

THE EGGLESTON GREAT CROSS-COUNTY ADVENTURE

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04:25 — COUNTRY BOYS

With “Ladies Love Country Boys” sung by Trace Adkins
< <http://bit.ly/5DMzYG> >, I’m priming for another great day.

Because of the real cost of traveling, we’re having another Maintenance Day. We’ve got clothes to wash and a truck to get serviced.

It doesn’t mean that we won’t have adventures. Excitement is where you make it. And, modestly speaking, we’re exciting people.

08:00 — JUMP MY TRUCK

While I was retrieving the milk and creamer for our in-room coffee (Yes! We carry our coffee maker with us.), a guy parked next to my truck asked if I had jumper cables. It seems he had played his radio during and while waiting for the 4th of July celebration, and had forgotten to turn it off. Oops!

I replied, “Is the Pope Catholic — a tall, Germanic guy, as I recall?”

I pulled out the jumper cables, we connected them, and the Blue Max has his battery roaring within minutes.

He’s from Texas and needed to start for home.

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He was so appreciative.

I, simply, reminded him that we are all sharing this journey called Earth, and it's our duty to aid each other along the highways and byways of life.

06:00 — **PENDULUM WAVES**

Bob Adams shares: "This will keep you entertained for 1min 46sec! We all remember from our Introduction to a Pendulums course in school that the period of a pendulum is proportional to the (square root of the) length of the line suspending the weight. The longer the pendulum, the slower it swings (i.e. the longer the period). BTW, "pendulum" is derived from the Latin "pendulus," meaning "hanging". Pendulums were used as the most accurate form of time-keeping from the time of Galileo, who discovered their basic properties, until the 1930s.

"So Harvard built a device with a series of 15 pendulums in a row, each one slightly longer than its neighbor, set them in motion, and filmed the result. The patterns that appear in this 1:46 video are fascinating to watch, think about, and try to explain: <http://bit.ly/gA7Sw4> ."

09:00 — **BREAKFAST AT OPEN SEASON RESTAURANT**

The complimentary breakfast included a buffet of eggs, pancakes, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, sausage, and cereal (Cheerios and Corn Flakes).

We used this moment, as we usually do, to discuss our operations for the day. PegEgg laid out her concept of the operation and — with minor changes based upon consensus — we had a plan in place.

The first priority must be getting an oil change for the Blue Max.

Second priority is doing laundry. When you have more bags of laundry than the truck can haul, it's time to recall that one cannot go naked in America except at nudist colonies.

We ate our fill and moved on.

10:00 — **SORTING LAUNDRY**

As agreed, I brought in the bags of laundry from the truck.

PegEgg sorted them according to white, light, and dark. It turns out that each must be washed somewhat differently. Maybe that's why I'm only

allowed to wash the white clothes. Who can mess up clothes for which you can use detergent and bleach?

Before long, the room took on the appearance of a Chinese hand laundry.

23:33 — **STARDUST**

“Stardust” sung by Nat King Cole < <http://bit.ly/wb6u5> > hums in my ears as I reflect upon all that has entered my life today.

It’s amazing how simple a plan can be and how many things can challenge its execution. As one of the first corporals in my life taught me: “A plan is only perfect until it’s executed.”

Yet, again, we met each challenge by modifying the plan to fit the outcome, the moment, and the time. Flexibility has got to be the foundation of every plan is one wants success to be the outcome.

We have clean clothes for the remaining 14 days of this trip.

The Blue Max has been thoroughly checked, the oil filter changed, and her old oil replaced by high grade Pennzoil. She’s ready to finish the journey home — stopping wherever the spirit moves us to go and stopping only when the night is too dark to continue.

