

2011 Iron Butt Rally, Day 5
Friday, June 24, 2011

All riders are safe and accounted for at Checkpoint 1. Jim Winterer is the only rider who is out at this point.

All three riders who went to Hyder, Alaska, made it to the Cheektowaga checkpoint on time. As a result, Ken Meese, Dick Peek, and Roger Sinclair have the top three scores at the end of leg 1. Each earned 4,800 points for documenting a visit to the state of Alaska.

Meese earned an additional 2,771 points for a 265 minute/point rest bonus, a 250 point call-in bonus, and bonus points for the state capitol buildings of Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Ohio, South Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. His total of 7,571 points puts him in first place. Arriving over 2 hours early in Cheektowaga, he rode 5,761 miles. During the final two legs of the rally, Ken still has to pick up three states that were on the base route for leg 1: Kansas, Kentucky, and Missouri.

In 2nd place with 7,091 points is Dick Peek. In addition to the 4,800 points for Alaska, Dick had a 351 minute/point rest bonus, the 250 point call-in bonus, and bonus points for state capitals in Michigan, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wisconsin. Dick still has to pick up the same three leg 1 states that Meese needs: Kansas, Kentucky, and Missouri.

In 3rd place with 6,280 points is Roger Sinclair. In addition to the 4,800 points for Alaska, Roger had a 243 minute/point rest bonus, the 250 point call-in bonus, and bonus points for state capitals in Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Montana, and North Dakota. Roger is facing a bit more of a challenge than other riders still needing to pick up states on the base route for leg 1. In addition to Kentucky, Roger still needs Oregon!

In 4th place with 5,029 points, Eric Jewell is the top scoring rider who didn't go to Alaska. Eric documented 13 of the capitals available on leg 1 in addition to a 480 minute/point rest bonus and the call-in bonus.

Chris Sakala is in 5th place with 5,012 points. Chris bagged 15 of the capitals available on leg 1 in addition to a maximum 480 minute/point rest bonus. Chris, who is normally flawless in documenting his rides, failed to get the 250 point call-in bonus because he failed to claim it.

John Coons is in 6th place with 5,000 points. John documented 13 of the capitals available on leg 1 in addition to a 480 minute/point rest bonus and the call-in bonus.

In 7th place, Kirsten Talken-Spaulding is the high-point woman rider with 4,992 points.

Rounding out the top ten are Mark Crane, in 8th place with 4,963 points; George Barker, in 9th place with 4,814 points; and Tom Loftus, in 10th place with 4,797 points.

The highest scoring 2-up riders are Aaron and Rena Miller in 17th place with 4,356 points. Tom and Rosie Sperry are in 19th place with 4,117 points.

The preliminary leg 1 statistics for all riders (subject to further auditing) are as follows:

Place	First Name	Last Name	Make	Model	Miles	Points
1	Ken	Meese	BMW	K1300 GT	5,761	7,571
2	Dick	Peek	Yamaha	FJR1300	5,355	7,091
3	Roger	Sinclair	BMW	R1150 GS ADV	5,267	6,280
4	Eric	Jewell	Honda	ST 1300	5,108	5,029
5	Chris	Sakala	BMW	R1200RT	5,233	5,012
6	John	Coons	BMW	R1100 RSL	5,250	5,000
7	Kirsten	Talken-Spaulding	BMW	R1200	5,080	4,992
8	Mark	Crane	BMW	R1200 GA	5,397	4,963
9	George	Barker	Honda	Gold Wing	4,768	4,814
10	Tom	Loftus	Honda	ST1300	5,667	4,797
11	Brian	Johnson	BMW	K1200LT	5,383	4,677
12	Curt	Gran	Honda	ST1300	5,499	4,573
13	Peter	Behm	Yamaha	FJR 1300	5,090	4,434
14	Brian	Jack	BMW	R1150 GS ADV	5,312	4,397
15	Jim	Frens	Honda	Gold Wing	5,676	4,392
16	Art	Garvin	Honda	Gold Wing	4,861	4,368
17	Aaron/Rena	Miller	Honda	Gold Wing	4,688	4,356
18	Karl	Snell	BMW	R1200 GS	4,618	4,266
19	Tom/Rosie	Sperry	Honda	Gold Wing	5,118	4,117
20	John	Harrison	Honda	ST1300	4,870	4,074
21	Daniel	Roth	BMW	R1200 GS	4,610	3,994
22	Brant	Moteelall	Yamaha	FJR 1300	5,016	3,921
23	Michael	Mehaffy	Yamaha	FJR 1300	4,724	3,776
24	BB	Neely	BMW	R1200RT	4,949	3,761
25	Michael/Betty	Ligons	Honda	gold Wing	4,913	3,696
26	Corey	Nuehring	Yamaha	FJR 1300	5,174	3,595
27	Wendy	Crockett	Yamaha	FJR 1300	5,278	3,557
28	Darrin	Hicks	Harley	Electra Glide	5,178	3,520
29	Rod	Schween	BMW	R1200 GS	4,536	3,514
30	Jon	Good	BMW	R1200 RT	4,448	3,477
31	Dennis	Powell	Honda	Gold Wing	4,479	3,313
32	John	Stamps	BMW	R1200RT	4,101	3,283
33	John	Frick	BMW	K1200LT	4,797	3,270
34	Dave	Hembroff	Yamaha	FJR 1300	4,470	3,217
35	Greg	Guillermo	Yamaha	FJR 1300	4,689	3,053
36	Tim	Masterson	BMW	R1200 GS ADV	5,176	3,048
37	Tony	Hudson	Honda	Gold Wing	3,925	3,024
38	Kurt	Dix	Kawasaki	Concours	5,161	2,978
39	David	Fick	BMW	R1200 GS ADV	4,833	2,971
40	Peter	Delean	Yamaha	FJR 1300	4,811	2,931
41	Wallace	French	BMW	R1100 RT	4,768	2,909

42	Perry	Karsten	Yamaha	FJR 1300	4,686	2,874
43	W	Boyter	BMW	R1200RT	4,843	2,858
44	Jennyfer	Audet	Honda	CBR1100XX	4,819	2,798
45	Jacques	Titolo	Kawasaki	XZ12R	4,791	2,798
46	Dean	Mccurdy	BMW	R1200 RT	3,922	2,770
47	Howard	Entman	Yamaha	FJR 1300	3,978	2,658
48	Robert	Wilensky	Yamaha	DL 1000	4,412	2,561
49	Shuey	Wolfe	Honda	ST 1300	4,808	2,538
50	Roger	Allen	BMW	R1200 GS ADV	4,328	2,524
51	Kathleen	Allen	BMW	R1200 GS ADV	4,324	2,524
52	Jeff/Carol	Fremder	BMW	R1100RT	3,961	2,464
53	Michael	Boge	Honda	ST1300	4,744	2,376
54	Colin	Goodall	Yamaha	FJR 1300	3,738	2,353
55	Bill	Wade	BMW	R1200 GS ADV	4,747	2,310
56	Terry	Neale	Yamaha	FJR 1300	4,344	2,290
57	Patrick	Clark	Yamaha	Road Star	4,704	2,280
58	Jeremy	Loveall	BMW	R1200 RT	4,544	2,238
59	Shane/Annette	Cudlin	Honda	Gold Wing	4,544	2,154
60	Greg/Pat	Blewett	Honda	Gold Wing	4,391	2,103
61	Mike	Jackman	Honda	Gold Wing	4,303	2,047
62	Robert	Chadwick	Harley	Road Glide	4,489	1,889
63	Nancy	Oswald	BMW	R1200 GS	5,482	1,859
64	Alex	Harper	Yamaha	FJR1300	4,086	1,649
65	Andy	Mackey	BMW	R1200 GS ADV	4,869	1,628
66	Andy	Kirby	Honda	ST1300	4,834	1,552
67	Philip	Weston	Yamaha	FZ1	4,319	1,392
68	Robert	Joers	Honda	Gold Wing	4,359	1,373
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69	Gerhard	Krueger	Honda	Gold Wing	4,242	1,309
70	Neil	Hejny	Honda	Gold Wing	3,972	1,276
71	Brian	Bray	Suzuki	SV 650	3,829	1,253
72	Stan	Dulemba	BMW	R1200 RT	3,909	1,165
73	Bob	Rippy	BMW	R1200 RT	3,943	1,019
74	Bryan	Neagle	Honda	ST 1300	4,322	990
75	Bobby	Fox	BMW	R1200 GS ADV	3,819	891
76	Don	Speck	Harley	Road Glide	4,598	882
77	Cletha	Walstrand	BMW	F650 GS	4,050	833
78	Doug	Barrett	Yamaha	FJR 1300	3,885	758
79	Chris	Ogden	BMW	R1200 GS	3,872	758
80	Cliff	Wall	Honda	Gold Wing	4,008	755
81	Bill	Thweatt	Honda	ST1300	4,335	620
82	Earl	Damron	Kawasaki	KLR 650	4,290	555
83	Rob	Jaime	Honda	Gold Wing	4,365	524
84	John	Young	Triumph	Trident	3,950	515

85	Steve	Aikens	BMW	R1200 RT	4,025	248
86	Cameron	Brister	Yamaha	FJR 1300	4,054	-1,980
DNF	Jim	Winterer	Suzuki	DL 650	1,975	0

The rider who is likely to get the most rest prior to the start of leg 3 is Dave Hembroff. Of the 14 states on the base route for leg 2, Dave has already documented visits to 10 of them. Dave passed up the opportunity to score a number of state capitals in order to get a huge head start on leg 2.

Many riders reported experiencing brutal wind and rain conditions during the ride to Cheektowaga. Tom and Rosie Sperry, not known for taking it easy, had to slow down to 45 mph on their way to the Lansing, Michigan capital bonus. It was raining so hard that it was difficult to see the side of the road. Such conditions caused the Sperrys and several other riders to abandon their plans to score the 1,000 point Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, capital bonus before heading to the checkpoint.

Earlier in the day Wendy Crockett's husband put out a call for assistance on the Long Distance Riders list. Wendy was struck in the eye by an unidentified flying object while riding on leg one and was experiencing significant swelling of the eyeball itself. Her husband asked if someone could line up a doctor visit for her at Cheektowaga. Arrangements were made and Heidi Frens drove Wendy to an emergency care clinic as soon as she arrived. Her husband posted the good news before Wendy showed up for scoring at about 5:30 p.m.:

Just got off the Phone with Wendy, she has been to the emergency care clinic and received treatment and is feeling much better. She will feel even better after scoring, food, shower, and sleep. Wendy's eye was not torn or damaged just bruised as something hit her rigid contact lens (which probably saved her eye damage) the lens spread the impact across her entire eye causing the swelling. The Doctor provided meds and recommended a cold compress (which she will use while sleeping) and cleared her to rally on.

A Late Night for the IBR Staff

This is one of the nights when the riders are getting more sleep the IBR staff.

A minor delay in the scoring process was caused by the fact that the scoring room was located next to a party for 300 aspiring 12-year old models with amplified music that began at 7:00 p.m. The relatively thin partitions between the two rooms just weren't cutting it. It was difficult for both the riders and scorers to concentrate what they were supposed to be doing. It took about 30 minutes to move the scoring operation into another room. Nevertheless, we were finished with scoring shortly after the close of the checkpoint window at 10 p.m.

After the riders all went to their rooms, Michael Kneebone, Ira Agins, Lisa Landry, Steve Hobart, Dave McQueeney, and Terry and Lynda Lahman continued with the process of auditing the preliminary scoring results.

Mike Kneebone and Ira Agins Pull an All-Nighter Checking Scores



After complaining of the freezing temperature in the IBR staff room late Friday night, Lisa Landry was thrilled to discover that one of the riders had left their jacket in the scoring room before retiring. The keys to a Honda were in one of the pockets of the jacket. There may be some serious reward money to be made tomorrow morning when the absent-minded rider frantically starts looking for their jacket and keys.

Lisa Scores a Nice Jacket and Keys to a Honda



Tomorrow morning at 4:00 a.m., the positions at the end of leg 1 will be announced and the bonus points for leg 2 to will be handed out. Riders will take whatever amount of time they want to plan their specific route. Then it's off to Florida and hopefully out of the rain.

Tom Austin
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