Trans America Scooter Route Ride Plan



Ride by gpsKevin

Enclosed you will find a daily description of the ride and associated plans.

You will also find an SD card for your gps unit. This card contains all the custom ride maps which I created for our route. You should install this sd card into your gps prior to the ride and check to see that it is working properly.

If you have trouble with your gps I will be happy to help you at the ride.



You will also find 4x6 daily ride maps. These are to be carried with you as a quick reference to aid you in understanding your gps and the day's route.

<u>Summary Description:</u> This is a sixteen day cross country ride on scooters through rural America. The ride begins near the Statue of Liberty at Liberty Park in New York and takes you through the central part of the country, over the mountains and ends at Golden Gate Park outside San Francisco.

Friday X/XX/20XX Day before ride

Lodging: Jersey City, NJ Motel: Rodeway Inn: 201-420-7788

Note: Today is Jeffrey's 21st Birthday.

Saturday X/XX/20XX Ride 1 Liberty Park to Shamokin Dam PA *Lodging:* Shamokin Dam, PA Motel: Phillips Motel: 570-743-3200

Ride length: 191 miles

Gas Plan: First gas is 49 miles, Second gas is 81 miles

Breakfast: Continental Breakfast

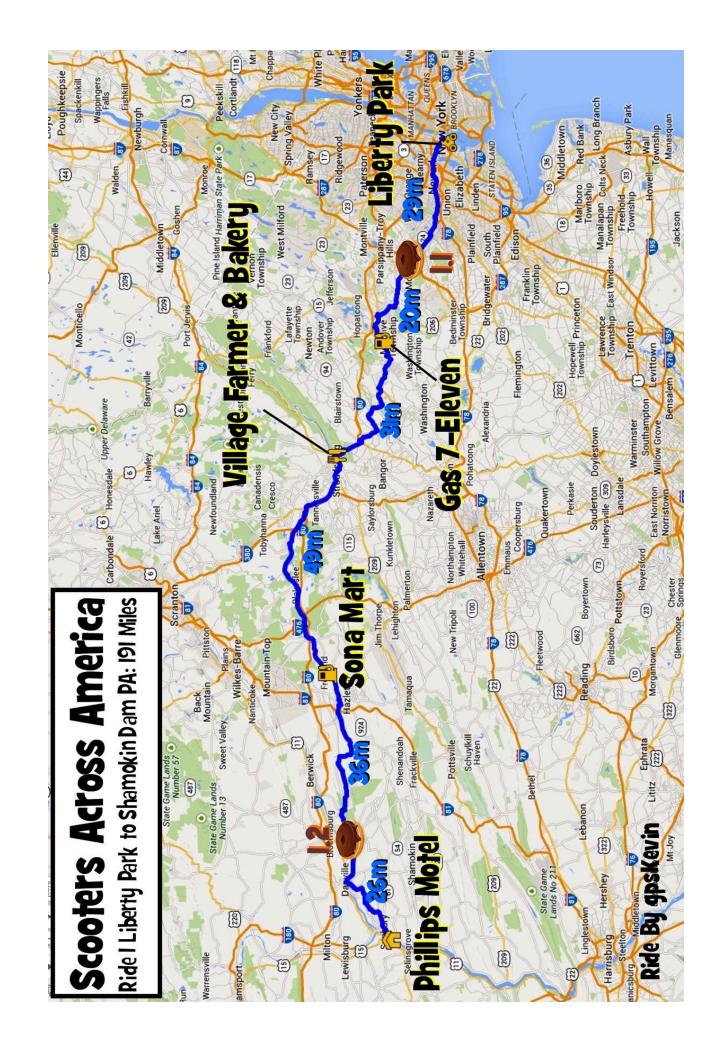
Lunch Plan: Recommendation: Village Farmer & Bakery (Hot dog and Pie \$2.49 everyday) in

Delaware Water Gap, PA

<u>Dinner Plan:</u> Recommendation: Hoss's Steak & Sea House 3134 N Susquehanna Trail <u>Description:</u> Meet at 7:00am at Liberty Park. Riders meeting and ride grouping at 8:00am. Pictures at 8:30am. Then helmets on ready to ride. We ride at 9:00am. Some busy streets and poor neighborhoods as we leave NYC and go through Newark. Gradually we change to back country roads. Last half of the day is a bit rural.



Welcome to New Jersey



Sunday X/XX/20XX Ride 2 Shamokin Dam PA to Beachwood, OH

Lodging: Super 8 3795 Orange Pl Beachwood Ohio 44122, 216-831-7200

Ride length: 298 Miles

Gas Plan: First gas at 107 miles at Kwik Fill, Second gas at Sheetz at 88 miles and gas at the day's

end 103 miles

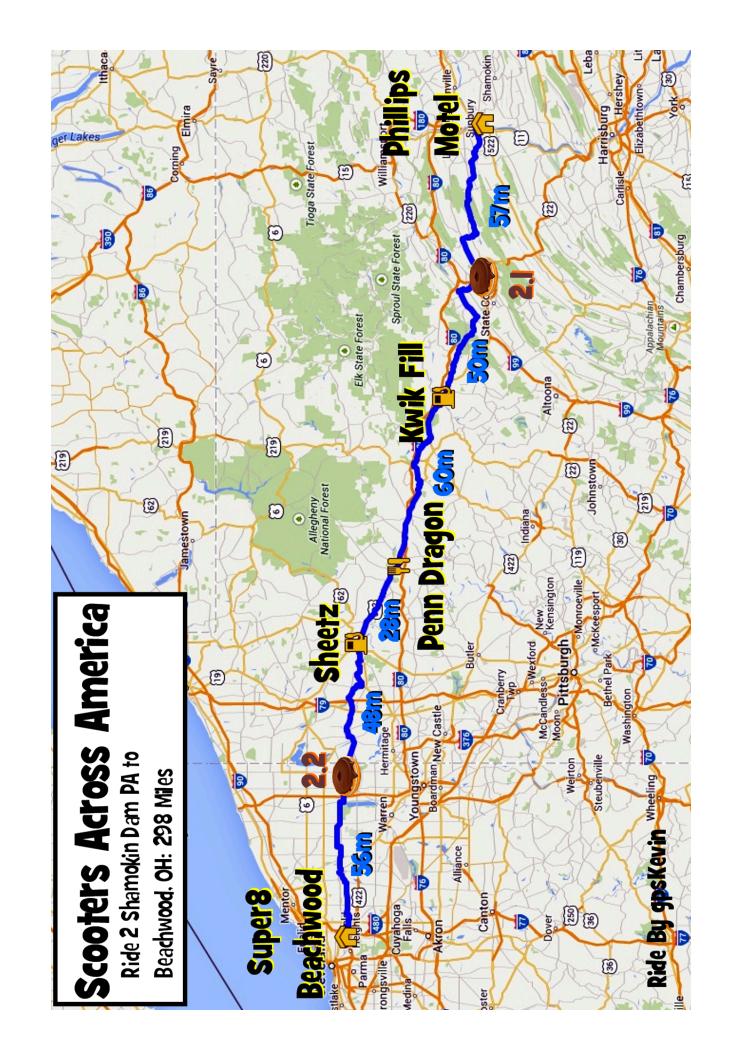
Breakfast: None, ask at the motel

Lunch Plan: Penn Dragon Chinese in Clarion PA at 167 miles into the ride

<u>Dinner Plan:</u> Recommendation: Wasabi Japanese Steakhouse next door to hotel <u>Description:</u> Mostly back roads and highways through small towns and small farms



Statue of Liberty in Pennsylvania



Monday X/XX/20XX Ride 3 Beachwood, OH to Coldwater, MI

Lodging: Coldwater, MI Motel: Super 8 Coldwater: 517-278-8833

Ride length: 226 miles

Gas Plan: First gas at 63 miles at Mickey Mart, Second gas at Marathon at 93 miles and gas at the

day's end 70 miles

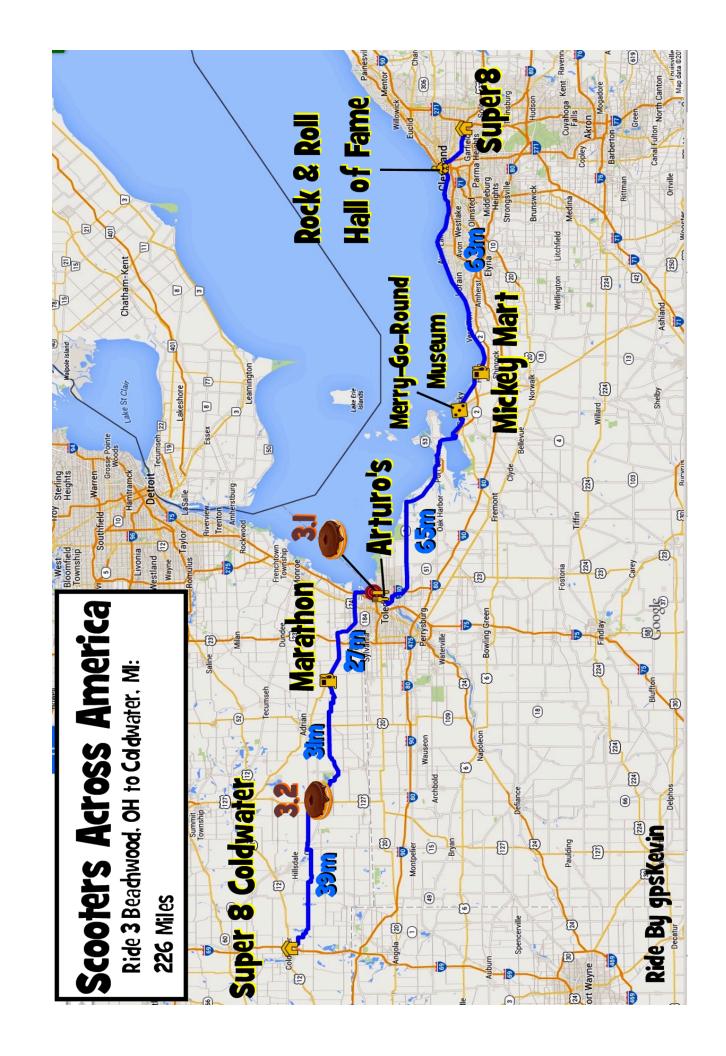
Breakfast: Continental Breakfast

<u>Lunch Plan:</u> Arturo's Fritz & Alfredo's (Mexican and Greek combined) <u>Dinner Plan:</u> Recommendation: Dickey's BBQ, 445 E Chicago St

<u>Description:</u> A lot of secondary city streets through Cleveland and along Lake Erie. In the morning we pass the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Late morning we can stop by the optional Merry-Go-Round Museum. Lunch in Toledo at a Family Mexican/Greek place. Then the afternoon is mostly rural country farm roads.



Open Farm roads in Ohio



Tuesday X/XX/20XX Ride 4 Coldwater, MI to Chicago, IL

<u>Lodging:</u> Chicago, IL Motel: <u>Motel 6-Chicago West Villa Park</u>: 630-941-9100

Ride length: 192 miles

Gas Plan: First gas at 75 miles at Admiral Gas, Second gas at Marathon at 63 miles and gas at the

day's end 55 miles

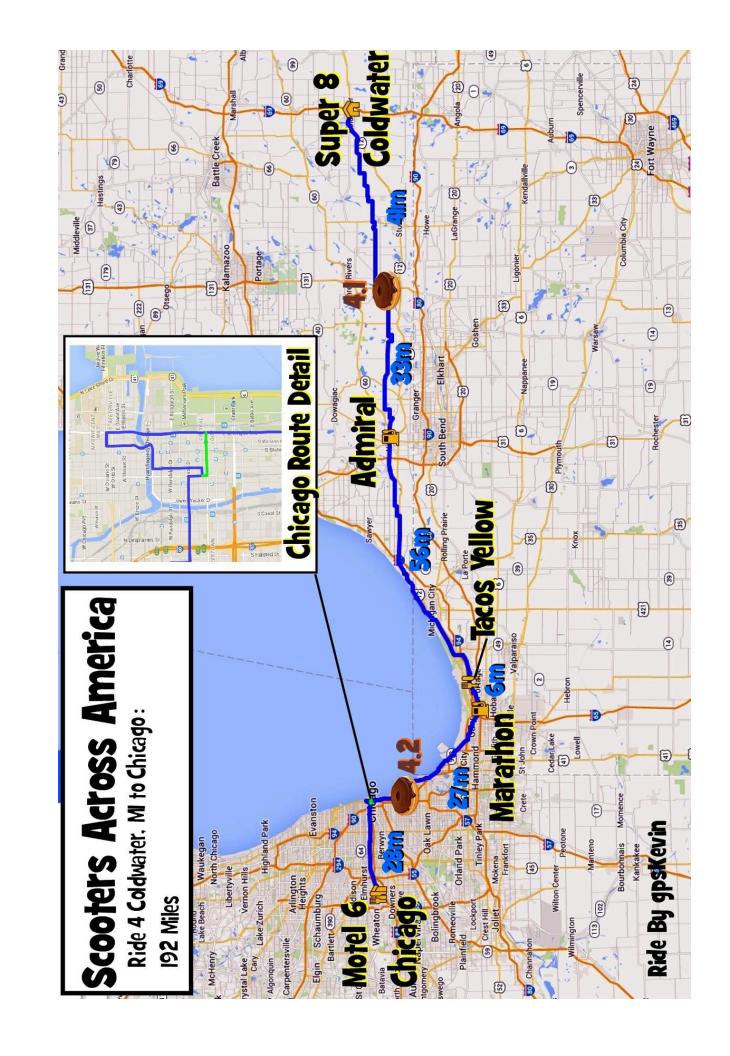
Breakfast: Continental Breakfast

<u>Lunch Plan:</u> Yellow Tacos, roadside stand. Get a gyro burrito.

<u>Dinner Plan:</u> Desi Grill & Pizza, Awesome and you can order online, or go there. 630-916-8608 <u>Description:</u> The first part of the day is rural farm roads and in and out of small towns. Then we ride along Lake Michigan and into the populated areas. Lunch at a great back road dive. Then through the poor parts of Gary, Indiana. We will get lots of looks here. Then it is through the city parks with a donut stop at DuSable Museum of African American History. Then we will have a little fun in the heart of downtown Chicago as we take a victory lap through the city just for fun. There is a green shortcut route if you'd like to skip the city.



Jeffrey on the scooter in Chicago



Wednesday X/XX/20XX Ride 5 Chicago, IL to Marshalltown, IA

<u>Lodging:</u> Marshalltown, IA Motel: <u>Economy Inn</u>: 641-752-5485

Ride length: 288 miles

Gas Plan: First gas at 76 miles at Casey's General Store, Second gas at Clark at 74 miles, Third gas

at Kum & Go at 64 miles and gas at the day's end 76 miles

Breakfast: None planned

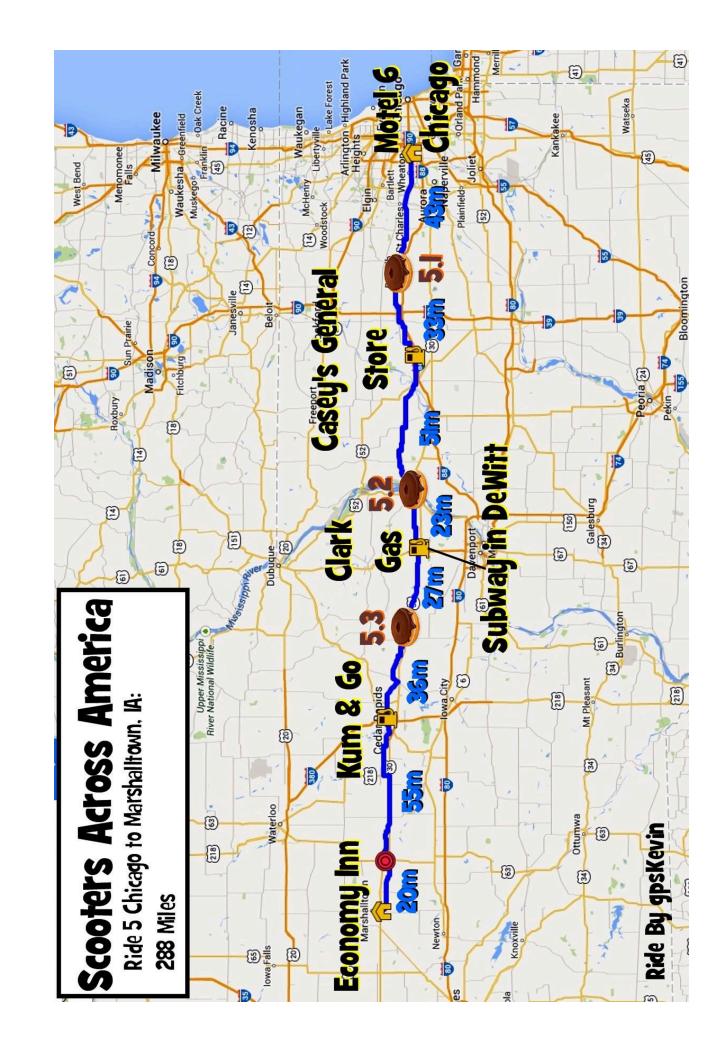
Lunch Plan: Get sandwiches at the Subway in DeWitt

Dinner Plan: Perkins next door to hotel or Legends, 2902 S Center St

<u>Description:</u> Will be a bit congested as we leave Chicago. Then we start part of the Old Lincoln Highway and some main farm roads. Soon we are way out in the country and farms. Should be lots of fresh corn this time of year.



Iowa Cows here aren't like those Happy California Cows I am used to



Thursday X/XX/20XX Ride 6 Marshalltown, IA to Yankton, SD

<u>Lodging:</u> Yankton, SD Motel: <u>Best Western Kelly Inn</u> 605-665-2906

Ride length: 297 miles

Gas Plan: First gas at 98 miles at Kum & Go, Second gas at Casey's General Store at 107 miles, and

gas at the day's end 88 miles Breakfast: None planned

Lunch Plan: Three choices for lunch in Marcus: Pizza Ranch, Old Panhead, and JBs Bar & Grill

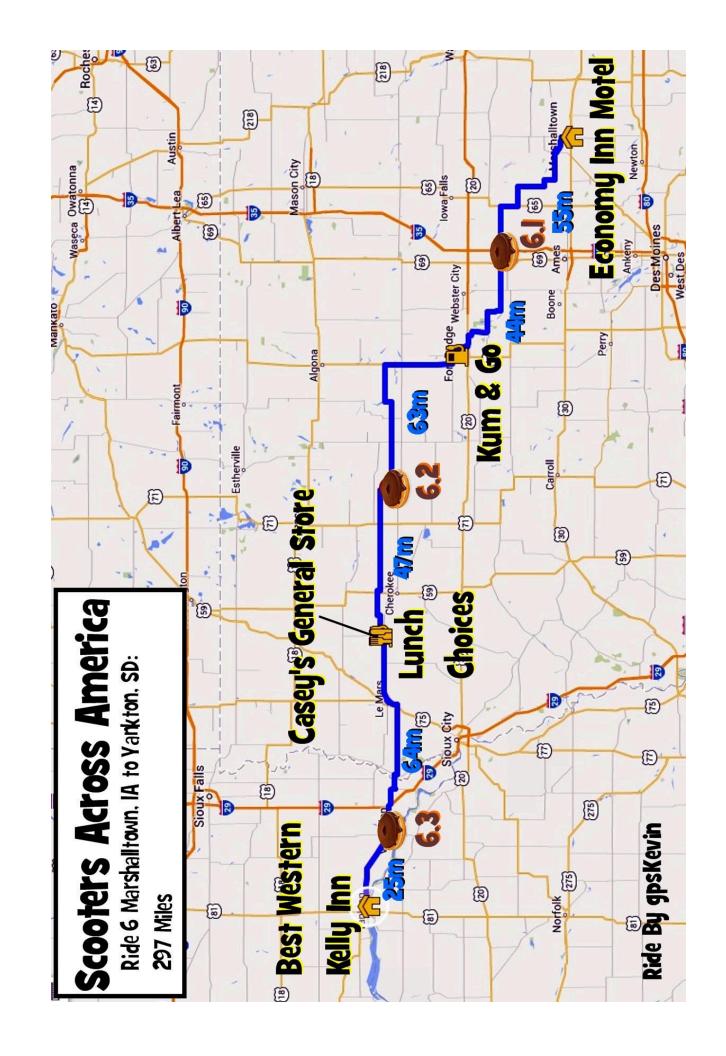
Dinner Plan: Bar Grille inside hotel

<u>Description:</u> This day is mostly all back farm roads, maybe even get a few nice hard dirt roads. There

are some spots of the Old Lincoln Highway. This is Iowa Corn Day!



Lincoln Highway markers in Iowa



Friday X/XX/20XX Ride 7 Yankton, SD to Interior, SD

Lodging: Interior, SD (190 miles) Motel: Badlands Budget Host 605-433-5335

Ride length: 287 miles

<u>Gas Plan:</u> First gas at 75 miles at Gus Stop, Second gas at Casey's General Store at 83 miles, Third gas at Gus Stop at 54 miles and gas at the day's end 75 miles

<u>Description:</u> This day is open road across South Dakota, some farm roads but mostly 2 lane

highway.

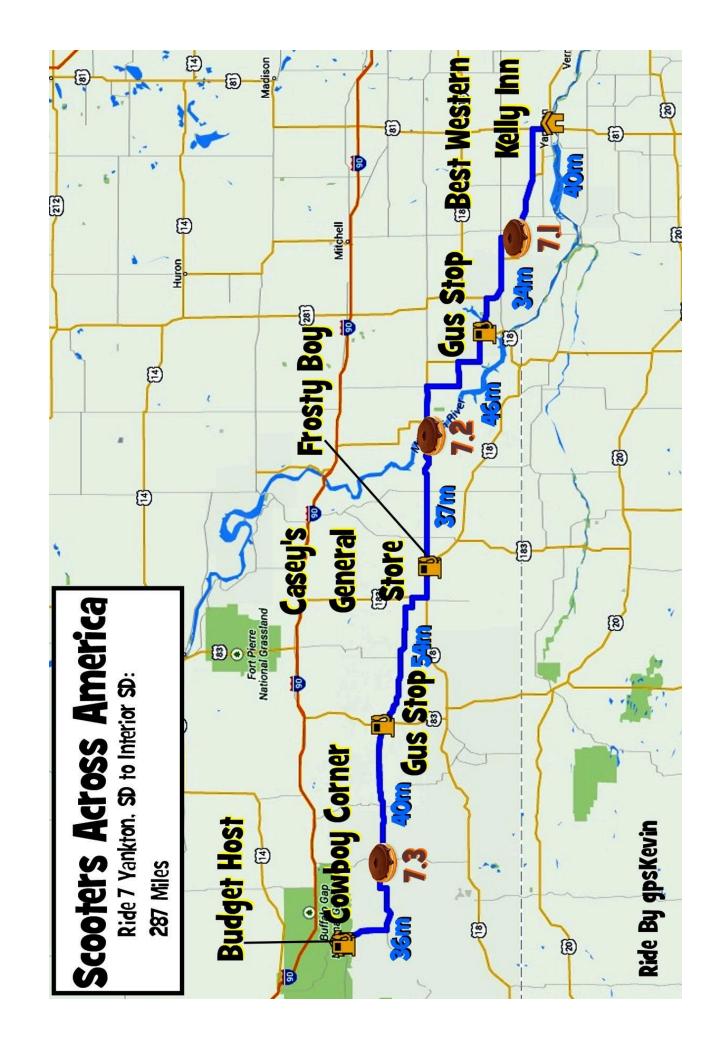
Breakfast: Continental Breakfast

Lunch Plan: Lunch at Frosty Boy in Winner, SD

Dinner Plan: Wagon Wheel Bar & Grille 115 Main St, Interior, SD 57750



Not much good cell service out here



Saturday X/XX/20XX Ride 8 Interior, SD to Sturgis, SD

Lodging: Sturgis, SD Motel: Days Inn-Sturgis: 605-347-3027

Ride length: 163 Miles

Gas Plan: First gas at 53 miles at Country Corner, Second gas Keystone at 41 miles, and gas at the

day's end 69 miles

Breakfast: None planned

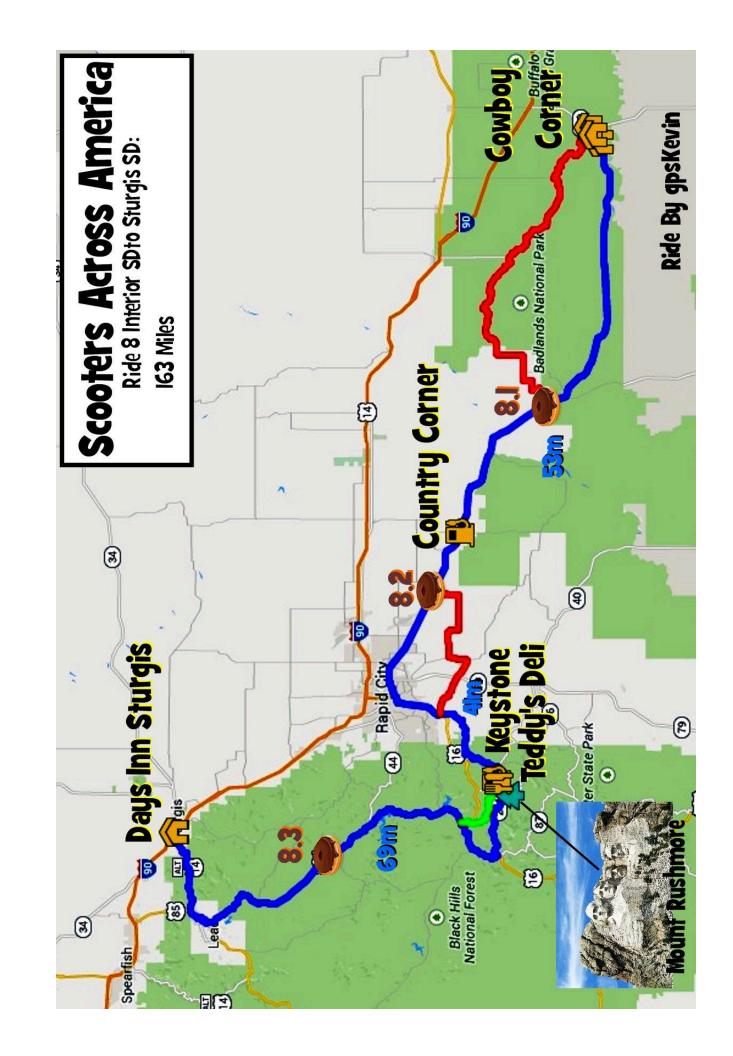
Lunch Plan: Teddy's Deli in Keystone

Dinner Plan: Open, many choices, let's rock!

<u>Description:</u> Morning is mostly back highway, unless you take the **Red Option** through the Badlands Park. It is part dirt road. Maybe not good for small wheels. Then after first gas there is another option to avoid Rapid City. The **Red Route** here is also part dirt. Lunch in Keystone and then you have the option to visit Mount Rushmore. The **Green Route** is an option to skip the park. The last part of the day is mostly back highway.



gpsKevin on his Honda CT70 at the entrance to Sturgis



Sunday X/XX/20XX Ride 9 Sturgis SD to Sheridan WY

Lodging: Sheridan, WY Motel: Americas Best Value Inn-Sheridan: 307-672-9757

Ride length: 236 miles

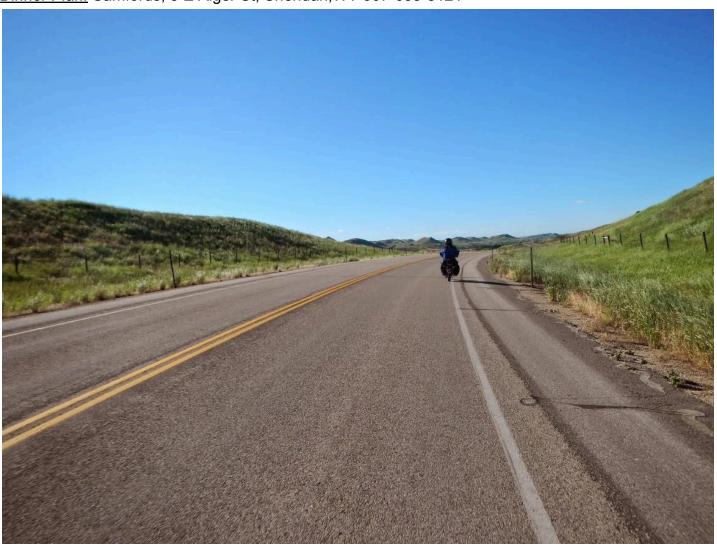
<u>Gas Plan:</u> First gas in Sundance WY at 53 miles, Second gas in Gillette at 74 miles, and gas at the day's end at 109 miles

<u>Description:</u> The morning section is mixed old highway following along the interstate. There is a **Red Option** that is mostly dirt roads, some old. It is untested and should only be tried by the adventurous riders. The road turns to back highway. Lunch is in the town of Gillette. There is a great old local cafe that is busy with the local workers. After lunch it is back highway winding through the foothills and farms. There is a second **Red Section** that should be all good quality graded dirt roads. If you're bored, you might give this one a try.

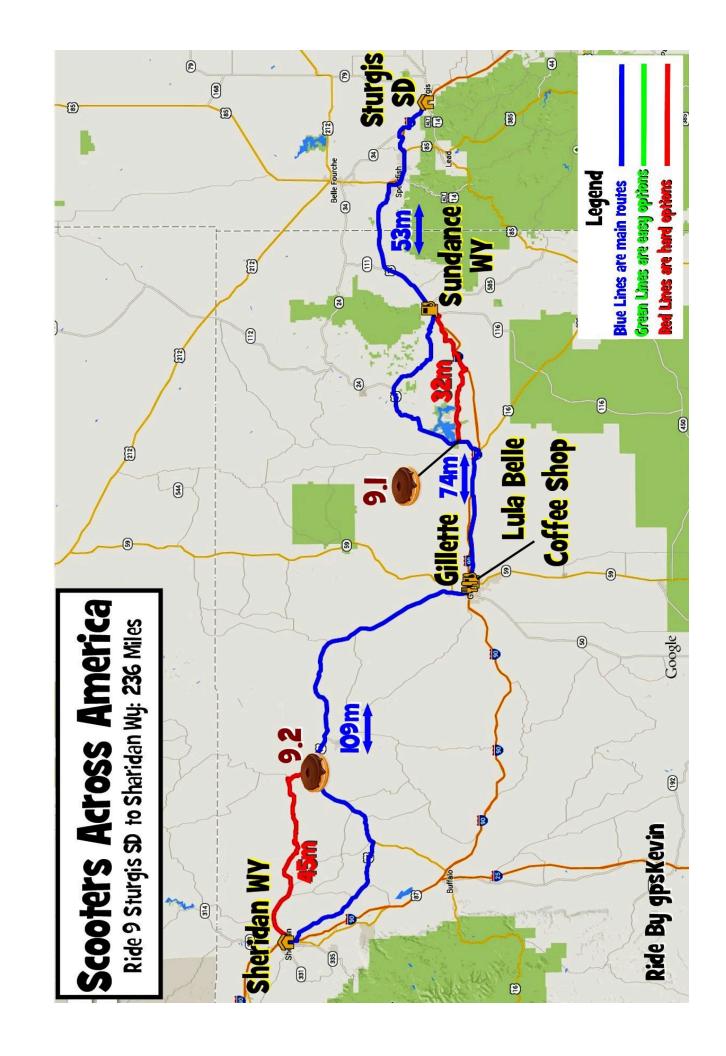
Breakfast: Continental breakfast

<u>Lunch Plan:</u> Great lunch at Lula Belle Coffee Shop in Gillette (local farmers hangout)

<u>Dinner Plan:</u> Samfords, 5 E Alger St, Sheridan, WY 307-655-8121



Back Highways in Wyoming



Monday X/XX/20XX Ride 10 Sheridan WY to Cooke City MT

<u>Lodging:</u> Cooke City, MT Motel: <u>Super 8-Cooke City</u> 406-838-2070

Ride length: 232 Miles

Gas Plan: First gas in Lovell WY at 99 miles, Second gas in Red Lodge at 70 miles, and gas at the

day's end at 64 miles

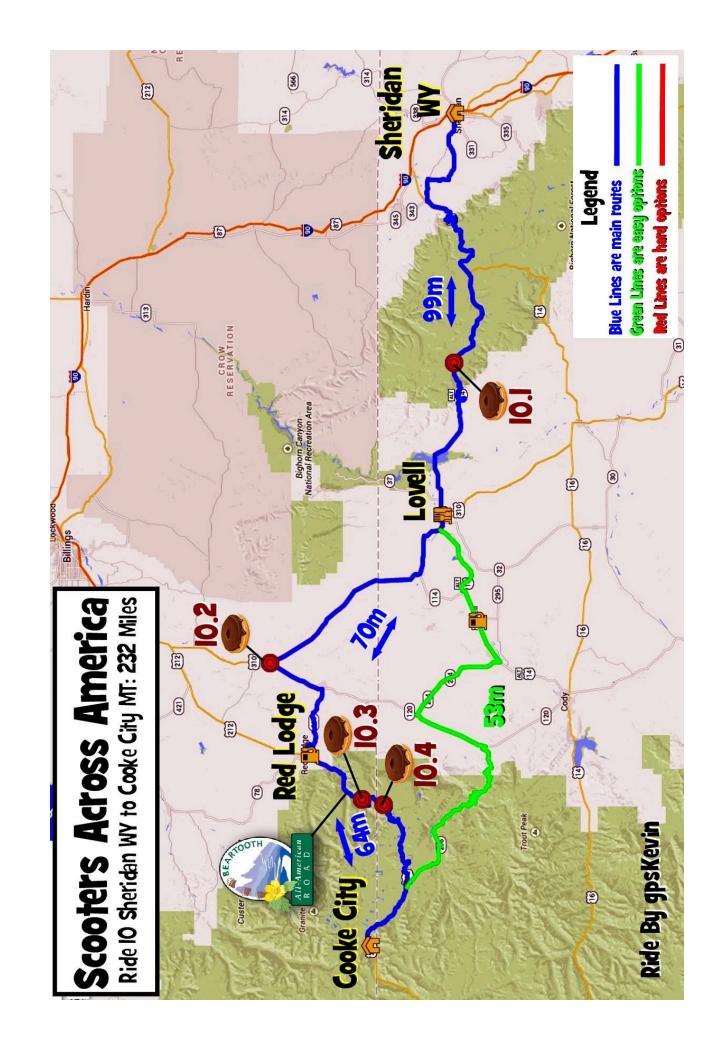
<u>Description:</u> This is the day of the scenic Beartooth Highway. The ride is mostly incredible back highway. The ride starts off slow and we get lunch and gas early in Lovell WY. If you want to skip the 10,947 foot Beartooth Pass then take the **Green Route** option. Although the **Green Route** has Dead Indian Pass at 8,071 feet. Second gas in the town of Red Lodge and then the scenic highway starts. Could be cold up here so bring warm clothes. Take your time and enjoy, you will be going slow anyway as the scooters will be working hard.

<u>Breakfast:</u> Continental breakfast <u>Lunch Plan:</u> Taco John's in Lovell WY

Dinner Plan: Bear Tooth Cafe 14 Main St, Cooke City, MT



Views From the Scooter on the Beartooth Highway



Tuesday X/XX/20XX Ride 11 Cooke City MT to Jackson WY

Lodging: Jackson, WY Motel: Antler Inn 307-733-2535

Ride length: 192 miles

<u>Gas Plan:</u> First gas in Yellowstone Park at 115 miles, and gas at the day's end at 77 miles <u>Description:</u> This is Yellowstone and Grand Tetons day. Just great scenic roads through the parks. You will have to pay an entrance fee as you enter the park. We will stop at Old Faithful Lodge and take a lunch break here. The day has optional **Green Shortcuts** if you spend too much time sightseeing. Speeds are slow in the park.

<u>Breakfast:</u> Continental breakfast <u>Lunch Plan:</u> Old Faithful Lodge

Dinner Plan: Lots and lots in this town. Cowboy bar?



Jeffrey and gpsKevin at the Park Entrance



Wednesday X/XX/20XX Ride 12 Jackson WY to Burley ID

<u>Lodging:</u> Burley ID, Motel: <u>Budget Motel</u> 208-678-2200

Ride length: 218 Miles

<u>Gas Plan:</u> First gas in Idaho Falls ID at 86 miles, Second gas in American Falls at 75 miles, and gas at the day's end at 94 miles

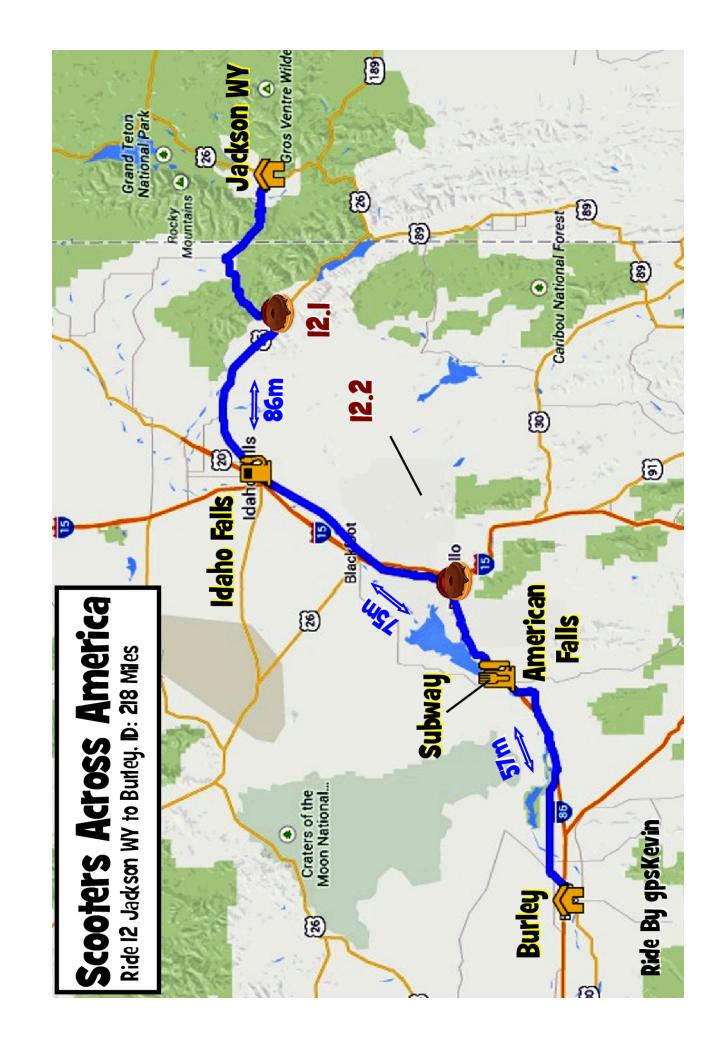
<u>Description:</u> The morning starts with a climb out of Jackson to 8,500 feet at Teton Pass then down the other side. Next is another up and down a mountain. Late morning the route breaks out to the farms. First gas is in Idaho Falls. Then 75 miles later it is gas and lunch in American Falls. This is all farmlands on mostly back highway. After lunch it is in and out of small towns and a mix of farm roads and back highways.

Breakfast: Continental breakfast

<u>Lunch Plan:</u> Get lunch in American Falls at Subway <u>Dinner Plan:</u> Chinese-Shon Hing 109 E. Main St



Farm roads across Idaho on a nice day



Thursday X/XX/20XX Ride 13 Burley ID to Ely NV

<u>Lodging:</u> Ely NV: Motel 6 770 Avenue O, US Hwy 50 US Hwy 93 S, Ely, NV 89301, 775-289-6671 <u>Ride length:</u> 290 miles

<u>Gas Plan:</u> First gas in Jackpot NV at 85 miles, Second gas in Wells NV at 67 miles, and gas at the day's end at 137 miles

<u>Description:</u> This is the start of the Loneliest Highway in America. Some of the morning is back farm highways, then after Jackpot, Nevada it is all Lonely Highway. It is just the start. Take a break in Jackpot and have a casino lunch and win a little something. Warning: Last donut may look a lot like a brothel.

Breakfast: None planned

Lunch Plan: Bella's Espresso House

Dinner Plan: La Fiesta, a couple blocks north of hotel



Nevada Back Highways



Friday X/XX/20XX Ride 14 Ely NV to Fallon NV

Lodging: Fallon, NV: America's Best Value Inn & Suites Fallon 775-428-0300

Ride length: 259 miles

Gas Plan: First gas in Eureka NV at 79 miles, Second gas in Austin NV at 69 miles, and gas at the

day's end at 112 miles

<u>Description:</u> This entire day is on highway 50 known as America's loneliest highway. This is the most boring day unless you can find some enjoyment in the solitude of the road which is awesome!. This route is part of the Pony Express Trail. Think about riding fast horses across this place. Of course not as fast as our scooters.

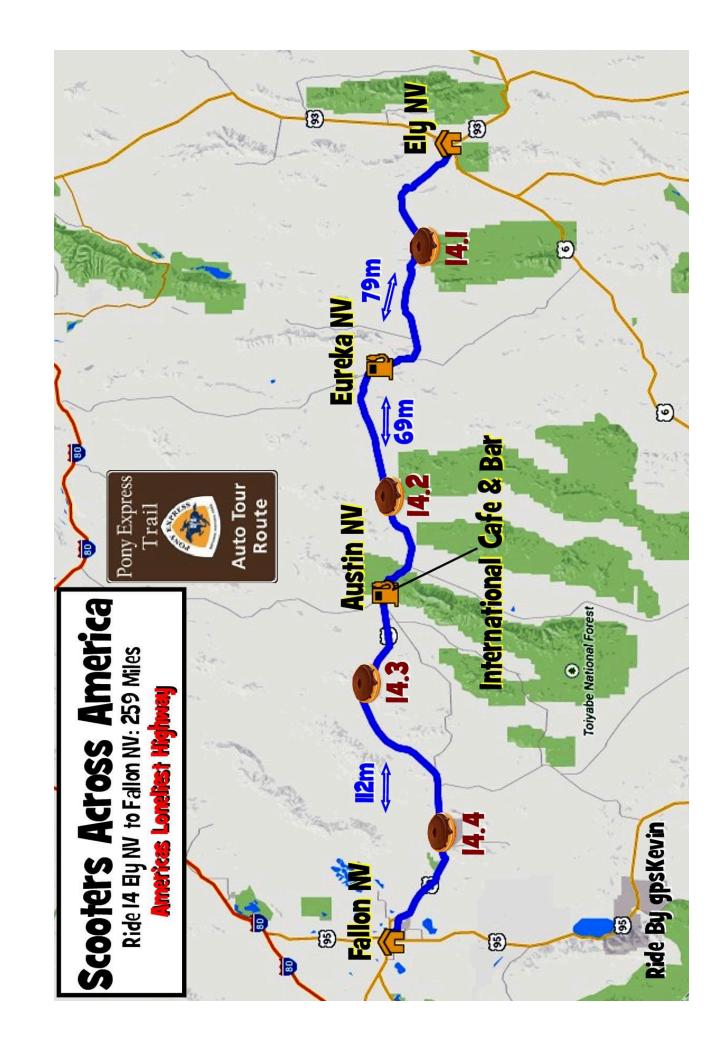
Breakfast: None planned

<u>Lunch Plan:</u> International Cafe & Bar in Austin

Dinner Plan: Stockman's Cafe & Casino 1560 West Williams Avenue



The loneliest highway is also part of the Pony Express Trail



Saturday X/XX/20XX Ride 15 Fallon NV to Sacramento CA

<u>Lodging:</u> Sacramento: Motel 6 7850 College Town Drive Sacramento, CA 95826, 916-383-8110 <u>Ride length:</u> 214 miles

<u>Gas Plan:</u> First gas in Carson City NV at 65 miles, Second gas near Pollock Pines at 90 miles, and gas at the day's end at 60 miles

<u>Description:</u> The morning continues with Nevada highways to Carson City. But then everything changes as we climb up to Lake Tahoe. It is through the city of Tahoe and then into the California forests. Great remote forest single lane paved roads. This is a big transition from the deserts. Then the roads turn to back country roads and into the city of Sacramento.

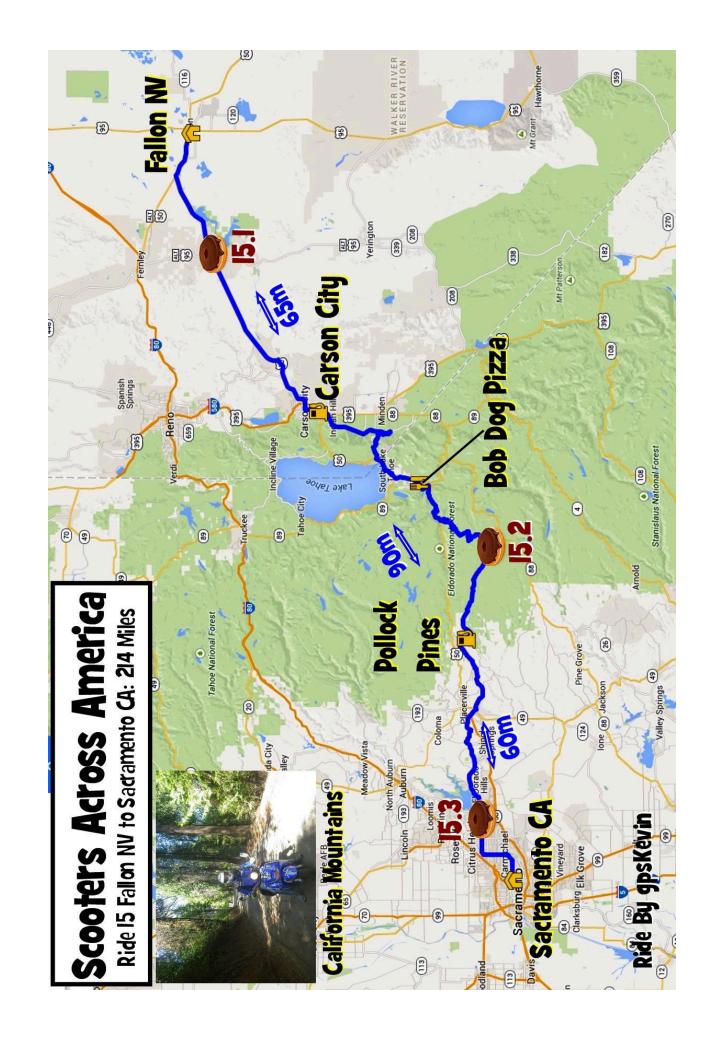
Breakfast: None planned

Lunch Plan: Bob Dog Pizza in South Lake Tahoe, CA

Dinner Plan: Denny's next door to hotel. Next to Sacramento State. Lots of fast food near.



Riding through the California Mountains



Sunday X/XX/20XX Ride 16 Sacramento CA to San Francisco CA

Lodging: Hilton Garden Inn 765 Airport Blvd Burlingame CA 94010, 650-347-7800

Ride length: 184 Miles

<u>Gas Plan:</u> First gas in Fairfield CA at 85 miles, Second gas in Mill Valley at 85 miles. Golden Gate Park is 14 miles after second gas

<u>Description:</u> This is the Big Finish Day! The morning starts on back roads along the Sacramento River. Then it turns to main roads across the farms. There is a quick jaunt through Napa Valley and over to Petaluma for lunch. Then there is a great back road along the coastal mountains through Point Reyes National Seashore. Gas in Mill Valley and through Sausalito, and we come to our last meetup donut just before crossing the Golden Gate Bridge. We should all meet here and cross the bridge together as a group.

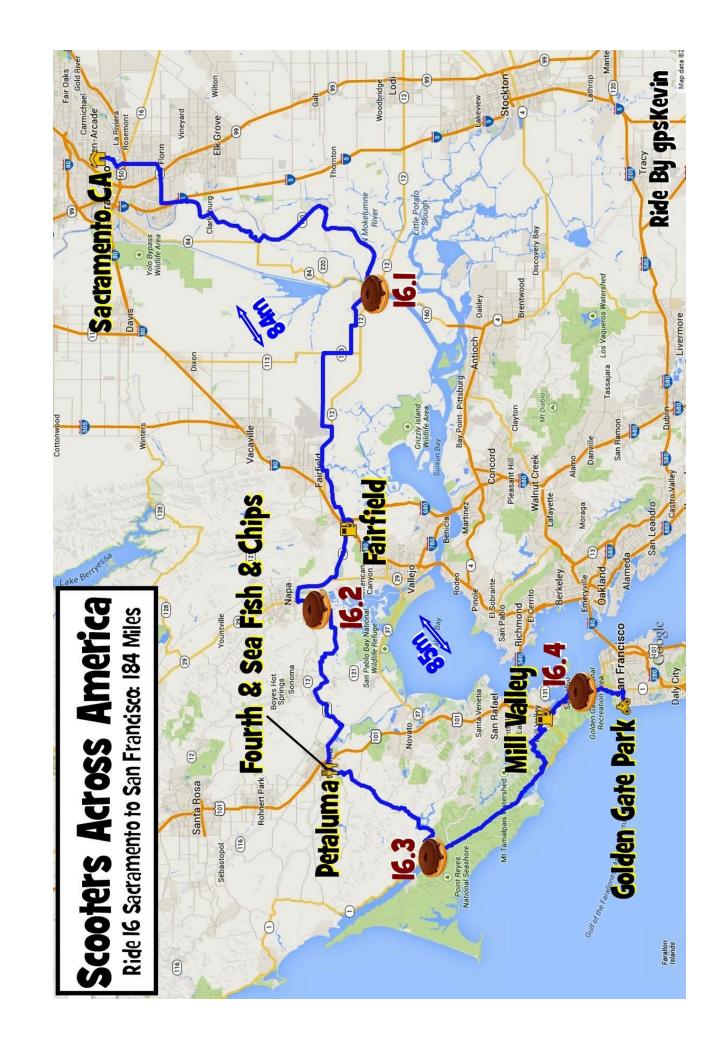
Breakfast: None planned

Lunch Plan: Fourth & Sea Fish & Chips

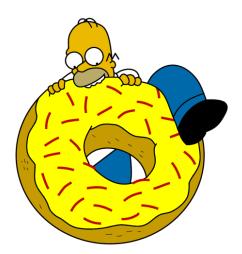
Dinner Plan: Ride Celebration Dinner: Tap & Tavern, Embassy Suites Hotel, 150 Anza Blvd



Wow did we really make it to San Francisco?



Donut Holes: Are we doing Donut Holes?



This ride includes Donut Holes. Donut Holes are suggested as meetup spots for riders riding in groups. It is recommended that you join a group of riders and not ride alone. Ride groups should be 6 people or less. Using gps to navigate while riding in a group presents lot of new challenges and opportunities. First riders tend to ride at their own pace and often ride out of sight of the others in the group. Some riders may like to stop and take pictures and others simply like to stay out of the dust. When using GPS riders often unknowingly pass or change their position within the group. While the rider, say Jeff thinks Brian is in front of him, Brian is now behind. Jeff and both riders don't know that this change has occurred. What happens next

is Brian slows to allow Jeff to catch up and Jeff speed up to try to catch Brian. The gap between them get ever bigger and the riders may never see each other again. These situations can escalate into big confusion and issues.

To mitigate the group confusion this ride includes Meetup Points called Donut Holes. Donut Holes are big circles embedded into your GPS. These circles mark the spot that riders take a quick stop to check in with the other riders and verify that everyone is accounted for without issue.

When a rider turns up missing at the Donut Hole it is up to the group to decide to ride back to the last known sighting of the missing rider. Riders should not skip a Donut as the rest of the group may turn back looking for the missing person. This allows ride groups to catch issues early before they become big problems

As your riding group forms the riders should ask each other, are we doing Donuts? If your group agrees to do Donuts, then that means everyone is responsible ensuring everyone in the group is present at the Donut Holes. Stay on the Trail: Much of this ride borders Wilderness areas, in some places the ride cuts right through Wilderness area on road easements. So it is very important to stay on the route at all times

Reminders:

Check your GPS, do you need extra batteries?

Do you have gear to repair flat tires?

Other:

Riding in groups of more than 6 people is not permitted, so do not tell any officials that you are riding in a large group. And limit your group size to 6

About your GPS

This ride includes custom ride maps on a micro SD Card. Each days ride is a different map so riders must understand how to turn on and off each map. The steps to do this vary depending on which Garmin gps unit you have (and there are hundreds). Most work one of these ways below:

- Alternate 1: From the "Map" page select Menu. Then select "Setup Map" then scroll down
 and select "Select Map." Now you can scroll down and read the maps in your unit. You should
 find maps named for this ride. Now enable only the day of the ride that you want and you are
 done!
- Alternate2: Some GPS units (like Nuvi's) work like this. Select "Settings" then "Maps" then
 "Info" and now you should find the map named for this ride. Now enable only the day of the
 ride that you want and you are done!
- Alternate3: Some work like this. Select "Tools" then "Settings" then "Map" then "Map Info."
 You should find the maps named for this ride. Now enable only the day of the ride that you want and you are done!

If you are new to GPS or would like help with this, I am happy to set this up for you at the ride.

FAQ:

Q: I installed the SD Card, now how do I check my GPS to see if it is working properly?

A: See the ridel on the GPS yourself. Turn on the GPS and zoom out to about 30 miles. Use the cursor to pan over to an area where you know the ride should be. Now begin zooming in. Wait for the gps to refresh it's screen as they can be slow. As you zoom in you should see the ride as a Wide Bold Blue line made up of arrows (Red and Green too) OK, good job, you did it right.

Q: I put the SD Card into my gps and now how do I find the Tracks or Routes?

A: No Tracks or Routes for this ride. This ride is based on Maps not Tracks or Routes. The ride just shows up in the display of your GPS unit. There are big bold lines that match the handout maps given for the ride.