



The Reel west newsletter

I was hoping for a nice sunny day, looked out the window, and took the picture below.



Oh well, it is another day of scenery anyways. I will take a photo like the one I took yesterday, anytime.

Today I start out with The Enchanted Circle. This Scenic Byway makes a loop through some of the top ski areas of New Mexico. I don't expect to find much open because of the snow, but the scenery should be beautiful. The brochure also mentions Big Horn Sheep and Elk. We shall see what we shall see.

Day 18
Monday
April 18th

Taos, NM
to
Alamosa, Colorado

Weather
High Temp: 44+
Low Temp: TBD
Conditions: Snow, rain, snow



Looks to me like the color of Colorado, is white.

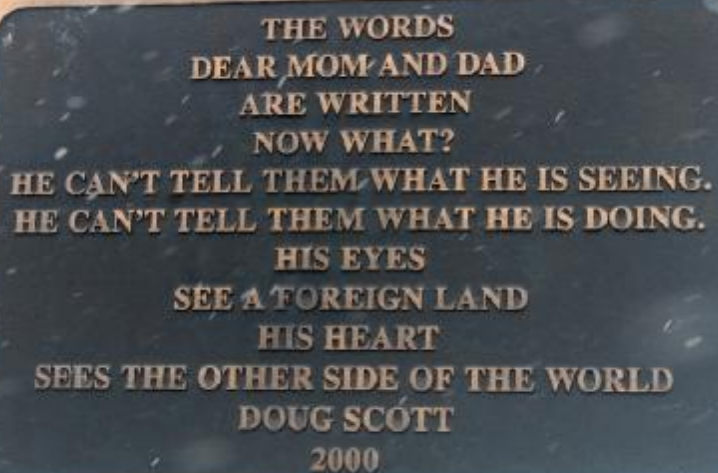


I will allow the photos left and below to relay their message. I did not take a photo of the chapel because it is white, and with the snow it did not really show-up.



A large, light-colored stone monument with a triangular shape, set in a snowy landscape. The text is engraved in a serif font.

VIETNAM VETERANS
MEMORIAL
STATE PARK

A dark, rectangular plaque with gold lettering, mounted on a post. The text is a poem about a soldier's perspective.

THE WORDS
DEAR MOM AND DAD
ARE WRITTEN
NOW WHAT?
HE CAN'T TELL THEM WHAT HE IS SEEING.
HE CAN'T TELL THEM WHAT HE IS DOING.
HIS EYES
SEE A FOREIGN LAND
HIS HEART
SEES THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD
DOUG SCOTT
2000



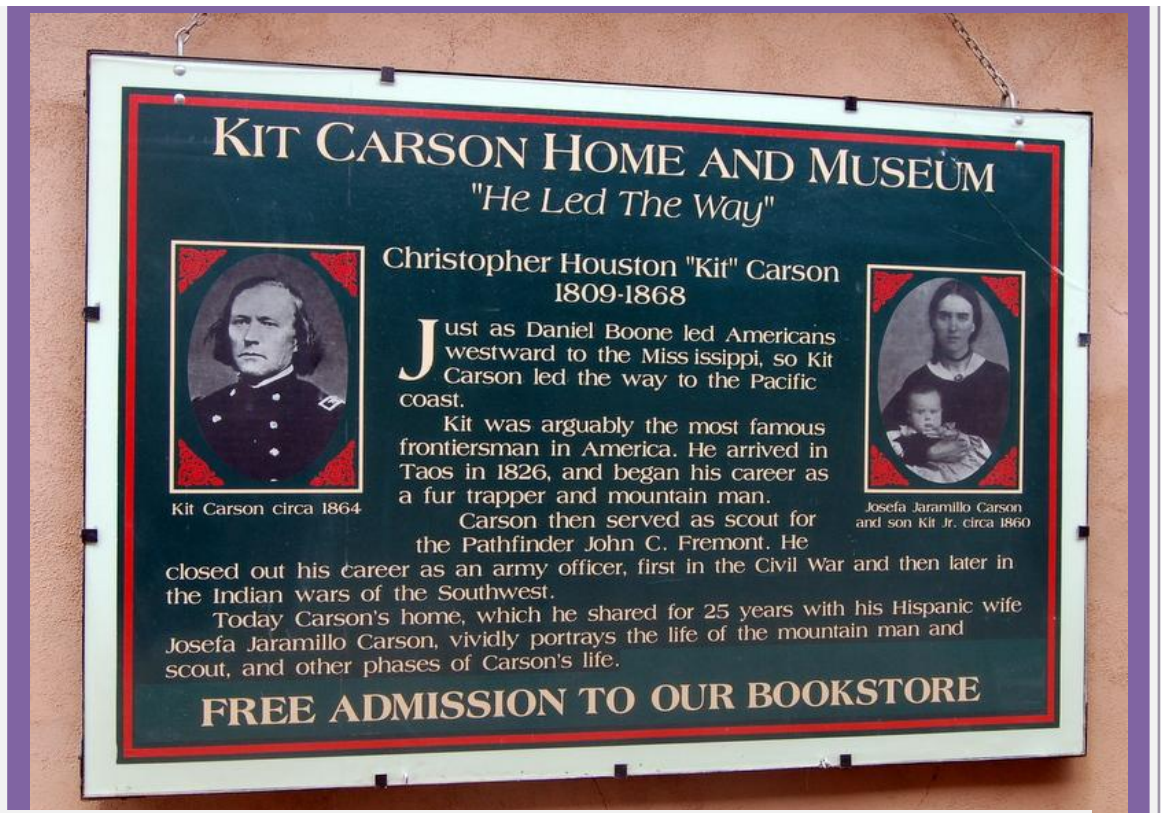


Above – The resort town of Red River, nestled in a mountain valley amid ski chalets. They had front end loaders and dump trucks performing snow removal as I drove through. Looks like a nice town to linger in, if the weather was better. I did not bring winter clothing on this trip.

Below – I did get to see some big horn sheep. A little short on the big horns though.



Back in Taos to try some shopping and sightseeing. I did not go into the museum, which WAS open, but just took some photos. Hard to believe that building below is 175 years old.



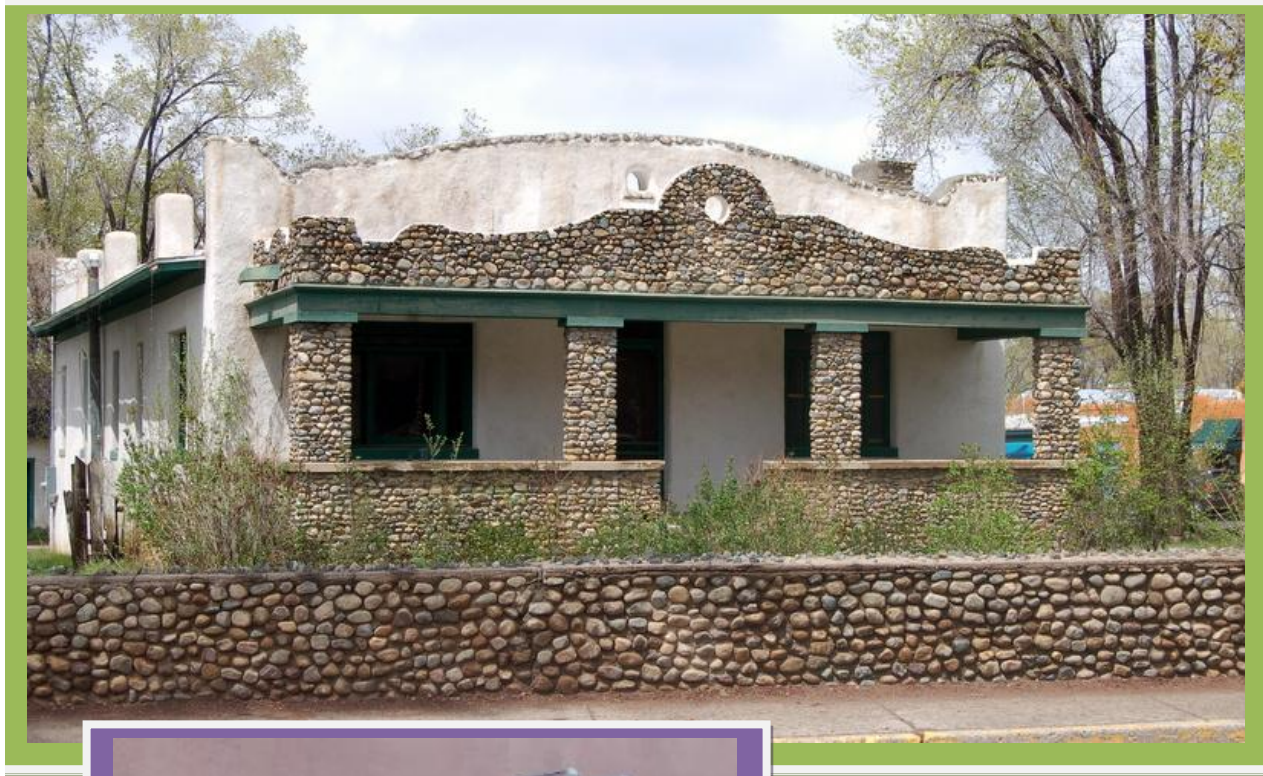
The rear courtyard





The photo below could be a jigsaw puzzle. All it needs is the red clay, half-tile roof edge on top.





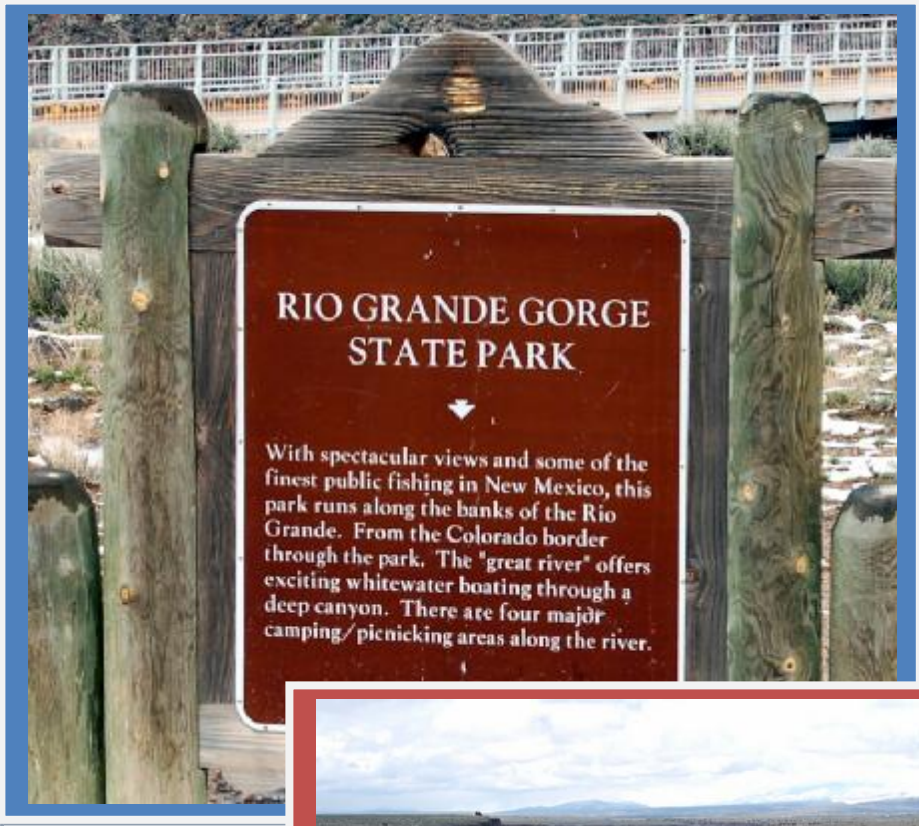
The house above also appears to be very old and somewhat unique. It's for sale but there is no info on history or age.



Left - An artist at work

Below is the central Plaza of Taos. This was my lunch time view.







Both photos are looking south from the middle of the bridge.





Don't worry, I'm still here.

Below - Looking almost straight down





Let's play
'Where's Waldo'
and see if you can
find the remnant
of someone
sense of humor
near the middle of
the photo to the
left.

The next couple
photos are looking
north from the
middle of the
bridge.





As I mentioned earlier I enjoy architecture. I had read many years ago about these self sustaining homes. I did have a plan to spend a night in one, you can rent some of them, but you have to set it up ahead of time, and I hadn't, so I didn't. But it was interesting seeing them and taking the photos.





Did you find the STOP sign in the middle of the gorge? I don't know if it's intentional or not, but I just thought it was a little strange. I made it to Alamosa for the night. Tomorrow I should make it to Kevin & Thea's, just north of Denver.

Good Night,

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