



2020 GREAT SOUTHERN TOUR



What is the most memorable road trip you have taken?

For me, it would have to be when Marianne and I took the 2020 Great Southern Tour portfolio visit. We started the 14-day journey from our home at Lake Gaston.

Our first stop was Greensboro, NC winding our way through South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, logging 2400+ miles and visiting 15 properties and their teams.

We broke up the drive with a side trip to Athens, GA to have lunch with family along the way and had the opportunity to explore places like Jekyll Island, GA and Charleston, SC.

Marianne managed the long hours on the road listening to books on tape while I took phone call after call, so for me pretty much business as usual.



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There were many highlights, but after we returned one became incredibly special. Our stop in Sanford was to be our last opportunity to be with Scott Shoemaker before COVID took him away all too soon. The mishaps or inconveniences that came with traveling during the pandemic are blocked from my memory only by the joy it brought us seeing our teams in person after having only teleconferencing contact for 3 months. That joy was returned 10-fold from the teams we saw.

We hope this "Road Trips" issue inspires your next great adventure. There is something so alluring about jumping in the car and hitting the open road. If you're eager to get away, we have some of America's greatest natural treasures available from the Great Smoky Mountains, Biscayne, or Shenandoah. These treasures aren't too far down the road. Buckle up and enjoy the ride with your NHG Travel Passport savings.

Wayne