

## Bobby Brooks

### Ride Report

01/04/23 ---- 01/07/23

My first ride of 2023 started with me leaving home at 8:00 am riding the older RT, with clear skies and temp at 50 degrees. I met Bryant in Eupora MS to begin a trip heading north east.

We began our trek up Hwy 9 maintaining a NE trajectory crossing interstate 59 east of Guntersville AL aiming for Georgia. After some really great roads and a mechanical issue with Bryant's HD and a battery replacement in the RT ending the day in Cullman AL as the sun went down.

The second day began with a pleasant 45 degrees and sunshine cruising the back roads into north Georgia vowing to stay off roads of previous rides. Moving into North Carolina we could not resist the Cherohala Skyway ending our day in Sweetwater TN.



The third day started with a nice 30 degree temp and sunshine. Heading for the Foothills parkway riding a little slow watching for black ice and any other wet spots on the road.

After the parkway it was on to downtown Pigeon Forge TN to Rocky Top Harley Davidson hoping to get Bryant's HD checked. The mechanic said he saw the problem "fixed it" and we were on our way again. A little tour and sampling at the Apple Barn we were on our way . A mile out Bryant says the bike is not fixed



We had planned a pic from Clingmans dome as we passed but the roads were blocked. We lunched in Cherokee NC and formed a new plan.

Forgoing most of the planned roads due to Bryant's HD engine still misfiring it was a run toward home. Due to some unforeseen traffic issues on our roads that were not thoroughly planned we ended the day in Canton GA.

The fourth day began with a 32 degree temp and full overcast skies, changing to clear and back to overcast as the day progressed reaching 74 deg in the afternoon. Riding as many "nicer" roads as we could maintaining a straighter line toward Tuscaloosa Al., we parted ways in Reform Al.

After leaving Bryant in Reform Al (about 45 minutes north of his home) I continued across Mississippi through various rain sprinkles arriving home at 7:00 pm, just before the rain started pouring down.

My first ride of distance in 2023 was about 1,600 miles covering 4 days. The 09 RT (coyote killer) served me well on this ride, it rolled to 70 K and is still as much fun as ever.

Hope to see you on the road

Bobby