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My entry into the ASEP was in 1975 when I traveled to Florida to meet Bob Wilson at Merritt Island. Sounds simple until you hear the rest of the story, my plane had problems in Atlanta and I did not arrive in Orlando, Florida until 11 PM. To make things worse the shuttle service to Merritt Island broke down and so I did not get to my hotel until around 1 AM.

Bob woke me up at 5 AM to start our first road trip. After visiting a local school, Bob and I headed for Fort Walten Beach about a 500 mile trip. When we arrived there they were putting customers on the second floor of our motel due to the fact that hurricane Eloise was on the way. The next day I looked out the windows to see the trees moving like windshield wipers and all I could get from Bob was don't worry go back to bed. But when the roof of the motel began to flip up and down he decided it was time for us to move downstairs. We took cover in a room occupied by a couple on their honeymoon. The husband had planned to leave the day before but his wife convinced him to stay another day. His biggest concern was having to explain to his insurance company how the motel air-conditioning unit had fallen on top of his car. As soon as the storm was over the local TV coverage began and as one might expect Bob took center stage describing how we had survived the storm. Once Bob completed his blow by blow we headed back to the Cape another 500 mile trip and I spent the next 2 weeks watching the presentations at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Center.

Finally back on the road so Bob could train me on what I needed to know to give a complete Spacemobiler presentation. I got to see one more of Bob's outstanding presentations and then it was back on the plane to Virginia. The next week I hit the road to West Virginia and Kentucky where I spent the next month giving presentations. So much for being trained on what and how to cover the vast material expected from a Spacemobiler.