

2021 Senior Butt Rally
Monday, September 27, 2021
Day 2

I'll lead where we left off yesterday. The continuing saga of Team Perfecto. Seems they did receive the replacement bike. They did indeed ride said bike to Kansas where they left it in Paul Meyer's garage and swapped it out for a crotch rocket bike of unknown make. It looks sort of like something from the Green Hornet, and it certainly does not look like Paul could ride it very comfortably. The guys appear to have made up their own bonus called the "Bike Diversity Bonus" and believe they are now in first place in that category. I believe the cigars have gone to their heads. Or maybe it was all that time they spent in the Texas heat trying to fix a radiator with goeey paste and antifreeze. But at least they look happy.

The "Disco Ball", replacement bike #1, is shelved for replacement bike #2, the "Green Hornet" which appears to have some sort of chicken attached to the fairing.



In the Day -1 report, I got a bit out front with a comment about the apparent new health of our Senior riders. Seems I was only lacking information and the experience of rally time passing. Since then I have been informed of a broken tooth from eating pizza crust that required emergency dental work, several bad back issues which either almost cost a start or have been flaring up as the rally progresses, a case of vertigo, a nagging limp from some type of structural misalignment, and to top it off, a kidney stone that has decided the rally would be a good time to try to pass. So far, none of these has cost a DNF from the rally, but the latter one is threatening to do so. The victims of all of these ailments will not be disclosed until the SBR/JBR legal department has obtained the necessary release forms. The legal department at last check has not arrived at Rally Central and has already said they will not take up the work until they are paid. I am not expecting the releases any time soon. So let me just tell you that the kidney stone victim claims to have scored a full rest bonus while under heavy sedation at the hospital. And, he has petitioned for a new IBA certificate, claiming that he road over 1,000 miles in under 24 hours before succumbing to the kidney stone attack. He wants a Kidney Stone 1000 cert. We'll see.



Random internet picture of a guy in the hospital trying to pass a kidney stone during a motorcycle rally. Any resemblance to the rider named Dan Lessert in the 2021 Junior Butt Rally is purely coincidental.

The riders have been calling in with various questions in search of clarification of the rules as written in the official rally rules or as explained in the rally pack. In all cases so far, the callers were looking to do something that was clearly not allowed. In each instance, after they were informed that the object or action of their desire was in fact not allowed they always answer that they didn't think so, but they thought they would ask. Really? If you are that good at reading comprehension, why are you bothering with the question? I think they are just sick of having only their teammates to talk to and sorely need to hear another human voice. The days can take their toll on you when you only have one person to talk to all day and all night. As this is being composed, we are nearing the end of day 2. The calls are increasing. Either these teams are becoming increasingly annoyed with each other, or they have lost their rule books.

By mid-day Tuesday, the teams will be nearing the halfway point in the rally. Most will be gathered in Big Sky, Montana north of Yellowstone National Park. There lies a huge point bonus for a group photo and a meal at a local eatery. All of this was made possible by the efforts of 2009 Iron Butt Rally Finishers Bob and Sylvie Torter, the V Twins. Usually we would never want to post information about a rally bonus location because we really don't want you to show up there. However, in this case the bonus is a long way from most everyone reading this report and you are not going to go. Moreover, if you do, you will be joined by half the town of Big Sky, or at least half the people who are still there, as they are in between resort seasons at the moment. Bob and Sylvie invited everyone they know to show up. Bob even bribed them with a round of beer at Chops, the local establishment where the riders can pick up half of the bonus points available for the stop. The write up of the bonus from the Rally Bonus Book follows. Do not go. Stay away. Nothing to see here. Move along.

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Fire Pit Park

Ousel Falls Rd
Big Sky, Montana

45.2598, -111.3102

1230, September 28, 2021



Big Sky is located in south central Montana, about 44 road miles south of Bozeman, Montana.

The “V Twins”, Bob and Sylvie Torter, were so named by Mike Kneebone during a South African ride while on an Ayres Adventures tour, the motorcycle tour company founded by the late great IBR Finisher Ron Ayres. Bob and Sylvie, always the stylish dressers, were outfitted in matching silver riding outfits for the tour. Mike observed that whenever they took a curve Bob would lean left and Sylvie would lean right, or vice versa. This riding style, coupled with their silver suits gave the appearance to those behind them of staring at a V Twin engine. It gave Mike such a laugh that at one stop he pointed it out and declared he was nicknaming them the V Twins. Apparently the name stuck.



The V Twins are residents of Big Sky, Montana, where if the ski mountain is open, they are on it. Luckily, we caught them when it is not, and they agreed to host our mid-rally group photo. On September 28, 2021, make your way to Fire Pit Park where the V Twins will be waiting to greet you. Hmmm. I wonder what they will be wearing.

Have your picture taken with Iron Butt Rally Finishers, Bob and Sylvie Torter, the V Twins. You must check in with SBR volunteer staff prior to 1230.

I promised previously a bit about the “puzzle” the riders are trying to solve. The Rally Bonus Book contains a total of 131 separate bonuses, some of which can be scored multiple times. The bonuses are located in 33 different states. Some of the bonuses if scored in the proper sequence will double the point value of some of the bonuses scored after it, but not all. Some of the bonuses are worth zero points. Some infractions of the rules will cost penalty points. Others will cause a DNF. Arriving late at the Finish will cost you 5,000 points and eventually a DNF. The riders serve as their own rally flags. Oh, and there is a chicken involved. Confused? You shouldn’t be. It’s just a typical rally. Random chicken bonus photos to follow. Day 3 and the halfway point is next up.

