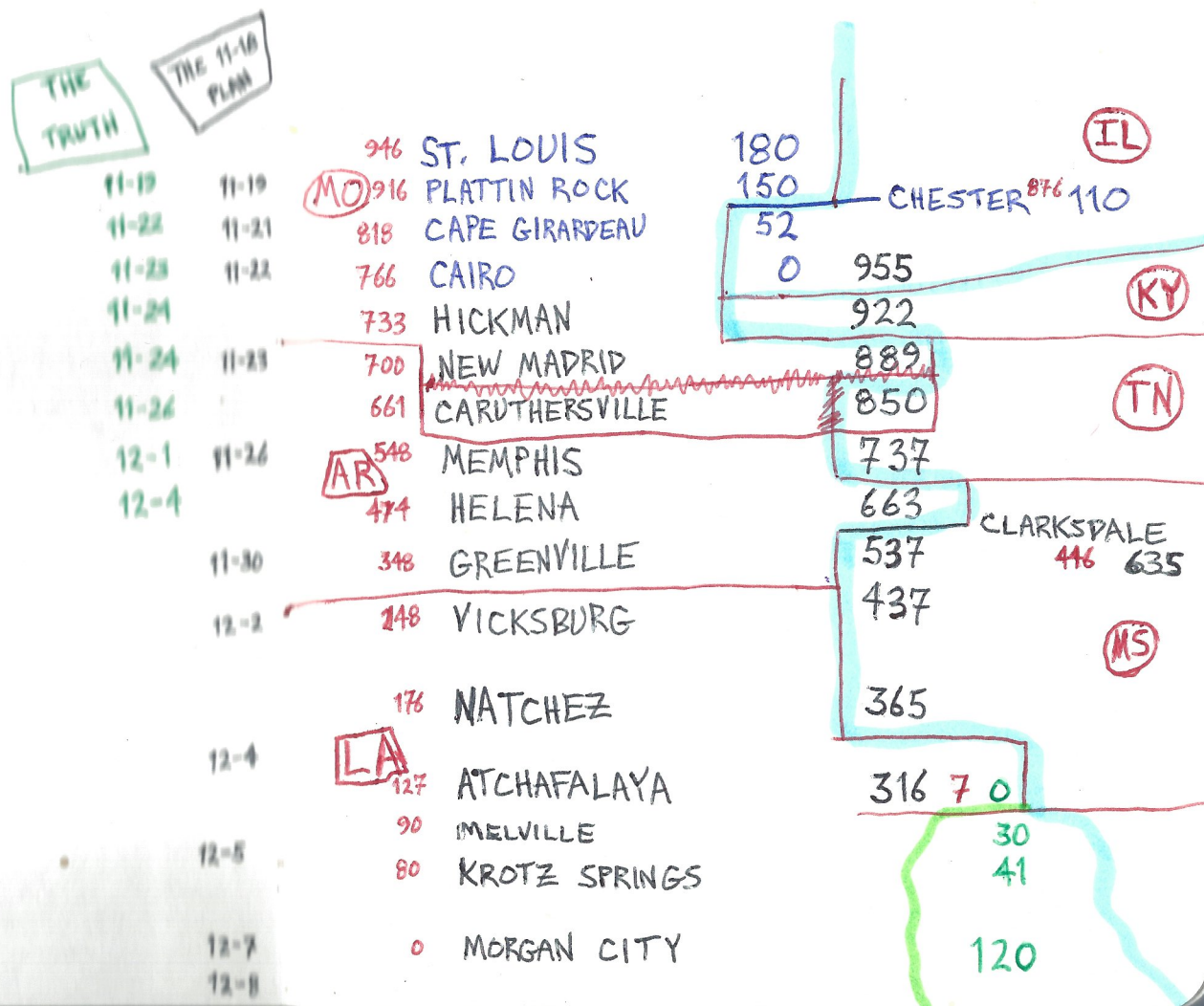


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DECEMBER 7 - GREENVILLE, MISS
 348 MILES TO THE GULF



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11-6-15 GLASGOW MO

22:20 Nice town, nice night, nice camp...

Great weather today, kinda boring barge-channel paddle...

But my longest mileage day...

67 miles in $10\frac{3}{4}$ hours--- with the dwindling daylight, this is hard to do.

I got up at 5:30, got off at 6:50, Miami at 11:30, Glasgow at 17:35.

Paddled pretty hard all the hours. Tired. Tent in the park by the ramp.

(Not the official campground.) Into town at 19:00 - grocery, Beckett's,

Fish Beak. Wanna get to Cooper's landing tomorrow - 56 miles.

Kindness of strangers: Funny kids at Charlie's grocery just before closing time; bike guy from Clinton? - who bought my 2nd #1.75 Shock Top; trio who quizzed me, gave me a ride back to camp, then the guy brought me \$40 at 7:30 am next morning.

11-7-15 COOPER LANDING

As I noted, the day started with glorious clear weather... and \$40! I was able to go right down the steep bank to the sandy shore, avoiding the hike back to the boat ramp. Off at 8:00. Slightly shorter day than yesty - 11 miles less, so I stayed in bag an hour longer.

Steady paddle all day. Arms fatigued from yesty. Another superb clear day, not much wind, much of it from NW --- tail. Still, no time to dally.

Stopped at Franklin Island ramp just before 13:00. Nice gravel lot/road.

No water, no toilet. Old guy bringing in his boat, talked of "Steward" out at 13:06. Past Kattfish Katy on the left about 15:35. Past Lupus. Ak

Canoeists following. As I rounded the bend to Cooper's - 2 boats.

A paddle-wheeler full of peeps yelled, "FIREBALL!" Lots of folks at Cooper's. Guitar-guy playing, kids, Fire. A bigger thing than I've

seen on the river in months. They thought a huge ex-military hydrofoil was gonna come downriver from the Grand River.

Robin K texted me that. But it didn't. It may pass me later.

So I hung with Steve Schnarr and the other locals for 5 hours...

Beer, Fire, paddle-wheel... chicken dinner, Guitar guy quit not long after I arrived. "I can't feel my fingers." Into my tent at 10:30-ish.

Chilly, but snug in the bag.

✓ Big Muddy Mike (314) 610-4241

✓ Patrick Furtaw (314) 540-1434

Allen Palmer (541) 497-0869

John Ruskey and Rivergator (662) 902-7841

✓ Spirit Hill, Hermann (314) 280-9944

11-8-15 JEFFERSON CITY

9:00 Short day to Jeff City, so a lazy morning.
Chilly - but super-cozy at Cooper's. Coffee, campfire, breakfast.
Frost-writing, paddle-signing, fog on the river.

LATE Uneventful. Had trouble getting out of Cooper's...
Suzanne, Janet Moreland, Old Miranda...
off at 11:24. Hurried. Then realized it was 4 miles
closer than I thought. So I got in early → 15:30,
Joe Wilson is great. Budget Inn. Almost finished YASR
cover collage. Got a huge 2K bill from 10th planet.

Left headlamp at Cooper's?

11-9-15 SPIRIT HILL B & B HERMANN, MO

22:51 Luxury accommodation in a great hilltop location.
But the wifi doesn't work and I had to spend hours with
Gary, Marsha, Jim, and Ruth. I'm exhausted...

Joe got me off at 9am this morn.
Coffee, biscuits, ...

Headlamp?

11-10-15 WASHINGTON, MO RIVERSIDE PARK

22:00 Yeah. Look at this page. The river is so boring, and my days
aren't leaving me energetic enough to write anything...
I was especially grumpy this morning after HERMANN sucked out
18 hours with no rest or wifi. Got off at 11:00. Arrived New Haven
at 13:45. Pizza dude - Lancito. Water at 14:55. Washington 17:00.
Really warm tonight. In my tent at this park. Total CAR SHOW!
Kids in the parking lot. Crazy weather forecast for tomorrow.

68 miles to the MISSISSIPPI
Headlamp in sleeping bag! Broke my watch...

MO Postcards

11-11-15 ST. CHARLES

It's after midnight, I'd like to be asleep but I'm not. I got to this cushy hotel at 17:00. Didn't get much done for the next 5 hours... unpacked all my stuff, showered, walked to TRAILHEAD brewery for dinner... Was tired when I got back to the room, but I had to deal with Bruce's "Time" monologue --- so I did some rough harmonica (pitch-shifted G→F#) and sent the file off to Lipton. That took time. I wanna sleep, I wanna get on the river early. Oh, Life.

Great night in Washington last night. Warm, great sleep. Warm morning. Got coffee and breakfast about 7:30. Back and packing at 8:00. Old guy bugging me the whole time, slowed me a little. Off at 9:30. 3 hours to Weldon Springs ramp. Short rest. Dumb boaters waking me then chatting me up. Onward to the CLOSED ramp by the L&C boat ~~house~~ house! In at 16:00. Just starting to rain. All day I looked over my shoulder, waiting for the storm. In the end, most of the storm went north of me. A little tailwind, a little rain.

11-12-15 Edwardsville, IL ~ on the Mississippi!

Always hard to leave the cozy room... but I got up, got the free breakfast, got on the water about 9:45. Pricey stop here. Tailwind/Crosswind from the west. Splashed me a bit, but pushed me along - all the way to the Columbia Bottoms ramp RM 3.5. About 25 miles in under 4 hours. I expected the wind would suck once I turned onto the Mississippi flowing southwest. Arrived at the confluence about 2:00pm, got out briefly at the point. Then the 5 choppy windy miles to Chain of Rocks - annoyingly wet, wavy, windy. Got there wet and chilled at 15:45. Not a great day to continue to the arch.

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WEEKEND
IN
WESTERN ILLINOIS

MISSISSIPPI BOOKS:

Life on the Mississippi
Mighty
The Road of Souls

ordered: Minn of the Mississippi

SENT TO LA PALOMA:

Undaunted Courage (except the trashed last bit)
Complete Paddler (except the last bit)

So I walked to the parking lot above the Chain of Rocks. Two playboat dudes were there drinking beer. Gave me one and told me about the rapids. Muddy Mike showed up, also with beer. Took me and my stuff to the canoe haus. Neal drove over from Edwardsville and got me, HOT SHOTZ for dinner with free toasted raviolis. And more beer. Finally back to Neal's place... with beer. I tried to watch TV, and do errands, but fell asleep.

11-13-15 EDWARDSVILLE! - Neal's, part II

Nice slow day. Nice comfy room. Slept in while Neal went early to his anaesthetist work. Watched TV and did some chores → drying papers and clothes, checking maps of the Missouri, prepping maps of the Mississippi, YASR stuff. Hupp came back from Africa. Dinner at Wiggley's. Neal back from work. ASH vs EVIL DEAD.

11-14-15 EDWARDSVILLE - ~~Lauren's~~ Loren's

Errands with Hupp:

Post Office

UPS printing

Lunch at the Pickle

boots/gloves at Rural King

groceries at _____

bookstore for Economist, Life on the Mississippi

Friar Tuck's for Becherovka

Gilligan's with Ryan, Kasey, Hudson, Tom, Jillayne

~~Ryan~~ Lauren House

Hupp went to pick up Sally at the airport

\$ etc.

Topics for discussion:

Christmas
Chris Knight
Big Muddy Mike
World Leaders
State Leaders

Downriver contacts:

Dale Sanders MEMPHIS
(901) 628-8686

John Ruskey HELENA
(662) 902-7841

11-15-15 NFL Sunday
Chicago vs. St. Louis <sup>(Ryan, Tim, Kasey,
Mason, Hudson, Tom,
Jillayne)</sup>
+TIM
Krispy Kreme
Ryan's for Beer and Pizza
Back to Lauren's
Didn't go
due to NFL
(great weather)
(game in a dome)

11-16-15 Rained out in the morning - also
Tour de St. Louis
Lola Wota for Jambalaya lunch
Visiting Hupp's rehab house
Rainy walk in Cahokia
Laundry at Lauren's
Didn't go
due to wind
and rain

11-17-15 Rainy day in St. Lou
Maps, YASR-DONE!, sitting watching tube. Didn't go
Still no word from 10th planet. WTF. due to
Lipton's got the tracks. wind and
rain

11-18-15 ST. LIMBO

9:00 We'd set this time as our departure target for this morning. But I'm not departing... I'm down in the easy chair, watching the wind out the window. I've basically committed to another day off the river. That's 3-4 days off that I wasn't counting on. Making for a total of ONE WEEK IN ST. LOUIS! Six days and 7 nights, I guess. I could be 6 days down the river. I could be in Memphis... or at least getting close. Shucks.

GEAR LIST

By the time I hit the Mississippi

I'm left with 20 days until December 8. IF I leave here tomorrow. Big Muddy Mike called it a "ballsy" 20-day run to the gulf. 952 miles, by my roundabout map work. 830 to the Atchafalaya. So I mean to average 50 miles per day, no days off, pushing thru towns, pushing thru any weather. Sweet.

11-19-15 CRYSTAL CITY, MO

19:00 Back on the river! Kinda. But not back in the tent. Paddled the 40 miles from Chain of Rocks to Platin Rock Boat Club where Patrick Furtaw had prepped the place for me... I get to stay inside with electricity and fireplace. No water, but that's fine.

22:00 Furtaw prepared a fine meal of steak, potatoes, bread, wine. We sat at the upper (nicer) clubhouse for dinner. Chatted. Then he came down to the lower clubhouse where I'm staying and kept me from fireball stuff. I need to get to sleep... So I can get on with it tomorrow morning.

FORECAST: low tonight 30°, possible snow Saturday, very windy Saturday

Up at 7:00 this AM, donuts and coffee, Hupp drove me to CoR. Chilly wind. Funny Chinese couple. NO KAYAK SEAT! Damn. THE WATER IS UP! Chain of Rocks is drowned.

No sandbars, big current, trees in the river - peaking tomorrow. Sucky waves below CoR, then easy to ARCH, then wet wavy barges. Gauntlet not too bad, but I got wet. Then onward to here. Forecast was tailwind, reality was cross/headwind.

FIRE

CHAD PREGRACKE
From the Bottom

11-20-15 A NICE SANDBAR

21:11 A pretty good day ~ though I've been dreading TOMORROW due to the forecast. As I sit in my tent, the wind seems to be picking up. It's s'posed to be windy tomorrow and very likely rain. It seems I'm south enough that snow is 0% likely. Afternoon big winds are forecast as tailwind... yeah that's what they said yesterday. Headwind yesterday, headwind today.

Warm fireplace morning. Slow to get back to the boat ramp. Off at 8:50... left phone on dock... off at 9:00. Wind, waves, wet. St. Genevieve at 13:00. Plenty of barges. Massive superbarges. Chester Bridge at ~~16:30~~ 15:30. Wanted to get 10 more miles, but high water means fewer sandbars, so I took the nice high place I came to at 16:30. Water's still rising (they say), but I'm 10 feet up, I think.

New plan: **FIRE!** I quickly set up tent and started a fire - the fire will warm me up and dry my wet clothes. It was great this evening. Clearish sky - I stayed out at the fire till 20:00. THEN, I sewed a back strap on my skirt. Early to bed!

11-21-15 SAME NICE SANDBAR

19:25 In many ways, this has been a great day on the river... But I didn't go down the river at all, which is a bummer for trying to get to the gulf by December 10. It almost makes it impossible, allowing no further days off for 19 days and 870 miles. And I'd really like to get to the gulf... but I only wanna torture myself so much, I guess. And today was a great day to just sit on the shore... And build a fire in the afternoon. Fire is good.

20:00 I can't tell if the ink in my pen is getting sluggish when I leave it out. Forecast is for 20° tonight. But no snow yet!

a list of angels

JIM

PEGGY

MOBRIDGE

FRANK at BOB'S

DAN C }

DAN G }

OMAHA

EMMA

CLINTON

ROBIN K.

STEVE

JANET

JOE

GARY & MARSHA & JIM

LANCITO

HUPP, ET AL

BIG MUDDY MIKE

PATRICK FURTAU

DADDY LONGLEGS WANT IN FROM THE RAIN

It was drizzling before I woke up, early (cuz I went to bed early), and it kept drizzling till noon. By then the northwind was really kicking up. All according to forecast. Then daddy longlegs sure like getting on the tent under the fly. At least ten, maybe thirty. They left after the rain

AFTER THE FLOOD
AFTER THE GOLD RUSH
AFTER THE WAR

SLOW BARGE COMING

Fun to watch the barges at night. Tho I hate 'em when I'm paddling. So so slow, especially upriver. A couple came by today going downriver with 30-40 mph tailwinds. I stayed ashore.

TRUE STORY

I got in the tent at 20:00 last night. Woke at 6:00. Roused myself before 8:00. But it drizzled till noon, so I didn't leave the tent. Watched another horrible episode of Blood & Oil. Then TRUE STORY with Jonah Hill and James Franco. Story of Michael Finkel and Christian Longo. Just saw the end of "127 hours" in St. Louis...

VIVID MIDDAY DREAM

Taking off after the rain was possible, but I didn't want to deal with the wind. Took a nap from 13:00 to 15:00. Awesome dream where I was in NM with the fam... then realized I was on the river so I must be dreaming. Tried to influence

LIFE ON THE MISSISSIPPI STEAMBOATS → BARGES

Started reading Twain. Standing by the fire. Steamboats → Barges.

DRINK THE RAIN

I shoulda asked Patrick in Crystal Springs to get me water. Then I didn't stop anywhere yesterday. So I'll be 4 days with no water refill. Late in the rain, I thought of catching some... but I had no good plan—then noticed the drip from the front of my tent fly. Dug out sand for my cup. Caught $1\frac{1}{2}$ –2 liters. Unfortunately had to constantly empty cup to pot to bottle.

MOONSHADOW

Was about half-moon a couple days ago. Bright and clear both nights here. Yup. Totally clear tonight. Hence the 20° forecast. So the day went: RAIN, WIND, CLEAR & COLD.

I'll to the tent soon, but proly deep into the bag immediately. Warm by the fire, but not elsewhere. Sposed to be clear and cold tomorrow.

11-22-15 ILLINOIS SANDBAR ~ near GALE

20:42 What a wonderful day on the river. Cold night last... slows the morning routine... and makes me linger in the sack. But I slept warm—balaclava, T, fleece, puffy, long johns, fleece PJs, wool socks—and got up a little after 6:30. Off just after 8:30. Wearing chicken boots, wool socks, GORETEX pants, long johns, T, fleece, windshell, black gloves over red gloves, green thing, ASC hat. Placid, beautiful.

Only a couple barges, and they going slow minimal wake. DEVIL'S BACKBONE! By Grand Tower, IL. Great camp-ground with hookups, water, and showers—all functioning. Might coulda tried to get here yest... instead I arrived at noon. Onward to Cape Girardeau. No camping. Jerk barge. Quick look at cool downtown at sunset. Then moon paddle to here. Sandbar. Fire. Bed.

Crazy
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morning

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GUESS WOOT?

CHICKENBOOT!

Lost my red gloves.
Dammit.

11-23-15 TERRAFORMED SANDBAR

20:20 Another great day... warmer than yesterday, equally clear. No problematic waves... stayed dry. Lazy departure, up 6:30 but not off till 9:00. Paddled all the way to the Ohio confluence, arriving just before 16:00. Got out for photos. Nice looking place, but no water or toilets just a weird locked building. Back on the water for just over an hour to get to this campsite. Almost full moon.

11-24-15 RBD HUGE BEACH SANDBAR ~ about 6 mi to New ^{Madrid}

21:00 Another great day. Another Amazing Night. Another night with a big bright moon, tempting me to do some night paddling. But I thought clouds were gonna obscure it... they didn't. I also want a good look at New Madrid, and I didn't wanna hit town after dark. I need the miles, though. The last 3 days have been awesome for paddling, but worse weather is coming soon.

I'm writing by my warm fire. The night is warm, too. Tomorrow night's supposed to be even warmer. Low of 48°! I got to this sandbar just after 17:00. Took some time to haul gear all the way across the huge beach. Then I took my sweet time prepping a tent spot, drying the tent, cooking, eating, erecting the tent, making a fire. Many barges passed. But none have passed for an hour or so. Coyote to the northeast. ~~The~~ The glow of New Madrid to the west, beyond the bend.

Up at 6:30, off at 8:00. Stopped at Hickman Ferry ramp for water - off by 13:00. KENTUCKY!

Hope to check New Madrid early, then 43 more miles to Caruthersville. Maybe do the night float. Maybe hit the casino. Maybe get rained on...

11-25-15 UPRIVER FROM CARUTHERSVILLE

FULL MOON FEVER!

21:00 A brilliant full moon. I floated till almost 6pm, $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours after sunset, well into the moonlight. Considered going another hour into Caruthersville. Prolly shoulda... dammit. A barge passed me in the dark as I glided down RBD. Then I got out my headlamp and found this AMAZING sandbar camp on an island. Really nice camp. Really tired and shoulders really hurten... tho' both items seem better now after a few ~~hours~~ off the water.

Got up just after 6:00, got off by 7:30. An hour paddle to New Madrid. Finally stopped at a Mississippi town... after skipping Chester, Cape Girardeau, Cairo, and Hickman. Pulled out by the observation deck - all decked out for Xmas! Walked down to a "deli" for breakfast and great local characters. ^{Mary} Pharmacy for batteries. Library for significant wifi and device charging. Wanted a $1\frac{1}{2}$ -hour stay in town, ended up taking 3... which is why I'm not in Caruthersville.

New Madrid was lovely. The paddle today was okay. Some headwind, some slow water, some annoying waves. That's four pretty good days in a row. But it can't last...

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving. It's day 99 of this trip, 14 weeks. Weather might be good all day... maybe I should paddle it... But I'm gonna stop at the Casino Inn and give thanks. And prep for the last 2 weeks.

It's really warm tonight. 25° - 30° warmer than when the temps bottomed out Saturday night.

playlist
check out town
rivergator

~~VACATION~~

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	ROSEDALE	405	2877	MS
	GREENVILLE	348	2934	
	LOUISIANA BORDER	315	2967	
	VICKSBURG	248	3034	
	ST. JOSEPH	207	3075	
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11-26-15 THANKSGIVING IN CARUTHERSVILLE

23:00 I gotta sleep. Good restful day, "Slept" till 7:30. Slow waking. Off at 9:30. Into town and in a CASINO INN room by 11:00. Took a while to get my stuff from river to room. Walked around this part of town. Ate lunch at the casino restaurant. Some computer stuff. Tired. When will the rain come?

11-27-15 CARUTHERSVILLE, MO

10:00 Yes... when will the rain come?

The forecasts are toying with me. Still an hour till checkout time, no rain, a chance to get out of town dry, maybe all afternoon and into camp dry — but the forecasts say big rain imminent... and I just don't wanna deal with it today. So I got the room for another day. I'll likely have to shove off in rain tomorrow. Hopefully I'll feel more ready for a wet weekend. Not raring to go today... But without the glum forecast, I'd be up for departure.

20:00 Writing in blue cuz this pen finally bit it after all these 100 river days. Third and last time at OTIS & HENRY'S — the casino restaurant. It's steady raining now, but not too hard. By god, I hope I can drag myself out in the morning. Shoulda moved my boat higher... but NOAA doesn't expect rising water.

23:30 Gonna get to sleep. Who knows what tomorrow brings? 'd be nice to have more RIVERGATOR info on paper. Oh, well. I've got way more than I need.

Onward.

11-28-15 CARUTHERSVILLE

14:00 Saigon - shit, I'm still only in Saigon...

Thursday I came in for Thanksgiving. Yesterday I wanted more rest and had more stuff to get done - plus I was afraid of the coming rain. I coulda gone all the way to Memphis with little or no rain. Then I'd be sitting out all the precip 110 miles downriver. Shucks. Having given up hope of getting gully, I can't find much motivation to leave a nice TV wifi room for 3 days of rain on the water and in a tent. So, even though I woke well-rested, I thought for a couple hours about packing, hauling, and shoving off... and then opted for another hotel night → not getting any further downriver. I will get a few more things done, rest more, prep well... and try to bust out tomorrow into what'll prolly be just as rainy as today... but one less day till the rain stops.

So one more meal at OTIS & HENRY's. College football.

Go check the boat now.

22:00 Got a pizza delivered from the place on Ward.

Done prepping. Gonna sleep. Watch Fargo. Rain forecast already looking better for tomorrow - downright good for Monday on.

11-29-15 ANOTHER ISLAND SONG

19:30 In my tent, in the rain, on an island, once again.

Got 1989 playing on the iPod in the top tent pocket. 'Twas only about a week ago that I started utilizing the iPod w/o headphones. I'm surprised I got out of that cozy Caruthersville room this morn. It wasn't raining much, but it wasn't looking good... and I thought about sitting out another day and watching NFL games. But I got all my stuff to the boat in 2 trips by 8AM. Off at 8:40.

Foggy. Gloomy. But no real rain for 4 hours. Ever-so-slight wind from somewhere to the north. Then a couple hours rain. Then it stopped, and I was psyched. But it picked up real good right before I got off the water at 16:20. So I've got wet stuff. Funny chut at RBD820. Ferry? NOAA forecast for tomorrow isn't great. Rain seems to have almost stopped now at 20:00.

THE KOOKY CANUCK

YONGE STREET

ORPHEUS & EURYDICE

SUFJAN
FOO

11-30-15 20 MILES TO MEMPHIS

19:40 Rain stopped last night - I got out of the tent at 1AM to ✓
the rising river level - it was nice out. I was able to pack up with
no rain this morning. Off at 8:30. It didn't rain for 1½ hours,
but it was foggy. Then alternating fog/rain and cloudy for a while.
By the 3rd big rain, I decided to quit for the day. 40 miles.
Off the river at a nice sandbar at 15:00. Fog and rain immediately
disappeared. So, with no rain, it was OK out. I set up the tent,
hauled water, and spent 1½ hours getting a fire going with soaked
wood. Cooked, hauled the boat UP, then got in the tent. It's warm.
I've got a lot of wet stuff. Couldn't get the fire going enough
to really dry stuff. Big wide river now. Kinda boring.

Into Memphis Yacht Club tomorrow. Maybe a night in Memphis.
8 MORE PADDLING DAYS

12-1-15 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE!

God, it's December!

Really nice morning ~ which, after the past 4 days, just means
it's not foggy rainy. It's still cloudy, but dry and calm. I wake
before 6:30, do the

Tyler
Tyler

e2 chad
✓ mulvey, et al.
HARM
miranda - NY!
marina - pen
LA Flight, LA car
marathons
✓ FBK auto
cancel Xmas auto

EXIT STRATEGY ~

influenced by ... laziness

- ... desire to get to Vicksburg
- ... desire to spend another day in Memphis
- ... apparent coolness of Lake Providence
- ... limited cities, motels, WIFI joints

COUPLED with my need to immediately get
audio tracks DL'd from lipton/peerless

737 MEMPHIS - departing 10AM December 3

661 HELENA - 49 BRIDGE - Isle of Capri Casino
641 Upper Island 63 - Ourpaw Chote

594 ROSEDALE - 2 miles to library, closed SAT-SUN

537 GREENVILLE
531 82 Bridge - Harlow's Casino ~ 1 mi
access?

487 LAKE PROVIDENCE
469 Cottonwood Boat Ramp
457 Madison Parish Port and Public Boat
437 VICKSBURG Launch

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BOY, YOU GOT A PRAYER IN MEMPHIS.

12-2-15

MEMPHIS PC ROUNDUP + blackbook check

- ferenbaugh x3
- virginia rellies
- ✓ bekka jean
- ✓ kathy marie
- ✓ eq m
- ✓ kk
- ✓ brookes
- ✓ lipton
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- ✓ heavner

20:00 RUM BOOGIE CAFE ON BEALE

I came down this way the past two days, but not last night when the music is going and the place is lively. Nicely, while I wandered the downtown area---no camera... I may or may not get out early tomorrow to get photos with the ELVIS statue, And then I may or may not get off early enough to get most of the way to Helena. These damn final days. Enough of that.

I'm drinking some RUM DOODLE BOOGIE cocktail, waiting on red beans & rice and okra. Some blues band played a set already...

I addressed 27 post cards.

12+3=15 TUNICA HOTEL/FITZGERALD CASINO

21:00 It's a tour de casino from Memphis to Vicksburg.

I just couldn't help myself from stopping at this one — #34 for a room... Not that I needed a room... great weather, great night for camping... and I coulda gone 10-15 more miles before dark. I ended up pulling my kayak ^{out} RIGHT over the levee from the casino. It's over there in the dark. Not a nice pullout spot. Almost certainly won't be seen before I take off tomorrow. It's not locked, though. And the joke's on me → internet not included in the #34 room. So I paid \$30 more for slow-ass internet and a buffet dinner. Left most stuff in the boat. One load. Nice. Uninteresting good-weather paddle today. Off at 18:20. In about 13:50, GOLDEN STRIKE CASINO - NOT the tallest building in Mississippi.

So... HELENA casino tomorrow. Onward if the tracks are done from Peerless in Boston. Otherwise... waiting all night for the tracks.

FIVE MORE PADDLE DAYS

i seem to have
lost my iPod
in the Tunica
double-disembark.

12-4-15 ISLE OF CAPRI CASINO

21:30 Another night on the tour de casino.

Four more paddling days.

Three more river nights

This night's disappointing — I got off the river 3 hours before sundown on a clear-weather day. Coulda paddled 3-4 hours. Who knows how many miles? 20-30... possibly even more. Water is high, current is fast. But I stopped in Helena/Lula hoping I'd get mastered tracks from Peerless... but I didn't... so it was wasted daylight. Fuck. It makes me tired...

Another boring (but nice weather) paddle. Out of casino early. Not much stuff with me. One trip. Riprap takeoff. Water had come up a bit. Off before 9:00. Big river couple barges

Helena Harbor. Main Street. Southbound Pizza. Funny Guy. Quupaw. My kayak by the west "ramp".

Paddled across the river to the casino. "Hid" the boat. Brought even less in — no tent bag. Resting. Funny room with connecting door and LOUD old black folks on the other side.

227 miles to Vicksburg. Good forecast.

12-5-15 ISLAND 70

19118 Such great weather. Not too many annoying barges.
Great day on the river.

I had the thick shades closed in my room, so no morning light. So I slept till almost 7:30! Then as I left the casino, I stopped for a huge breakfast at OTIS & HENRY'S. So I didn't get off till 9:15. Frost and ice on the kayak. Casual paddle at 4 mph. So I made 56 miles in 8 hours. Sunset at about 17:00.

I pulled over just after sunset on LBD... I think I'm between Island 70 and "Henrico's Sandbar" ~ according to Rivergator.

Passed an upriver passenger steamboat today - the AMERICAN QUEEN maybe. Also took a nice long back chute while a couple barges passed going downriver. Fantastic clear starry night. Awesome HTGH sandbar camp.

The logistics of WIFI and Peerless are bugging me out. Nothing to be done, though. 70 miles to Greenville.

12-6-15 LBD 549

20100 As I pulled up to this sandbar at 16:30, I filmed a raccoon hanging out on shore. He didn't notice me. I stopped before sunset cuz this sandbar seemed so nice... I figure I gotta stop in Greenville tomorrow anyway. This will be my last night in the tent if I motel it up in Greenville. And it's a great night, great sandbar... Loud barges. Bright stars. Sweet tent.

Couldn't make myself get up at 5:00. Too cold and dark. Got up at 6:30. Coffee. Nearby gunshots and voices. Off at 8:00. Steady paddle for 8½ hours. Really nice times on the Mississippi. And the forecast just gets nicer for the next week.

MOBILE

VINYL

LUCIUS Vanini

Felt the need to write it
this way

12-7-15 GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

17:00 I think this is the end...

SOUTHERN NIGHTS
BAR & GRILL

I could paddle tomorrow ~ maybe get all the way to Louisiana, the 3000-mile mark, Lake Providence... But my ride's here (or will be soon) and I'm ready to move on.

I got into town just before noon—after almost 2 hours to paddle back up the Greenville Harbor. Saw 3 kayakers leaving the harbor—going Clarksdale to MOBILE? Gotta look up the water route to MOBILE. Got to the HUGE boatramp—and the American Queen was next to the north end—3rd time I've seen it. [It passed by camp yester evening.] [Heading here.] So I scoped the waterfront, moved the yak down past the ramp almost to the casino, and began shuttling stuff over the levee to the RODEWAY INN. Three trips to get everything but the boat. When I went back to get it—it was gone. I was stunned. Then I saw it floating toward the QUEEN not far away. Not much current; maybe just the wind. I had to swim for it. All of 40 feet, maybe. Black kids at the overlook. Very suspicious. I carried it to the inn, took a shower, was feeling pretty great... THEN, as I prepped to go wander downtown front street for a bite, I couldn't find my camera OR my last 4-color pen. My great feelings evaporated. A pretty good search revealed no camera. Suddenly I wondered if I lost it in the kayak swim. I probably had it with me. Maybe. I stripped quick and emptied my pockets when I swam. I carefully got my wallet and keycard after... but no memory of the camera? Did I have it? Did I leave it? I just walked back to the swim point, hours later—didn't see it. Now I'm at the SOUTHERN NIGHTS Bar and GRILL for burgers and beer. Grumpy and wondering about the camera.

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Brookfield, Missouri

ALL vids

tambo - fer busking, too
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YASR chordsheet
NYA chordsheet

12-8-15 HENRYETTA, OK

no thanks to
RODEWAY INN
internet

First day off the river - Got tracks from Peerless...
Took all day to fix the "Chemical Boy" ending. Will the cds be at the show in 11 days? Questionable.

Amazingly, Maria was working on the stuff after 1AM.

We drove over the 82 bridge. I got MS and AR maps at WELCOME CENTERS on both sides of the river. Highway 65 up to Little Rock. Then I40 outta Arkansas and into Oklahoma.

Transitioning from river gear to travel kit.

SUPER 8, ~~THE HUNGRY TRAVELER~~, COWBOY COUNTRY BUFFET

LATE NIGHT~

Changed my Christmas DAY flight to SEATTLE meeting Benway.
Cost more to change than the convertible in LA. But whatever...
Busking with Benway!

Also checked some ATP positions

12-9-15 SANTA ROSA, NM

Flatlands

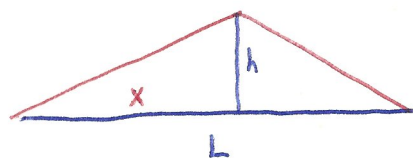
ACROSS OKLAHOMA AND NORTHERN TEXAS.

Day 2 of the road trip with mom and pop. Same continental breakfast. To Starbucks. Then I drove through OK city. Then dad drove through north Texas and Amarillo. Lunch at Wendy's for the 2nd day in a row. You did it, Gouda! Into the Santa Rosa SUPER 8. Some hills here. Never been to Santa Rosa... passed through once or twice.

In the car, via iPhone, I did the last bits of online stuff to get YASR into production. Should ship by the 14th. Should arrive FBX before the RANGERS on the 19th.

Dad got 2 rooms in Henryetta and Santa Rosa. Not quite sure why but I didn't argue. Prolly cuz I stay up late with the lights on. And the telly.

Combo plate at the semi-Mexican place next to SUPER 8.



Graph L' v. x
 Z v. x

$$h = 1$$

$$L = N$$

$$L'(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + h^2} + \sqrt{(L-x)^2 + h^2}$$

$$Z(x) = x^2 + h^2 + (L-x)^2 + h^2$$

$$= 2x^2 + 2h^2 + L^2 - 2Lx$$

$$\frac{dZ}{dx} = 4x - 2L = 0$$

$$x = \frac{L}{2}$$

$$\frac{dL'}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{2x}{\sqrt{x^2 + h^2}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{2x - 2L}{\sqrt{(L-x)^2 + h^2}} = 0$$

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$$L = 2x$$

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$$(x^2 + h^2)(L-x)^2 = x^2[(L-x)^2 + h^2]$$

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$$h^2 L^2 - 2h^2 Lx + h^2 x^2 = x^2 h^2$$

12-10-15 LOS ANGELES, CALI
 Got to bed early, rose before 6:30



12-11-15

AFTER THE RIVER

~~job search~~

loan search

\$ (wf, etc.)

~~xmas gifts~~

bardathon?

FST inventory

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Chuck
ALL - DOT
Handsome

Rangers

Songlist/Lyrics/Chords

Practice

Gear

Electric guitar/amp

Merch

Costume

Flyers

Web

River

organize photos/vids

type journals

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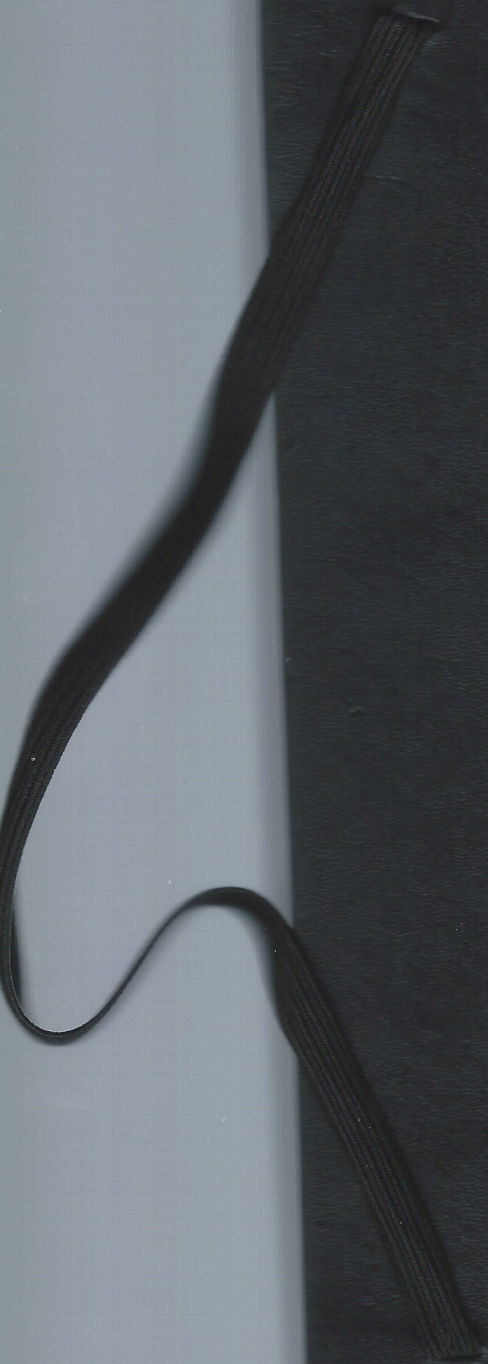
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