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Down an ordinary road in the middle of Small Town USA, an unassuming barn holds an extraordinary treasure within its walls.

Walking into the barn, two visitors are instantly overwhelmed by the sheer size of this fascinating object, especially when they learn that it started out as an ordinary baseball. What began as a fun project between Mike Carmichael and his then 3-year-old son has grown to a massive 8,200 pounds, with a 16-foot, 9-inch circumference bearing just under 28,000 layers of paint.



Famous people like Bill Gaither and the Oak Ridge Boys have painted the ball. The Oak Ridge Boys even sang “Elvira” in front of it. It’s also been featured on Jimmy Kimmel Live and CBS Good Morning.

LEFT: Mike Carmichael rolls on the next layer.

TOP: People from around the world have signed the walls at the World’s Largest Ball of Paint in Alexandria.

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