

2011 Iron Butt Rally, Day 10
Wednesday, June 29, 2011

Wednesday is the last Call-In bonus of the rally. The information available from the voicemails and Spot tracks indicates that more than 1,000 miles separates the easternmost riders from the westernmost riders, and that's as-the-crow-flies. At 10 a.m. Pacific time, we had riders as far west as Albuquerque, New Mexico, and as far East as Biloxi, Mississippi.

Perry Karsten Heading West on I-10 in West Texas



Photo by Ira Agins

A rare personal sighting of one of our riders occurred when the IBR staff car encountered Perry Karsten in West Texas. (That's not a bare hand he is waving with; he appears to be wearing deerskin gloves.) Perry was prudently observing the 80 mph speed limit and staying properly covered up to deal with the 104° F temperature.

With two full days from the finish, the westernmost rider was only 750 miles from Ontario, California. But documenting the high point state capitals in the Western U.S. requires a much longer ride. Huge points are available for Denver, Colorado, Salt Lake City, Utah, Carson City, Nevada, and Sacramento, California. The top ten riders that didn't go to Key West are trying for as many points as possible in an attempt overcome

the lead Ken Meese had at the end of leg 2 plus the 4,800 point bonus he is expected to score for completing the Four Corners Tour.

The rider with a chance of knocking off Meese is Jim Frens, the only rider positioned to score the Four Corners Tour bonus without having to do Key West on leg 3. If Frens has gotten enough rest to recover from his grueling leg 2 ride, he is in a great position to move to the front.

As noted in the detailed listing of call-ins, several riders reported that they are headed for the 4 Corners Monument at the intersection of Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona. The 4 Corners Monument bonus was revealed in the leg 3 bonus listing. If riders take a photograph of the monument, they do not require separate receipts for each of the states. Alternatively, if they get a receipt for each state, a picture of the monument is worth 40 points.

Leg 3 Call-In Bonus Detail

Due to a discrepancy in the time window between the Passport book and the bonus listing, riders were allowed to call anytime during the day. The calls received are summarized below in alphabetical order by rider last name. All times are Pacific Daylight Savings Time.

Steve Aikens was in Jacksonville, Texas, and headed for Austin, Texas, at 3:34 am.

Kathleen Allen and Roger Allen were both in Texas and headed for New Mexico at 12:40 pm.

Jennyfer Audet was in Louisiana and headed for Arkansas at 1:44 pm.

George Barker was in Little Rock, Arkansas, and headed for Oklahoma at 8:17 am.

Doug Barrett was in Little Rock, Arkansas, and headed for Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at 7:21 am.

Peter Behm was in Sante Fe, New Mexico, and headed for 4 Corners Monument at 8:35 pm.

Greg and Pat Blewett were in Austin, Texas, and headed for Oklahoma at 5:22 am.

Michael Boge was in Tallahassee, Florida, and headed for Mobile, Alabama, at 2:29 am.

Wayne Boyter was in Dallas, Texas, and headed for San Diego, California, at 10:59 pm.

Brian Bray was in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and headed for 4 Corners Monument at 8:04 pm.

Cameron Brister was in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and headed for Tennessee at 12:01 am.

Robert Chadwick was in Seminole, Oklahoma, and headed for Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 12:36 pm.

Patrick Clark was in Louisiana and headed for Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 6:38 pm.

Mark Crane was in Dallas, Texas, and headed for Austin, Texas, at 12:19 am.

Wendy Crockett was in Texas and headed for Oklahoma at 11:54 am.

Shane and Annette Cudlin were in Oklahoma and headed for Texas at 2:14 am.

Earl Damron was in Chipley, Florida, and headed for Alabama at 1:57 am.

Peter Delean was in Loxley, Alabama, and headed for Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 4:45 am.

Kurt Dix was in Clinton, Oklahoma, and headed for Santa Fe, New Mexico, at 8:00 am.

Stan Dulemba was in Tucumcari, New Mexico, and headed for Colorado at 1:11 pm.

Howard Entman was in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and headed for Santa Fe, New Mexico, at 3:18 pm.

David Fick was in Checotah, Oklahoma, and headed for Texas at 6:45 am.

Bobby Fox was in New Mexico, and headed for 4 Corners Monument at 9:03 am.

Jeff and Carol Fremder were in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and headed for Texas at 1:18 am.

Wallace French was in Henryetta, Oklahoma, and headed for an Oklahoma receipt at 12:56 am.

Jim Frens was in Amarillo, Texas, and headed for Boise City, Oklahoma, at 12:41 pm.

John Frick was in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and headed for Amarillo, Texas, at 7:10 am.

Art Garvin was in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and headed for Texas at 11:54 am.

Jon Good was in Yukon, Oklahoma, and headed for Texas at 1:44 am.

Colin Goodall was in Elk City, Oklahoma, and headed for Texas at 12:11 pm.

Curt Gran was in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and headed for his sleep bonus at 10:27 pm.

Greg Guillermo was in Troy, Alabama, and headed for Montgomery, Alabama, at 1:02 am.

Alex Harper was in Arizona and headed for a receipt in Arizona at 6:05 pm.

John Harrison was in Abilene, Texas, and headed for Oklahoma at 1:04 pm.

Neil Hejny was in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and headed for 4 Corners Monument at 3:47 pm.

Dave Hembroff was in Hayes, Kansas, and headed for Denver, Colorado, at 1:31 pm.

Mike Jackman was in Amarillo, Texas, and headed for New Mexico at 8:07 am.

Rob Jaime was in Amite, Louisiana, and headed for Tennessee at 4:20 am.

Eric Jewell was in Denver, Colorado, and headed for Salt Lake City, Utah, at 4:29 pm.

Robert Joers was in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and headed for 4 Corners Monument at 12:39 pm.

Brian Johnson was in Nashville, Tennessee, and headed for Missouri at 3:58 am.

Perry Karsten was in New Boston, Texas, and headed for Louisiana at 12:34 am.

Andy Kirby was in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and headed for 4 Corners Monument at 1:47 pm.

Michael and Betty Ligons were in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and headed for Santa Fe, New Mexico, at 4:44 pm.

Tom Loftus was in Vestavia Hills, Alabama, and headed for Nashville, Tennessee, at 3:20 am.

Jeremy Loveall was in Oklahoma and headed for Texas at 3:09 pm.

Andy Mackey was in Robertsdale, Alabama, and headed for Mississippi at 3:17 am.

Tim Masterson was in Texarkana, Arkansas, and headed for Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 3:21 pm.

Dean Mccurdy was in Tucumcari, New Mexaco, and headed for Arizona at 5:55 pm.

Ken Meese was in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and headed for Little Rock, Arkansas, at 4:40 am.

Michael Mehaffy was in Jackson, Mississippi, and headed for Little Rock, Arkansas, at 4:23 am.

Gerhard Memmen-Krueger was in Utah and headed for Salt Lake City, Utah, at 5:44 pm.

Aaron and Rena Miller were in Tucumcari, New Mexico, and headed for Santa Fe, New Mexico, at 2:14 pm.

Brant Moteelall was in Oklahoma and headed for Texas at 6:30 am.

Bryan Neagle was in Amarillo, Texas, and headed for 4 Corners Monument at 9:03 pm.

Terry Neale was in Loxley, Alabama, and headed for Mississippi at 7:06 am.

Corey Nuehring was in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and headed for Texas at 5:22 pm.

Chris Ogden was in Little Rock, Arkansas, and headed for Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 7:21 am.

Nancy Oswald was in Oklahoma and headed for New Mexico at 12:35 pm.

Dick Peek was in Selma, Alabama, and headed for Jackson, Mississippi, at 6:08 am.

Bob Rippy was in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and headed for Colorado at 9:55 pm.

Daniel Roth was in Erick, Oklahoma, and headed for 4 Corners Monument at 7:06 am.

Chris Sakala was in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and headed for 4 Corners Monument at 6:16 am.

Rod Schween was in Henryetta, Oklahoma, and headed for Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 1:55 am.

Roger Sinclair was in San Juan, New Mexico, and headed for Arizona at 6:27 am.

Karl Snell was in Amarillo, Texas, and headed for Santa Fe, New Mexico, at 9:01 am.

Tom and Rosie Sperry were in Conway, Arkansas, and headed for Oklahoma at 6:33 am.

John Stamps was in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and headed for Denver, Colorado, at 3:04 pm.

Kirsten Talken-Spaulding was in Austin, Texas, and headed for Oklahoma at 4:39 am.

Bill Thweatt was in Louisiana and headed for a receipt in Louisiana at 2:32 am.

Jacques Titolo was in Louisiana and headed for Arkansas at 1:44 pm.

Bill Wade was in Dothan, Alabama, and headed for Montgomery, Alabama, at 1:50 am.

Cliff Wall was in Oklahoma and headed for Texas at 5:49 pm.

Cletha Walstrand was in Okemah, Oklahoma, and headed for Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 12:16 pm.

Philip Weston was in Little Rock, Arkansas, and headed for Oklahoma at 3:11 pm.

Robert Wilensky was in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and headed for Austin, Texas, at 5:47 am.

Shuey Wolfe was in Tucumcari, New Mexico, and headed for 4 Corners Monument at 2:53 pm.

John Young was in Texas and headed for Albuquerque, New Mexico, at 1:12 pm.

No call was received from Dennis Powell or Tony Hudson.

Other Problems

At least three riders, George Barker, Chris Ogden, and Karl Snell, have had flat tires in the last day causing them some delay. Wallace French is having a more significant problem. Wallace posted to the Long Distance Riders list:

The Texas heat has knocked out my 2004 BMW R1150RT. I am so close to finishing, but need some wheels to do it. I am in Vega TX (40 miles west of Amarillo). I am having the bike towed to Albuquerque. (Does) anyone in the area of Vega or Albuquerque have a bike I could borrow? All I have to do to finish this thing is ride up to the four corners monument area to get NM, CO, UT, AZ, and then ride to the finish in L.A. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Earl Damron is also broken down in Jackson, Mississippi, with some sort of electrical problem on his KLR 650. He is hoping to get it repaired by early tomorrow morning but making it to the finish on time will be quite a challenge.

BB Neely has dropped out to deal with business-related problems.

Tomorrow

By tomorrow evening, riders whose objective was just to finish will start arriving in Ontario in time for a decent night's sleep before the final check-in process begins. At the other end of the spectrum, riders shooting for a top ten or top twenty finish will be making an all-out push to score as many points as possible with little or no sleep before 10 a.m. on Friday morning.

The eleven days of this rally have already taken a toll on riders and machines. No doubt the final hours will provide a mixture of disappointment and elation.

Tom Austin

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