

# THE ROAD REPORT

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## SURPRISE!! =)

It's with excitement that I announce some very surprising news! Shahir and I are engaged! Shahir popped the question during our time in Boston. We have a special tree near the Charles river, where we had one of our early and most special dates, over 3 years ago. We decided to visit this special place, accompanied by various goodies and a picnic blanket. Little did I know that Shahir was planning to ask me to marry him. I said "yes!" We are both very excited, and also happy to share the news with everyone! Given our busy schedule, and a tragedy in Shahir's family, we decided to wait to tell people. But today... it is officially announced! =)

## NORTH -> SOUTH

Separately, we have covered many miles since our last newsletter. We are writing to you from Savanna, GA. Just a week ago we were in NYC. I will try to provide a recap of the week's highlights!

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While in D.C. we had the privilege of meeting Barton Rubinstein, Co-Founder of the Mother Earth Project, which helped found "Parachutes for the Planet," an artistic project to elevate environmental concern from

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**PARACHUTES FOR  
THE PLANET**



the youth. Parachutes are a metaphor for returning Earth to a safe place. We dropped off our special inter-tribal parachute that we have taken across the country. Barton has received over 200 parachutes from around the world in a just matter of months! On Oct 13th, the painted "chutes" will be displayed on the National Mall! Such an inspiring project!





# NY-PA-DC-VA-NC-SC-GA!

In PA we had two great events! The first was at a church, with the second at West Chester University. We met students, CCL volunteers, and others. We also found time to catch a glimpse of the Liberty Bell!



Next, we headed to the nation's capital. During our 3 days in D.C., we had two climate talks, two meetings with politicians, and a meeting with Barton. It was a busy

few days! To the right we are pictured with Congressman Dana Rohrabacher of Orange County, CA. We spoke with him about climate change; and although he doesn't believe that humans are influencing the climate, he had some ideas about lowering GHG emissions. He invited us back to his CA office for a video

interview! After leaving DC, we were involved in a car accident. Luckily everyone, even the car, was okay... but it was scary! A young driver

merged directly into us on the I95 South. We couldn't have been happier to arrive to Richmond, VA, in one piece, where we had a fun-filled afternoon and our most unique event yet. The event was sponsored by a health care company, and was kicked off with wine, appetizers, and two



**At Solid State Books, D.C.**

musicians. Lobo Marino, a folk duo, shared their talents and

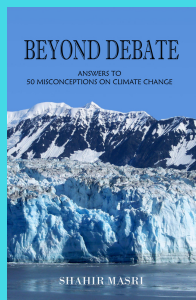


**Congressman Dana Rohrabacher of district 48 in CA**

inspiration with nearly 40 attendees. The event raffled off copies of *Beyond Debate* and Lobo Marino CD's. After the event, we headed to a local brewery with the CCL organizers! Following our visit to VA, we headed south through the Carolinas. Our North Carolina event was canceled weeks ago due to hurricane Florence. With no event, we decided to instead investigate the damage in the area and pulled off at Lumberton, NC. Though much of the debris had been raked into piles, we nonetheless saw major flooding near the river, with park benches still under water. Sunday we had a great event at

## AMAZON REVIEW

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Armstrong University! Locals spoke of sea level rise and floods, impacting the wildlife and crops alike. Henry, one of the CCL organizers, gave me a gift after I complimented his hat! It says "Make Earth Cool Again." Thanks Henry!! =)



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