

# ***Selfie 1000 (2.0)***



**IBA Requirements for the Selfie Ride:** *As we ride around the country, it's fun to see cities with names just like ours. **Johnsonville, Tennessee;** **Harrisburg, Pennsylvania;** **Masterson, Texas;** **Donaldson, Georgia.***

*Your goal is to visit cities that will spell your name in order.*

*You must take pictures of a DOT road sign or other official government sign (not a business sign) containing your name or part of your name.*

Karen and I did a Mark Campbell 1000 back in 2020. We rode from Hernando, Mississippi to Mark, Illinois, then on to Campbell,

Missouri before returning to Hernando.

Since that was only the second selfie ride completed, the certificates were plain SaddleSore certificates. Since then, the IBA (Iron Butt Association) has created a fun graphic that includes your IBA membership number.

I received a new membership number when I completed the Iron Butt Rally in 2023 (the first 2,000 membership numbers are reserved for Iron Butt Rally finishers), it was time to complete another selfie ride!

The plan for this ride was to take a different route than before. This time, I would start in Hernando, go

to Marks, Mississippi, then to Campbell, Texas before returning to Hernando. It just happened to be 1,037 miles!

On Friday, February 7, 2025, I was up early and down at the local Circle K to begin my ride. Official start time 4:51 am.

The temperature was 56 degrees as I headed south on I-55 to Marks, MS. It was a 60-mile ride with light traffic. That morning was very dark due to the overcast skies. I exited off at Batesville and turned onto Hwy 278 westbound. Perfect riding conditions!



**Marks, Mississippi**

I pulled over on the right shoulder at the Marks sign, jumped off the bike and took my required selfie shot! Then, I jumped back on the bike eastbound back to I-55 southbound.

I saw several deer along the right side of the interstate as I rode south. Three deer were right next to the road eating! As I passed by, they looked up from grazing only to drop

their heads again and continue with breakfast.

The sun was up by the time I entered Jackson, MS. By then, it was 8:00 am. Traffic wasn't too bad as I rode around the city on I-220 to I-20 westbound.

There was light fog and mist in the air as I entered Louisiana. The temperature was up in the low 60's by now, but the overcast gloomy day kept the temperature at bay.

As I entered Texas, the clouds thinned out and blue skies prevailed! The temperature ramped up to 77 degrees! It was a great day to be on the bike!

My route bypassed Dallas. I didn't need to deal with Dallas traffic on a Friday. At Tyler, I exited off I-20 and headed northwest on Hwy 69. It was a nice four-lane road with a 70-mph speed limit.

By now, it was 12:30 pm and I was getting Hangry! I started looking for BBQ joints. I was hungry for some Texas brisket! Hwy 69 took me over to Greenville, TX and I-30. There, I stopped at Soulman's BBQ for lunch!



**Soulman's BBQ**

Lunch consisted of brisket, peppercorn sausage, pinto beans and cabbage. It was great! Plus, it was quick! It was almost 2:00 pm by the time I sat down to eat. A light crowd at that time of day. Afterward, I headed 10 miles to Campbell, TX.



**Campbell, Texas**

At Campbell, I jumped off the bike and took the required selfie pic as proof, I was actually there. Back on the bike, I headed northeast on I-30. It was 2:30 pm and the overcast skies had returned.

For a Friday, traffic was better than expected! As I rode toward Texarkana, the clouds thinned out until blue skies prevailed again! I was expecting a few rainy spots along my route, but that didn't happen. I really enjoyed the weather!

As I crossed into Arkansas, the temperature did start to taper off, even with the blue skies above. By the time I made it to Little Rock, it was back to 56 degrees where the temperature started that morning when I began my ride.

I rode around Little Rock on I-440 to I-40. Again, traffic was not as thick as it usually is, especially during the 6:00 pm rush hour.

The wind had picked up some by the time I stopped for gas in Lonoke, AR. Several people at the gas station commented about the cold weather! But I was very comfortable in my riding gear and enjoyed the ride.

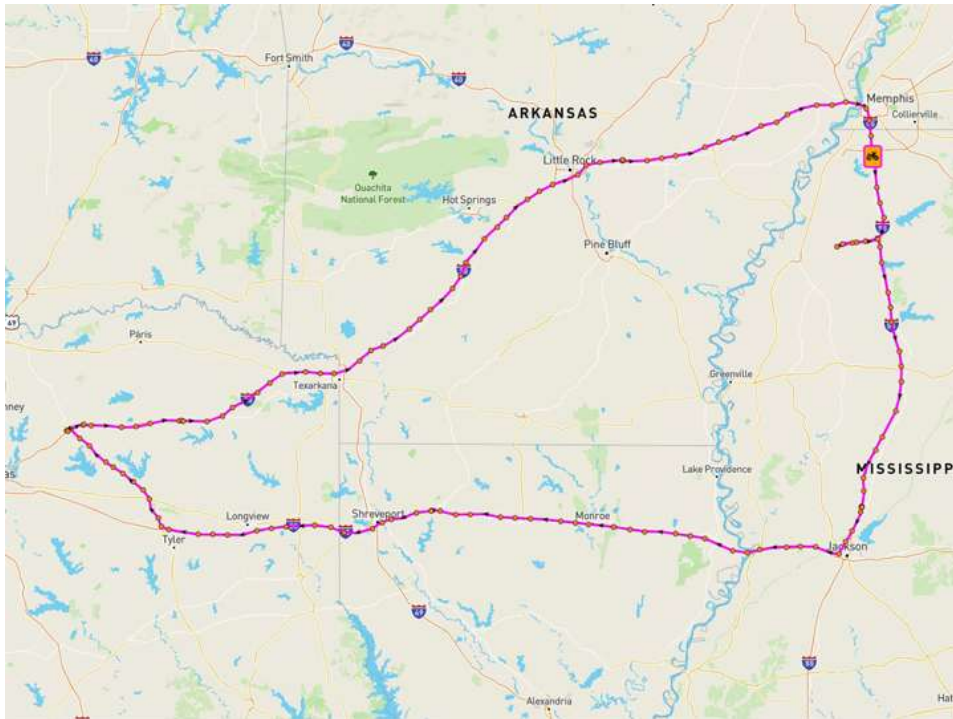
As I rode over the "M" bridge that crosses the Mississippi River into Memphis, TN visibility was very clear! The lit-up Memphis Skyline along with the Bass Pro Shop Pyramid was a beautiful sight as I rode by in the darkness.

Thirty minutes later, I was in Hernando. Official end time was 8:31 pm for a total of 1,037 miles in 15 hrs and 40 min.

I had been ill for the past several weeks. This ride really lifted my spirits! It turned out to be a great day! Although there was some mist along the route, no real rain!

The BMW R1250GSA is a awesome bike! For me, the tall suspension is a great fit! The large 7.9-gallon tank allows me to ride a little farther than other bikes before stopping to fuel up.

Riding through the Mississippi Delta, then across Louisiana and Texas was awesome! A lunch of some Texas brisket is always a good time too! All in all, a day well spent on the bike!



**1,037 Miles in 15 hrs., 40 Min.**

**2024 BMW R1250GSA**

Distance: 1,037 miles

Time: 15 hrs, 40 min.

Average Speed: 66 mph

Fuel Used: 32.835 gal

Fuel Mileage: 31 mpg

High Temperature: 77°

Low Temperature: 54°