

Steve' Rally Trip 5050 miles in 16 days

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Day 1, 18 June

Tropical Storm Number Three was fast approaching, and we wanted to get ahead of it. Four guys from the Gulf South Club got organized and decided to form a group.

My riding partner was David, an experienced off-road rider and jack of all trades. We met up along the road, He departed from St Tammany area and me from the South Mississippi Gulf Coast. We shared an interest to camp while the other two Paul and Randy wanted no part of it. In the end we only camped about seven days.



Caddo State Park, Above Marshall TX----Chiggers picked up here

Day 2, 19 June

Night stop, Clariden, TX. Nothing happening here

Day 3, 20 June

After two grueling days in the Texas and Oklahoma heat, we arrived in Colorado. The temperature dropped down 20 degree and was mostly pleasant for the rest of trip.

Dan S had taken off earlier in the month and experience life threatening heat. We were happy for what we had.

Hadn't hit Interstate but needed to make haste through the Denver metropolis. Afterward, we were back on the small roads and heading to better sites

Stopped in Laramie, WY, about a 600 mile haul.

Day 4, 21 June Off to Medicine Bow Pass, One of my favorite rides regardless of what I am.



Medicine Bow mountain range pass (Awesome)

Stopped in Boysen State Park, Wind River area. Really nice except for the traffic driving by all night. Introduced to Caddis Flies, no bite but a nuisance. Road to Cody WY. BMW Nav 6 can't find Cody WY. Need to learn how to spell.



Boysen State Park Wind River area

Day 5, 22 June, Hang out in Cody, go to Museums and eat at Irma's. Get the buffet



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Hottest Horse Radish I have ever had.

Day 6 23 June, Depart Cody for Dead Indian Pass, Chief Joseph Scenic By-Way and Bear Tooth Pass.
What I ride



Wildlife plentiful



Beartooth Pass, Top of the World

Arrive at the Rally of Wednesday.

Day 7 24 June



Finally bite the bullet and get Clearwater Lights, front and back. These are especially useful later on in trip.



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Day 6 25 June Glacier National Park (the crem de crem)

My buddy Jay who lives around West Glacier got us pass into the park. These are almost impossible to get on you own. It made the trip, Riding partner Dave and I journeyed on the Going To The Sun Road on it first open day of the season. Something special.



Going to the Sun Road, Glacier National Park



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Glacier National Park



Back at the rally, Samantha Fish rocks the house



And the BMW Riders so their enthusiasm. Unbelievable.....



This guy brought a coffin to the rally. Who is in it?

Day 10, Depart Rally arrive Sheridan, WY Time to start heading home

Day 11 Sheridan to Deadwood with a stop at Devil's Tower.



Devil's Tower



Obligatory Wind Farm Picture

Day 12, Mount Rushmore and Custer Park



The Gang Steve, Randy, Dave and Paul



Oh Yeah, and Sturgis, Big Deal.

Day 13 30 June, Depart Deadwood, 30 June Need to get home



I carry too much stuff

Did ride through the Badlands. Would like to go back through there again sometime, only slower.

Day 14, Stopped in Bellville KS.

Day 15, Made it Pine Bluff AK somehow.

By this time, it was clear that the majority of the group was not interested in getting home for the weekend, I needed too, I said my farewells and took off on my own. Did the ride home through Arkansas but the weather turned horrific. Fought bad weather from Nebraska through Mississippi. Not fun but I had my Clearwater lights so other drivers had a better chance of seeing me.



Biggest cross I have ever seen, Branson, MO.



Somewhere around the Buffalo River in Arkansas

Day 16, 02 July Crossed at Greenville, more rain, pressing on



5053 miles. Four bikes, no major problems.