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## TOTO, WE'RE STILL IN KANSAS!

Eastern Colorado and most all of Kansas are the same. Flat ground, some with corn and stuff growing and some with nothing! I think the nothing people are getting government money to grow nothing.

We stayed the night in Seibert, CO. Population 127 It is apparent that these folks could care less about Obama or the state of the country or the world! They are very well insulated from the rest of the world. The photo shows downtown such as it is.



We proceeded into Kansas for more of the same, and stayed a couple nights in Russell, KS. The town had 750 souls, but when we checked out at a local grocery, the clerk asked us where we were from! She knew she had never seen us before.

I visited a small oil museum which stored the history of the oil industry in the area. There are still a handful of pumps working away on farmland. Some are owned by oil companies and some by the landowners.

In the history, when the landowners were offered a 1/8<sup>th</sup> percent of the well profits, they held out for 1/16<sup>th</sup> percent which was twice as much, they thought. The oil company gave them what they wanted and they signed away the mineral rights to their land!

The night in Russell was spent watching the local television station track thunder storm severe weather, with golf ball size hail. The storms were going east thru towns that were a few counties south of us. We didn't even get rain! Leaving Russell we headed for Kansas City. The land soon became rolling hill country. We skirted around the main city on the bypass and soon were in Missouri. We soon found a town named Peculiar, and decided it was too good a name not to camp here!

We have not been dry camping anywhere because the high heat and humidity requires electricity to run our AC, which lets us exist.

We expect to invade Branson for a few days.

Dave & Bonnie