Trailer Tales: Urban Safari

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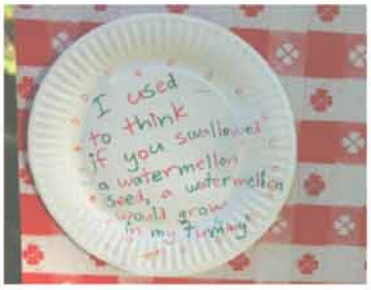
CARAVAN CHRONICLES:
Urban ReUnion

samples from past installations: all of the following were generated by the audience

story plates

- We ate dinner at a Ponderosa restaurant when I was a kid. Mom's English wasn't so good (since we're from across the ocean). She said to the waiter, referring to our dinner rolls, "I like your hot buns." Cousin Ido
- For Mo: I've gone to find myself. If I get back before I find me, keep me here. 'Niece' Susie
- Traveling to West Virginia with my father when he was 79 was a big adventure… about an hour away from home he announced, "I forgot my teeth."
- While driving to the beach to go swimming, we found a neighbor that had a pig out. We all tried very hard to get the pig back in but we couldn't. At one point the pig ran right between my mom's legs & she ended up riding the pig backwards down the road!
- A friend of my family's, Evelyn, could put a chicken leg in her mouth, wiggle it around for about 5 secs, then pull it only ONLY BONES. It was amazing! And scary!
- When my mom was little, her mom left her sitting on the dryer next to a bucket of fresh smelt. When she got back, my mom had a fish in each hand – but the heads were gone. She ate the heads!



- We drive across the U.S. and see many marvelous things. Not just Grand Canyon and Yellowstone but also the World's Largest Fishing Rod, Carhenge, Center of the U.S., World's Largest Buffalo, and in Canada, a Giant Easter Egg! (sic)
- I used to think if you swallowed a watermelon seed, a watermelon would grow in my tummy.
- When the distant family branch came to visit after many years, little sister said, when they were leaving, "Stay funny.". That's how we closed any letters, postcards or cassettes we sent after that.
- A couple of months after we announced our engagement to the family, my father-in-law took me out to his shed by his 5-acre pasture and he handed me a pair of rusty old pliers with round balls on the end. He asked me if I knew what they were, and I said no. He started smiling slyly and explained they were nose clamps for leading a bull around. He said: "I wanted you to have these before your bride-to-be got a hold of them." Cousin Harold
- The bigger they are, the harder they sneeze.

audience haiku

Hey, God makes up for
Your really weird family
With really good friends. – Susie

Reunions like gusts
Come and go by quickly now
Gone like the summer wind.

A great day in Kent
And with good family members
NOW WE REMEMBER!

Melon balls galore,
Flamingo birds dressed in pink,
A magical day.

My dear Uncle Jim,
How many ways to tell you
Your fly is open.

Children tell us much
Of where our family has been
And where we should go.

Wait! There's more to tell
Great never-ending stories
Flow from everyone.

The sun is shining
I'm getting very thirsty
Grab me a cold one.