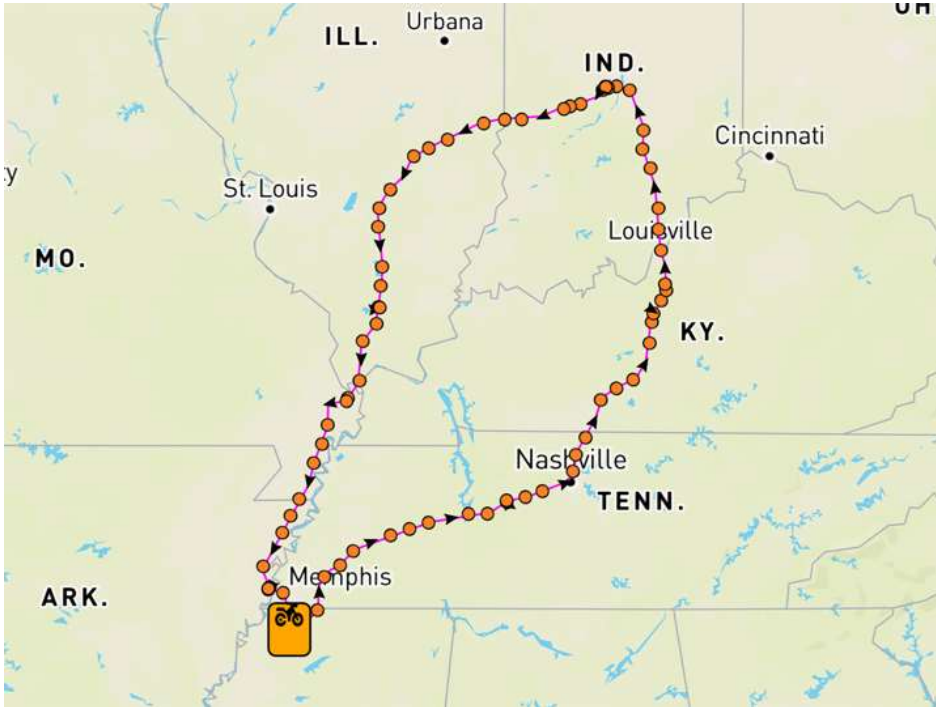


Hoosier 1000



1,029 Miles in 17 Hours, 15 Minutes

Breaded tenderloin sandwiches and sugar cream pie are two staples in Indiana. Sugar cream pie is the official state pie of the Hoosier state! And, Karen and I are both true Hoosiers!

The conversation went something like this:

(Mark) "Karen how would you like to do an Iron Butt ride to Indianapolis area for a breaded tenderloin sandwich and some sugar cream pie?"

(Karen) "I don't think so. It's going to be too hot. I'll pass. You go ahead!"

(Mark) "The place has butterscotch root beer!"

(Karen) "I'm in!"

And HOT is was!

We were already sweating at 3:30 am as we loaded the bike in our garage. It was only 82 degrees, but the air was thick with moisture.

We rode down to the Circle K for our start receipt. Official time: 3:45 am (Central), Saturday, July 29, 2023.

From Hernando, we jumped on I-269 around Memphis to I-40 east. The temperature was great as we were moving! We stopped in

Dickson, TN for fuel, then right back on the road!

Nashville was a breeze to ride through at 7:00 am. We jumped on I-65 north toward Louisville. There was some construction in one area that really had the traffic backed up. Once we made it through that, no real traffic issues the rest of the day!



Elizabethtown, KY

We stopped in Elizabethtown, KY for our second gas stop around 9:30 am (Eastern). Another quick stop, then we were on our way! We lost an hour when we crossed into the Eastern Time Zone.

Once we crossed the Ohio River bridge to Indiana, we noticed the temperatures were very pleasant! The temperature had risen from 82 to 87 degrees since we left Mississippi, but the humidity was much lower. Great!

We continued to I-465 and rode it clockwise around the bottom of Indianapolis to I-70 west. Our destination was only a few miles away from there. We arrived at the

Oasis Diner in Plainfield around 12:30 pm.

The Oasis Diner is known for their breaded tenderloin sandwiches, homemade pies and assorted hand-crafted sodas. That's why we picked this place!



Oasis Diner

When we arrived, my sister, Pam, and her friend, Woody, were there to greet us! They already had a table in the back corner waiting for us.



Little Sister Visit

Karen and I both had breaded tenderloin sandwiches. We should have split one since they were so big! Both of us cut our sandwiches in half, and they still hung over the bun all the way around! They were delicious!

We both ordered a butterscotch root beer. Karen had ice cream added to hers to make it a float. That didn't last long! I just had a regular drink.

I thought it would be too sweet, but it wasn't. It was very tasty!

Pam and Woody ordered a sampler platter of appetizers. Pam doesn't enjoy the pleasures of a carnivore anymore, so their non-meat lunch consisted of fried appetizers such as mushrooms, pickles and mozzarella.

We had a great time getting to know Woody. He's a real character—A funny guy! After about an hour, we finished lunch and moved outside to continue our visit before leaving.



Breaded Tenderloin

Back on the bike, we headed west on I-70. We were making a counterclockwise loop back to our home in Hernando. We knew this way home would be quicker with less traffic.

We stopped in Cloverdale, IN for another gas stop. Back on the bike, we continued west. In Effingham, IL we hit I-57 south. In Marion, IL, we made another gas stop.

As we rode down the middle of Illinois, the temperature climbed to 101 degrees and remained there for a couple of hours.

Most people can't understand how we can be comfortable in the gear

we wear, but it's actually quite the opposite! Because of the gear we wear, we are comfortable!

The Klim riding suits not only protect us from the cold, but they also protect us from the heat! Specialized undergarments work in conjunction with the riding suit to provide a comfortable environment for your body. Was it hot outside? Yes! Were we hot? Yes! But, we weren't any hotter with the suits on. Our body feels much better than if we were just in jeans and t-shirts. Another part of the equation is how we feel the next day.

It can take a few days to recover from a long hot ride. The right gear can help reduce that time and your body will thank you!



Sugar Cream Pie

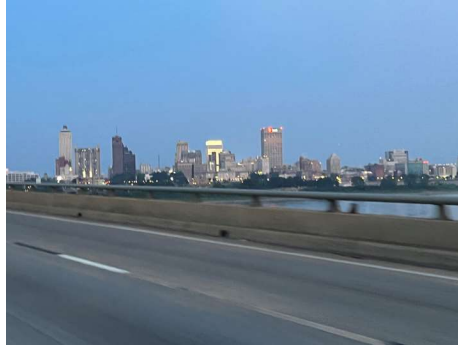
At the southern tip of Illinois, we crossed the Mississippi River into Missouri. There, we jumped on I-55 south through Arkansas to West Memphis, AR where we stopped for a short break at Chick-fila.

After we enjoyed a sandwich and some air-conditioning, we went outside to get back on the bike. How quickly we were reminded just how hot it was!

We crossed the Mississippi River again into Memphis, TN then continued south into the state of Mississippi. As we were about to exit in Hernando, I looked at the odometer. Looks like we will only have 999 miles, we need to continue on to make sure we get enough miles to certify this ride with the Iron Butt Association! We continued on to the next exit at Coldwater, then turned around and headed back to Hernando.

When we arrived at the gas station the odometer showed 1,017 miles. Our GPS had a more accurate reading of 1,029 miles. We did it! Official end time: 9:00 pm, Saturday, July 29, 2023. Total time was 17 hours and 15 minutes.

We had a great ride! We were amazed how comfortable we felt during this extremely hot day! It was great to spend a few minutes with my sister and her friend. But, spending the day with Karen, and I mean ALL Day, 17 hours and 15 minutes or 1,035 minutes or 62,100 seconds, was priceless!



Memphis



Crossing into Tennessee



Memphis Pyramid

2022 BMW K1600B
Distance: 1,029 miles
Time: 17 hrs, 15 min.
Average Speed: 59 mph
Fuel Used: 30.436 gal
Fuel Mileage: 33 mpg
High Temperature: 101°
Low Temperature: 82°