

## Part Four: Hollywood and the Trip Home

One day we headed for Hollywood and I have to say it was one of my favorite stops on this trip. I love the creative energy of Toronto Canada and Hollywood felt much like that to me. We didn't run into anyone famous unless you want to count Sponge Bob as a famous person and that was ok, it felt like we were surrounded by famous people.



We drove through the famous intersection of Sunset and Vine.

We took a drive down Rodeo Drive and there

wasn't a single shop in site. There were however many beautiful homes like this one.



This house appears to be made of marble. It is really beautiful. I wondered who lived there.

Can you imagine living in a place like this?



The plant life was foreign enough that it created a feeling of being in a fantasy land that seemed almost not quite real.



Two famous Hollywood Clubs, the Rainbow and the Roxy stand side by side.

I had to go to Hollywood before I saw a sign deliberately placed upside down; one of those – only in Hollywood – things to ponder.



I had to go to Hollywood

The offices of National Lampoon, I hadn't realized they were enough of an institution to have an office. LOL



It was really thrilling to see the Hollywood sign with my own eyes. I wish I could have seen it up close however I do plan to go back and spend some

more time there in the future. It was a fascinating place.



Here is the Capital Records building; we made sure we got a shot of it for Wayne cuz he really likes that kind of stuff. (Photo by [Tracy Yott](#))



This is John; he cleans the stars on the walk of fame, at least some of them. With the thousands of stars on the side walks of Hollywood today I would think there are more than just John cleaning them.

There were too many thousands of stars to take pictures of them all and I got too many pictures of stars to offer them all here so I picked a couple that I thought everyone would know. Crosby, Stills and Nash were honored with this star

on the walk of fame.

I was delighted to see that Dr. Seuss also had a star on the walk of fame.



There was so much to see and do through this whole trip that I can't put everything in this article or it would take days to read.

We dropped in at Tracy's friend Crissy's house. Doesn't she have lovely eyes? The night following this visit Crissy provided us with a lovely home cooked meal. That meal was appreciated beyond words to express and it was lovely to sit down in a family atmosphere to enjoy.



One of the most thrilling parts of the whole trip was the [Joshua Trees](#). I have been fascinated by them since seeing them for the first time on the U2 album [The Joshua Tree](#). Seeing these majestic trees up close and personal was a real treat.



Of course we had to do a round of pictures with each of us and this giant Joshua tree. It seemed like a giant since most of those we saw were quite small. This is Doni and me posing with the tree.



And then it was Tracy and Doni's turn.

During our journey home we made a detour and stopped at the Mid Point of



Route 66. (Photo by [Tracy Yott](#))



can stop and eat at there because their fixed.

The lady who runs it minutes and gave



There is a café there that tourists but it was closed when we got roof had caved in and it was being

came out and talked to us for a few us Route 66 bumper stickers that



they usually give to their customers. It was nice of her to give them to us even though we couldn't eat there.

[Doni](#) and I are meeting in the middle. (Photo by [Tracy Yott](#))

And  
to  
us to



yet another meeting at the Mid Point of Route 66, a historical route that many people I have known have traveled end end on their motorcycles.

Another detour on our way home took ['The Big Texan Steak Ranch'](#). We've all heard about the free 72 oz steak deal. I never understood until I saw for myself, just how much eating it would take to get that sucker for free. The deal is, if you finish it, it is free.

That's a lot of steak!! Oh and if you can't finish it, it's a \$72 dollar dinner. (Photo by [Tracy Yott](#))



After that, we went back to the colder end of the continent. We stopped in for another rest at Sheri's on the way home, got stuck in a snow storm and drove 22 hours straight. LOL You get the idea, and I don't have pictures of any of that to show you.

Road trips are fun and they can be hard on the body. I learned a great deal about myself on this trip and most importantly I learned that I have way more endurance than I had ever thought I did.

When I left I was sick. Somewhere along the way I got better though I don't really know when that was.

I didn't sleep much while I was gone and for the most part, didn't eat very well either. Thankfully Tracy had some great friends along the way that provided us with a few home cooked meals. They definitely provided some much needed nourishment.

I saw many beautiful places, faces and things. I discovered new insights about how people live and witnessed the changing landscape as we traveled across the country. I thank my dear friends [Tracy Yott](#) and [Donyale \(Doni\) Mandery](#) every day for allowing me to share that journey with them; it was a very special experience for me.

In Gratitude

[Kat McCarthy](#)

[Email Kat](#)

**Wayne's 2 cents:**

This was a trip that was just made for Kat.

I remember at one point before the trip was planned, Kat had said to me, "Wayne, I want to go to Sedona" As you can all see by the comments and photos, she did make it but the astounding part was that with that intention set it took only 18 hours to manifest. Later that same evening after being at the Bob Seger concert Kat was talking to friends Tracy and Doni, they had invited her on the road trip. Of course Kat said yes, and then was asked if there was any place she would like to stop at along the way to which she said, 'Sedona.' They all agreed and the Sedona route was set. How cool is that????

One of the greatest things that came out of this trip for me was learning of Kat's passion for photography. Not only did she get some amazing shots for this magazine but another project spawned from the ten thousand plus photos, [Law of Attraction Energy Cards](#).

You inspire me in all you do Kat....

I am so pleased and energized that you shared the passions of the trip here and I know that you will have many other stories from that road trip that you will be sharing in future issues.

Peace and Love

[Wayne Parker](#)

[Email Wayne](#)