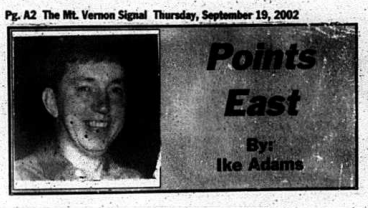

Tennuhsea, Tennuhseaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa--(long pause)

I hear you calllllllllllllllllllinmeeeeeeeeeeeeeee

The home of Davy Crockett and the hills of Tennuseaaaaaaaaaa.

Of all the hundreds of old standard songs in bluegrass music, Jimmy Martin's rendition of "Tennessee" is at least among my favorite five. I've never once listened to it without shivers running up and down and causing goose bumps on my arms and around the back of my neck and down my spine. It's even hard for me to keep a dry eye when a pick-up band of amateurs launch into it under a dining fly in the wee hours of the morning at bluegrass festivals. I've been known to literally bawl my eyes out when Jimmy sang it onstage.

Of course Tennesseeans call the Osborne Brothers' "Rocky Top" the state song which just goes to show about how out of touch with quality, if not reality, the PR guys in Nashville really are or, conversely, how in touch Bob and Sonny's handlers are with the political powers that be. All I want to say here is that if I'm ever elected Governor of Tennessee there's gonna be some changes and the first order of business is the state song.

Anyway, I found myself drawn to Tennessee last week for the three - day Annual Gathering of the Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprises (FAHE). FAHE, headquartered in Berea, a city that desperately desires to be Appalachian and from which you can actually see it in the distance, is a cooperative of 32 non-profit, affordable housing providers scattered throughout the central Appalachian counties of Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia and we all get together once a year to learn a few new tricks and make sure everybody is using the right song book and singing the same hymn.

The FAHE Annual Gathering rotates from state to state and this year we had it in Gatlinburg at the Park Vista Resort. The Park Vista is relatively class act, and, in my humble opinion, the finest place to stay or hold a conference in the Smokies and the staff is as at least as professional and thorough as you might expect of the Hyatts and Sheratons and Mariotts of the world. Prices are very reasonable but more on that later.

So I was at the Park Vista for a couple of nights and decided, on Friday, that the thing to do was drive out to Townsend, TN and get a cheap motel room and do some photography in Cade's Cove. Cade's Cove is this 11 mile loop that you can drive through, one way only, and see the occasional bear, deer, wild turkey, ground hog, etc and also stop along the way to visit any number of restored cabins and barns and get an idea of how people used to live before the government ran them off the land and turned it into a park.

It's now Cade's Clutch. Traffic last Friday afternoon was bumper to bumper. You are advised by huge signs erected by the National Park Service, to pull off the road if you want to stop and browse about, but don't ever let anybody from Michigan or Ohio see a bear and expect them to follow the rules. They will, and did, truckloads and carloads of them, pile out of their vehicles which they left parked in the road and blocking anybody behind them, empty out, with cameras in tow to photograph anything bigger than a grasshopper that moved.

I entered Cade's Clutch at 6:00 PM intending to cruise through at 20 mph and be out by 7:00 after stopping here and there to shoot a roll of film. I was able to exit the Clutch at 10:00 PM after over heating in stopped-traffic a hundred times and I can now talk through my nose and whine like the inconsiderate people from the upper midwest who never learned to read and still believe the rules were written for lesser beings. What a shame that this wonderful place has deteriorated into a traffic jam. What a pity that the Forest Rangers tolerate it.

So I wound up in Townsend, Tennessee looking for a place to stay and I'd seen this nice, new, "Family Inn" place that had a huge sign out front that said $32.00 and I figured that was as good a deal as any until I went to check in and told the woman behind the desk that I'd like to have one of those $32.00 rooms. She told me that the sign said "$32 and up" and sure enough I went back outside and looked again and sure enough, in tiny letters that required reading glasses underneath the advertised price, it said just that. So I went back inside and I was informed that the cheapest available room was $99.00 and that if went up the road I was going to have to pay double that. Her cheap rooms were already taken, she said, even though there was not a car in the parking lot.

To make a long story short, I got a room for $49.95 plus 10% tax at the Scenic Motel which had a sign out advertising rooms for $24.95 ("and up" when you read the fine print). The Scenic was one of those one-story roach and spider hideouts (I found plenty of both) with a 1967 GE window air conditioner that freezes over in five minutes (it did it for me) places where you drive right up to your room and the pool is right behind your parking spot.

Only problem was that the pool has, over the last several years, been enclosed in a fence like those the government puts around highly-secretive military bases and the gate is padlocked. It's still full of water but it has long since evolved into a marine ecosystem that you can observe off the trunk of your car and they don't want you swimming in it because you might upset the wildlife. In other words, don't get the mosquitoes mad or you could wind up with the West Nile Virus.

But seriously folks, if you are going to the Smokies, Townsend is the best place to go to avoid the crowds and the best place to see and shop for authentic stuff while being in easy access of the Park's major features. Most, if not all, of the genuine Smoky Mountain hand-made stuff in Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg says Pakistan or China or Taiwan on the labels and I could find none of those places in the Tennessee zip code directory. Just don't plan on staying overnight in Townsend because lodging is a racket and a rip-off and you can stay in Maryville some 20 easy miles away for a fraction of the local price.

"What Saith the Scriptures"

We have been discussing the name of Jesus. We have seen he is called: Jesus, the Word, Messiah or Christ, Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Now all this tells us the exalted nature of his name. *"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee* ***should*** *bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* Phil.2:9-11. Have you bowed your knee in submission to this great King? We should bow to him, which says that we have a choice. If we bow in submission now, it will be to our salvation! If we do not, we shall bow in the day of judgment. *"For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee* ***shall*** *bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."* Rom.14:11-12. But if we wait until that day to bow the knee, we will confess to our damnation. You have a choice while you are living and the world is still standing. Let us know if we can help in a study of the word of God.

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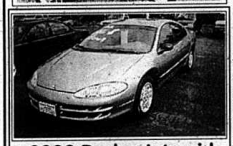
Keep Your Down Payment! I'll handle that! -- Luke Gooch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