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On the Road Again

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For the last 15 years of my life this industry has been the focus of my life. It has helped me retire my parents, travel the world, and pay off student loans, but it has also introduced me to so many people that have changed my life in profound ways.

We see each other at conferences, client visits, industry events of all sorts and while we all take care of business, it's always a joyous affair when we see each other, client, lawyer, competition - all friends.

Then COVID hit and immediately changed so many of our day to day lives. No more conferences, no in person meetings, no hugs.

After six months of quarantine in a house, I couldn't take it anymore. After a late-night text chat with Marty Stone, I began rapidly plotting how to drive around America seeing a bundle of those beautiful smiling faces I normally see regularly.

I'm not normally a fan of road trips, and maybe quarantine got to me, but the long stretches of open road have been nearly as enjoyable as arriving in a city to be hugged by some of my favorite humans...client, partner, competitor alike.

It's a balmy morning in Atlanta, where I'm joyously with my partners and the man I planned this wild ride with, smiling ear to ear. Quarantine isn't going anyway anytime soon in California, so I think I'll continue business travel the old school way...just with Bluetooth and AC.

Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces on the road, feel free to drop me a line if you want to introduce me to the best breakfast, burger, or coffee in your area. I'll be around.