

2016C – The Boat’s Migration West
September 12 -

Monday, September 12 – Fly to Newark (46 miles; 1 hour)

Pick up rental car at airport
Drive to Don and Ellen’s house in Monmouth Beach, NJ
Have nice family BBQ
Stay at Don and Ellen’s house

Tuesday, September 13 – Work on Suburban and Boat Trailer

Drive over to Herb’s brother Ron’s house where the Suburban and boat have been stored
Herb and Ron do repair/maintenance on boat all day
Have dinner with Don and Ellen at Kunya Siam Thai Restaurant in Atlantic Highlands
Stay at Don and Ellen’s house

Wednesday, September 14 – Work on Suburban and Boat Trailer

Drive over to Herb’s brother Ron’s house where the Suburban and boat have been stored
Herb and Ron do repair/maintenance on boat all day
Lolo runs 6 miles in Jersey humidity along Henry Hudson Trail
Pick up stuff for a picnic dinner and watch sunset over Sandy Hook Bay
Visit Allison (niece) and family in Monmouth Beach
Stay at Don and Ellen’s house

Thursday, September 15 – Visit friends in Upper Saddle River (75 miles; 1.25 miles)

Drive up to USR
Climb at Gravity Vault – our old climbing gym
Walk around Celery Farm – our favorite evening stroll
Go by old house to see what they have done
Stop by Cathy’s house for wine and cheese
Dine at Saddle River Inn with Susan, Guy, Norma, and Bill
Sleep at Anita’s house

Friday, September 16 – Enjoy the boat on Sandy Hook Bay (57 miles; 1 hour)

Drive back to Ron’s house in Union Beach
Launch the boat in Keyport
Take boat for 25-mile cruise over to Sandy Hook Bay and back
Go out to dinner with Ron and Tina at On the Deck in Atlantic Highlands
Stay at Ron and Tina’s

Saturday, September 17 – Sandy Hook Beach

Detect fuel line leak on way to Sandy Hook
Enjoy great day at Sandy Hook beach with Randy and Penny
Drive back to Ron’s house in Union Beach
Stay at Ron and Tina’s

Sunday, September 18 – New Jersey to Breezewood, PA (250 miles; 5 hours)

Have breakfast with Penny at Lenoras Café in Keyport
Repair the Suburban fuel line
Say goodbye to Penny, Ron, and Tina and start driving
Stay at an Econo Lodge in Breezewood, PA

Monday, September 19 – Pennsylvania to Brother’s House in New Albany, OH (284 miles; 5.5 hours)

Drive 4.5 hours to Jimmy’s house
Nice cocktail hour and BBQ in Jimmy’s backyard
Stay at Jimmy’s house

Tuesday, September 20 – Jimmy’s house (0 miles; 0 hours)

Do Suburban and trailer repairs
WALK at Inniswood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve in nearby Westerville, Ohio,
More cocktailing and BBQing in Jimmy’s backyard
Stay at Jimmy’s house

Wednesday, September 21 – New Albany, Ohio to Greenville, Illinois (386 miles; 8 hours)

Go for a walk with Jimmy and his beagle Charlie before leaving Ohio
Start driving west
More dining on Subway sandwiches at truck stops
Stop at at Econo Lodge in Greenville, Illinois
Run 5 miles on a treadmill in the Econo Lodge fitness center

Thursday, September 22 – Greenville, Illinois to Miami, Oklahoma (373 miles; 7.5 hours)

Drive 7.5 hours into Oklahoma
Stop to climb at Zenith Climbing Center in Springfield, Missouri along the way
Stay at a Microtel in Miami, Oklahoma

Friday, September 23 – Miami, Oklahoma to Amarillo, TX (453 miles; 8.5 hours)

Drive 8.5 hours to Amarillo
Stop at Super 8 West in Amarillo
Walk to dinner at Joe Daddy’s

Saturday, September 24 – Amarillo, TX to Grants, NM (361 miles; 7 hours)

Drive 8.5 hours into New Mexico
Stop to climb at Stone Age Climbing Gym in Albuquerque, New Mexico along the way
Stay at a Travelodge in Grants, New Mexico
Walk to dinner at the Asian Super Buffet

Sunday, September 25 – Grants to Petrified Forest National Park (157 miles, 3 hours)

Drive 2.5 hours to Petrified Forest National Park
Stop at the Painted Desert Visitor Center
Drive to Painted Desert Inn and Kachina Point
Stop at Route 66 tribute near I40 overpass – old rusted car
Drive back to Painted Desert Inn to have lunch at the Diner there

Explore the southern section of the park
Hike 1-mile Blue Mesa Trail
Hike 2.4-mile Long Logs and Agate House Ruins trails
Hike 2.3-miles in search of the summer solstice marker on Martha's Butte
Drive 20 minutes to Holbrook, AZ
Stay at a Travelodge in Holbrook
Walk to dinner at Mesa Italiana Restaurant

Monday, September 26 – Holbrook, AZ to Lake Mead National Recreation Area, NV (325 miles; 6.5 hours)

Drive 6.5 hours to Lake Mead Marina on southwest arm of lake
Take a short boat cruise across Boulder Basin to watch sunset on the lake and surrounding sandstone cliffs
Stay at transient dock at Lake Mead Marina

Tuesday, September 27 – Lake Mead National Recreation Area, NV

Breakfast at the marina Boathouse Restaurant
Food shop at Vons in Boulder City
24-mile (RT) boat cruise to Indian Canyon Cove to spend afternoon
Stay at transient dock at Lake Mead Marina

Wednesday, September 28 – Lake Mead National Recreation Area, NV

Run 5.6 miles up to Visitor Center and back
23-mile boat cruise from the marina, through the Narrows to the entrance to Virgin Basin, and back to Sidewinder Cove
Camp overnight in Sidewinder Canyon

Thursday, September 29 – Lake Mead National Recreation Area, NV

19-mile boat cruise from Sidewinder Cove out through Narrows and north on Overton Arm to Cathedral Cove
Spend the morning and early afternoon anchored in Cathedral Cove
36-mile boat cruise back through the Narrows and Boulder Basin to the marina
Stay at transient dock at Lake Mead Marina

Friday, September 30 – Lake Mead to Barstow, CA (133 miles; 2 hours)

Prepare and store the boat in the Boulder City Boat Storage facility
Drive 2 hours to Barstow, California
Stay at a Super 8 in Barstow
Walk to dinner at Jenny's Grill

Saturday, October 1 – Barstow, CA to Home (460 miles; 8 hours)

Total Trip Mileage: 3,360 miles
Average Miles per Day: 168 miles per day