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Roadside America

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### Inter State Road Trip

The road trip that my family took starts in Texas then New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas and through Oklahoma back to Texas. My family rented a van for the trip we got some stuff like food snacks drinks a cooler and a tinny refrigerator. This trip is during the summer of 2024 and we are seeing some interesting and important things like the mountains and a mining museum in New Mexico, a WWII museum in Colorado, Dodge City Kansas and a play in Amarillo.

The trip started out with my family going west towards New Mexico there is not much to see in The Texas Panhandle other than some historical markers. My family got to Albuquerque super late around midnight. The next day we decided to get some stuff at a Walmart we got more snacks and drinks to add to what we brought with us. At the check out we saw a fight the guy cut in line at the customer service area. He got pinned to the floor by an employee and some store security and what I assumed



waited for the cops. Yes I recorded it sadly we didn't get to see the end.

Video frame of fight

I heard of road rage before but that might be the cause for this because this is in Albuquerque and can be because of city traffic. We noticed that how slow the roads and cities are out side of Texas. Texas dose have higher speed limits than other states but I would figure that it wont be that noticeable. The traffic is bad like Austin Texas.

We went towards the mountains and we can tell how empty the road is compared to the near city and the emptiness looks like The Texas Panhandle roads we got to see the mountains and some trails. The road that my family going North is very under developed looks like how Rout 66 is shown in films. Its nice to see a road without a single car on it from communing to Austin and seeing the first traffic nightmare, Albuquerque.

My family went to Taos. Taos has a town square similarity to how George Town has one. The square has businesses, park in the center not a courthouse, and a hotel. It has a lot of foot and car traffic. Its a nightmare to park and get around just like George Town but worst. After we left Taos the roads start to become empty again

We crossed the Colorado State line

Empty Road



The empty road is cool because you never get to see it if you live in or near a city but it can get lonely or too quiet like at night. It can be nice one in a while to take a drive on an empty road or a small road that gets rarely used.

We went to Dodge City in Kansas we saw more empty roads with some small towns or cities that rely on road traffic to keep in business there were some old gas stations on the way some in the old style and some in the new style. We saw a museum with some old guns and models of old small town roadside business some target traverses and others target residents. We saw a shootout play then left.

We drove through the panhandle of Oklahoma and Texas. We saw a lot of farms on empty roads some small towns and abandoned buildings that we cant tell what they were used for. We saw a play in the gorge and spent the night in Amarillo. We drove back to home the next day.

We noticed that traffic gets worse the closer we are to a city and the longer that you are exposed to it the less patience that you are. The lager and denser a city is the more traffic there is and the more annoyed people can get driving on their commute or passing through.

We also saw that small towns are very connected to the major roads that cross them. They have old building that look like they are from the 80's. We even stopped at an old gas station it looked ran down at lest we stopped during daylight.

We also noticed the speed limit difference between Texas and the other states. Texas is big and going faster can help you get from point A to point B in less time. Texas is known for higher speed limits but I never thought you can tell the difference on the open road. It took us one day to get out of Texas to our first destination in New Mexico. The coolest thing we saw on the road is a rundown town with old building mixed with other buildings with newer paint and lights. Some buildings are shells of what they use to be and they are next to thriving businesses. We saw a few towns like this but one stood out. Town so small it doesn't show up on a map.