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Hi Henry,

Recently, we took our Roadster on a road trip from Vancouver to San Francisco. It would be our first long trip in the car; what better way to really get to know the car and pinpoint any fine-tuning a hand-built automobile inevitably might need.

We were gone a total of eight days. We took the slow route down via I-5, route 101 from the California border and finally route 1 right along the Northern California coast. The car is balanced, handles beautifully and, it seems the faster you go, the nicer it is to drive. Going 120 km/hr all day long is not a problem; in fact, you are tempted to go even faster but want to drive without worrying about potential speeding tickets.

This trip also confirmed that we have the right set-up for our needs. With the enlarged trunk, we could easily fit enough luggage for the two of us and Simon, our dog. This shows the value of the careful planning we undertook prior to starting construction.

One thing we did not plan well for was the weather. We had torrential rain on the way down. We unfortunately hit two snow storms on the way back. You cringe, since it was never our intent to drive the car in the snow, but the car itself performed beautifully.

For the record, we drove both December 31st and January 1st with the top down (only), rolling into a warm San Francisco. One day on the way home, we drove 800 or 900 kilometers and still arrived relaxed.

In addition to the usual compliments you can expect driving such a car, during one stop a three-times Porsche owner (including an original bathtub) gave the car an admiring once-over. He was stunned to learn that it is a faithful reproduction of the original instead.

Based on our experience, we are planning a two-week road trip for the summer. Hopefully the weather will be more cooperative so we can drive top-down all the way through.

It must be a pleasure building a product which brings such enjoyment to people's lives.

Yours truly,

Mi-Won & Bram Christiaanse.



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