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Sharon of the Ozarks A visit with Sharon Venski

Mark and I took a trip to Missouri to have our Tangle Calliope restored and took a side trip to the Ozarks to visit Sharon. We started out going to Kirksville, MO to drop off the calliope and spend the night. It will take about a month for restoration and we will take another trip to pick it up.

After a night in Kirksville, we were on our way down to Sharon's ranch. Along the way we ran into what we thought was an extremely dense fog bank. Unless we were tailgating the truck in front of us, we couldn't see the road or anything ahead, behind or beside us. The fog had a slightly oily smell that has us thinking maybe there was an accident coming up, but the fog never cleared no matter how far we drove. After a few miles of slowly tailgating the cattle truck in front of us, the fog came to a sudden end. As it turns out, the semi-truck ahead of the cattle truck we were following had turned off the road and we could see smoke and flames coming from the exhaust stack. It was a scary ride for sure.

From then on it was a smooth ride to Lebanon, MO. We were getting closer to Sharon's ranch. Once off the main highway, the roads, even the state roads, became narrow and very winding and hilly. The main county road that connects to Sharon's road has a one lane bridge over the Gasconade River. Go Page 7.



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