a Tornado that wiped out a good bit of Limon area,  
>> CO.  
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Subject: Re: Kansas

Posted by [Paul Braun](#) on Tue, 27 Jun 2006 21:34:02 GMT

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<tony@standinghampton.com> wrote:

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ROTFLMAO!!!

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and the Hard Rock from the Trop. Didn't look that far.

You're right. I'm sure what we walked ended up being 376 miles.

And then we walked back. Guess we worked off the food and the  
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pab

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Subject: Re: Kansas

Posted by [Tony Benson](#) on Wed, 28 Jun 2006 17:19:07 GMT

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We whimped out and took a cab back. Same walk though, from the Tropicana to the Hard Rock. I thought we were going to have to stop and get a room for the night. ;>)

Tony

"Paul Braun" <cygnus\_nospam@ctgonline.org> wrote in message  
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Posted by [Dubya Mark Wilson](#) on Wed, 28 Jun 2006 21:43:30 GMT

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Yeah, and then there's gettin on the Jersey Turnpike with nothing but diarrhea and a small plastic container with a 3/4" opening.... don't think about this too long... move along, there's nothing to see here, just move along... nothing to see. Except maybe "variety to the terrain."

Dubya

"DJ" <animix\_spam-this-ahole\_@animas.net> wrote in message

news:44a13d18@linux...

Yeah,

Pennsylvania was a pretty long stretch.....but at least there is some variety to the terrain.

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Posted by [Dubya Mark Wilson](#) on Wed, 28 Jun 2006 23:25:28 GMT

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I remember 20 years or so ago driving through Iowa (where THE most prolific signage pertains to the travel of deer) and noticing the backwards antlers on ALL of the signs. Yep... major foul-up. The antlers ran from the middle of their foreheads, backwards over their ears and then up. Hilarious. It made national news a few days later.

W. Mark Wilson

"Tony Benson" <[tony@standinghampton.com](mailto:tony@standinghampton.com)> wrote in message [news:C0C63E6E.CCED%tony@standinghampton.com](mailto:news:C0C63E6E.CCED%tony@standinghampton.com)...

> I know what you meant Jamie. It's the same when people judge Iowa by the  
> I-80 drive only. They think the whole state is just gently rolling corn

> and

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> enough

> we have some pretty stuff too.

>

> Tony

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> On 6/26/06 10:36 PM, in article [44a0a66d@linux](mailto:44a0a66d@linux), "Jamie K"

> <[Meta@Dimensional.com](mailto:Meta@Dimensional.com)> wrote:

>

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>> Tony Benson wrote:

>>> I've driven thorough Western Nebraska many times when I was touring and

>>> it

>>> does have some interesting topology. I was just being facetious. It's an

>>> old

>>> joke with my family how boring that I-80 drive is as we've made the trip

>>> a

>>> hundred times.

>>>

>>> You sound a little like Alice Cooper in Wayne's World, explaining the

>>> history of Milwaukee!

>>

>> Heh. Yeah, if Alice grew up in Nebraska. Sorry I went all pedantic on ya

>> Tony.

>>  
>> I've made the drive a zillion times, too. Did I mention the many clean  
>> Nebraska rest stops, with maps, weather/road reports and abstract  
>> sculpture displays. I, uh, oh, sorry. :^)  
>>  
>> I've also spent a fair amount of time going to and from to New Mexico,  
>> Arizona, Southern California, Northern California, Oregon and  
>> Washington. Lots of great country along the way. I really like the drive  
>> through Deej's four corners area. And the vast stretches of I-80 through  
>> Utah and Nevada. Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, great country. And of course,  
>> Colorado.  
>>  
>> OK, now I'm itchin' for a road trip!  
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>> Cheers,  
>> -Jamie  
>> <http://www.JamieKruz.com>  
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>>> "Nebraska, birthplace of Arbor Day . . ." I'm not worthy! ;>)  
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>>> Tony  
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>>> "Jamie K" <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote in message  
>>> news:44a03140\$1@linux...  
>>>> In Nebraska I-80 follows the Platte river valley, a long gentle descent  
>>>> bringing Rocky Mountain runoff to the Missouri river. The route is a  
>>>> part  
>>>> of the Oregon trail. It became a logical place to put a relatively  
>>>> safe,  
>>>> easy driving interstate. You could ALMOST drive it on auto-pilot but  
>>>> there  
>>>> are a few curves here and there. :^)  
>>>>  
>>>> Since many folks only experience Nebraska by driving through on I-80, a  
>>>> common misconception is to equate Nebraska with that drive.  
>>>>  
>>>> Nebraska has other terrain. For example, there are vast sandhill areas  
>>>> in  
>>>> the west. In the North East you'll find hills left behind by glaciation  
>>>> from the last ice age. The East has interesting river bluff country  
>>>> along  
>>>> the Missouri river and its tributaries. Nebraska, birthplace of Arbor  
>>>> Day,  
>>>> also has a large man-made national forest.  
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>>>> I like the open spaces in the West. We have some incredible areas. With  
>>>> our demanding, busy lives it's often hard not to just blaze through  
>>>> them  
>>>> with this or that destination in mind, but sometimes it's worth slowing  
>>>> down and exploring along the way.  
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>> On 6/26/06 10:36 PM, in article 44a0a66d@linux, "Jamie K"  
>> <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:  
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>>>  
>>> Tony Benson wrote:  
>>>> I've driven thorough Western Nebraska many times when I was touring and  
>>>> it  
>>>> does have some interesting topology. I was just being facetious. It's  
>>>> an old  
>>>> joke with my family how boring that I-80 drive is as we've made the  
>>>> trip a  
>>>> hundred times.  
>>>>  
>>>> You sound a little like Alice Cooper in Wayne's World, explaining the  
>>>> history of Milwaukee!  
>>>  
>>> Heh. Yeah, if Alice grew up in Nebraska. Sorry I went all pedantic on ya  
>>> Tony.  
>>>  
>>> I've made the drive a zillion times, too. Did I mention the many clean  
>>> Nebraska rest stops, with maps, weather/road reports and abstract  
>>> sculpture displays. I, uh, oh, sorry. :^)  
>>>  
>>> I've also spent a fair amount of time going to and from to New Mexico,  
>>> Arizona, Southern California, Northern California, Oregon and  
>>> Washington. Lots of great country along the way. I really like the drive  
>>> through DeeJ's four corners area. And the vast stretches of I-80 through  
>>> Utah and Nevada. Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, great country. And of course,  
>>> Colorado.  
>>>  
>>> OK, now I'm itchin' for a road trip!  
>>>  
>>> Cheers,  
>>> -Jamie  
>>> <http://www.JamieKruz.com>  
>>>  
>>>

>>>  
>>>> "Nebraska, birthplace of Arbor Day . . ." I'm not worthy! ;>)  
>>>>  
>>>> Tony  
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>>>>  
>>>> "Jamie K" <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote in message  
>>>> news:44a03140\$1@linux...  
>>>>> In Nebraska I-80 follows the Platte river valley, a long gentle  
>>>>> descent  
>>>>> bringing Rocky Mountain runoff to the Missouri river. The route is a  
>>>>> part  
>>>>> of the Oregon trail. It became a logical place to put a relatively  
>>>>> safe,  
>>>>> easy driving interstate. You could ALMOST drive it on auto-pilot but  
>>>>> there  
>>>>> are a few curves here and there. :^)  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Since many folks only experience Nebraska by driving through on I-80,  
>>>>> a  
>>>>> common misconception is to equate Nebraska with that drive.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Nebraska has other terrain. For example, there are vast sandhill areas  
>>>>> in  
>>>>> the west. In the North East you'll find hills left behind by  
>>>>> glaciation  
>>>>> from the last ice age. The East has interesting river bluff country  
>>>>> along  
>>>>> the Missouri river and its tributaries. Nebraska, birthplace of Arbor  
>>>>> Day,  
>>>>> also has a large man-made national forest.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> I like the open spaces in the West. We have some incredible areas.  
>>>>> With  
>>>>> our demanding, busy lives it's often hard not to just blaze through  
>>>>> them  
>>>>> with this or that destination in mind, but sometimes it's worth  
>>>>> slowing  
>>>>> down and exploring along the way.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Cheers,  
>>>>> -Jamie  
>>>>> <http://www.JamieKruz.com>  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Tony Benson wrote:  
>>>>>> It sounds like Nebraska. On one trip to visit my uncle in Snowmass  
>>>>>> Village, CO, I left Iowa on I-80, got West of Omaha, set the cruise,

>>>>> and  
>>>>> went to sleep. I woke up six hours later to the welcome to Colorado  
>>>>> sign!  
>>>>> Talk about a straight, flat road! ;>)  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Tony  
>>>>>  
>>>>> "DJ" <animix\_spam-this-ahole\_@animas.net> wrote in message  
>>>>> news:449f057c@linux...  
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Subject: Re: Kansas  
Posted by [Miguel Vigil \[1\]](#) on Sun, 09 Jul 2006 17:42:15 GMT  
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El Miguel (someday I'll sing one of them)

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Posted by [Miguel Vigil \[1\]](#) on Sun, 09 Jul 2006 17:46:06 GMT

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> Kansas, now that sounds like fun. Or hey, Nevada, in a supercharged  
> Challenger. Just like in the movie, except without the cops and the dying  
> and the car exploding and stuff.

yeah, Vanishing Point...

That's what I'm talking about.

El Miguel \*Kowowski\* without the pills and that damn bulldozer thingy in the  
road :)

"Sound Dog" <dogster@tpg.com.au> wrote in message news:449ffb3f\$1@linux...

> I've heard that OZ is actually worse. If you're talking about crossing  
the

> middle of Australia that is. 52 degrees (don't know what that is in  
> fahrenheit) and the occasional motel / petrol pump, and the likelihood of  
> a  
> kangaroo jumping out in front of you and introducing your front suspension  
> to your firewall.  
>  
> So I've heard anyway...  
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> Challenger. Just like in the movie, except without the cops and the dying  
> and the car exploding and stuff.  
>  
> Stewart.  
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>  
> Detric Terry wrote in message ...  
> >When I moved out here from Nashville, I drove a moving truck all the way.  
> >Not so bad out of Tennessee and Missouri, but then we hit Kansas.  
> >  
> >Kansas is uphill all the way going west for anyone who's never driven  
> that  
> >stretch of I-70. To get near the speed limit (okay 15mph shy at 50), I  
> had  
> >to floor it and keep it there - it just poked along at 50, dead on, not a  
> >wiggle, not a hint of 51 or 49. One stretch (between gas stops) was 4  
> hours  
> >of nothing changing inside the truck or out. I almost thought of putting  
> a  
> >box on the accelerator and moving to the passenger seat to read a  
> >book...just to be sure time hadn't stopped.  
> >  
> >"There's no place like home. There's no place like home." Really? Was  
> OZ  
> >that bad?  
> >  
> >The Tinman  
> >  
> >On 6/25/06 3:50 PM, in article 449f057c@linux, "DJ"  
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Subject: Re: Kansas  
Posted by [Dubya Mark Wilson](#) on Wed, 12 Jul 2006 06:22:24 GMT  
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Ahhh yes, the old Cimmaron Turnpike.

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