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The highlight for today will be traveling on the “loneliest road in America” Highway 50 through Nevada. We are talking about over 250 miles of nothing, but nothing. You don’t even see any dead animals that have been run over.

In spite of all the lonely descriptions, there is such a steady stream of traffic that it makes one think they are on a freeway!

One memorable event. We had not seen a town or a living soul for 50 miles, and when we crested a hill, there was a highway patrol car with the trooper giving a ticket! It was interesting to learn that for almost the entire way, that you are above 5 or 6 thousand feet. There are summits that are 7400 feet high. The old motorhome strained a lot.

The road goes thru Eureka NV, the home of the Homestake Gold mine and also passes the defunct Kennicott copper mine at Ely NV.

After staying the night in Ely, the intent is to continue on to the Great Basin National Park. We then will head for Capitol Reef National Park for a while before going on To Delores CO where we will join our group for a weeks camping on the Dolores River.

The picture is of the loneliest road sign they post on the highway.

