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Road Trip Warriors: Trans-Americas Journey



About three years ago, my editor at the former glossy mag Shop, Etc., Karen Catchpole, told me about her plans to quit her job and hit the road. Her declaration was no whim; Catchpole and her partner/photographer Eric Mohl had big plans. They were determined to spend the next three years in

a Chevy Silverado and travel through North Central and South America. As a writer/photographer team, naturally they would document the expedition along the way in what they pegged the Trans-Americas Journey. Close to 100,000 miles later, Catchpole and Mohl are well on their way along the traveled road — and the updated accounts are fascinating. Anyone with any kind of escapist, adventure, or nomadic fantasies should drool over their insightful travelogues.

Any grand journey has its bumps and twists, but despite periodic setbacks, Catchpole and Mohl are still at it since they set off in April 2006. Their latest edition is a major bonus, an [Airstream Safari SE travel trailer](#), as they cover the Western US in their journey. This upgrade means a bathroom, a/c, TV and a radio for these wanderers — it's a whole new slightly more civilized way of life.

These travel-preneurs are resourceful, and have found support from [Amsoil](#), a synthetic oil company and Dell that have supplied them with a new laptop. If you're taking a road trip anytime soon, it's safe to say these two can offer some ingenious advice. Peruse their site where they detail the roadside view from Alaska to the Porcupine Mountains in Northern Michigan (once a site for a Warren wilderness vacation in the late 80s!). Where do they sleep? National parks, 96 to date, according their website.

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