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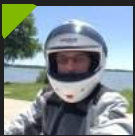
ALASKA bound - No Excuses - Just Ride!

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abambach, May 23, 2017



abambach
Just Ride!

Got to jump in the pool if you want to learn how to swim. Noobie from TX attempting his first Ride Report. I studied Engineering and Math because I never did well in my english classes, so bear with me. Hope that the photos will make up for that. I retired July last year, with the aspiration to ride the 49 states by the end of 2017 (so far 38/49, sorry Hawaii). So now there are no excuses, only fun and execution.



Last October I rode the Midwest/East Coast, and many other trips in between, but now is time for the seemingly elusive Alaska trip. 3 years ago, with my family, we took a cruise from Vancouver to Seward, making several stops along the way, (BTW highly recommended). Ever since, Alaska has been on my must go back to visit again list and now at the top of my must ride bucket list.

I probably over planned Alaska, and I since I am awful at following all directions (mine included), everything is flexible and negotiable, except a mid journey visit to the SF Bay area for my son's graduation.

The good stuff, departure date **Saturday 5/27/2017**. Making last minute preparations, Oil change, new tires, FD oil, and various USB outlets, tools, dry bags, and most importantly, my satellite inReach Explorer.



Follow my location at advTXgs.com. I will try for to daily updates, but...

My excuse will be spotty wi-fi...AB

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MotoVentures, May 23, 2017



MotoVentures
Stromaholic

I'm intrigued....and in!



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wrussell61, May 23, 2017



wrussell61
Card Carrying Cult Member

I'm in. Safe travels neighbor!

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Tejas99, May 23, 2017



Tejas99
Adventurer

In!

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You like this.

Bobcycles, May 23, 2017



Bobcycles
Adventurer

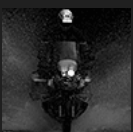
You're gonna love it! Will be doing it vicariously again this year through RRs like your's so TIA. Order the chicken in Chicken AK if you can (note my avatar).

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You, Cee-Dub and HeidiHo like this.

mlbraptor, May 23, 2017



mlbraptor
Been here awhile

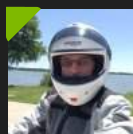
Have fun

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You like this.

abambach, May 23, 2017



abambach

Just Ride!

A bit more on the gear and packing:

Gear

Given my warm climate blood, I get cold quite easily. Ideally I prefer temps in the high 70s - mid 80s. Late last year I discovered heated gear and once you try it, you will never go back. I have Gerbing heated socks, pant & jacket liners and gloves, with a bluetooth heat controller. I did a Colorado cold ride test last month and I was warm and toasty down to the mid 30's at 60-70% heat. No bulky layers, just the long sleeve T shirt, long johns, the heated gear covered by my Aerostich one piece R3 suit.

I have been reading the various ride reports, Rain and Alaska go together. The R3 is fully waterproof and covers you neck to ankles. Together with my Sidi Canyon Gore-Tex Boots and Schuberth E1 lid, I am waterproof head to toes. I am also bringing a 2 piece Jacket & Pants, and couple pairs of gloves for the nicer days.

My off the bike clothing is minimal, long/short convertible pants, a few long/short T shirts, a pullover jacket and hiking boots, undies and wool socks.

I learned from my friend DH to pack a tool kit. It has everything to do minor adjustments and repairs: wrenches, torx, allen, compressor, wire, tape, pliers, ferry straps, disc lock, spark plugs, etc. The piece of wood is to keep the front wheel elevated in case you have to take it off. Note to self - buy some JB Weld. Just in case, I make sure my BMW MOA roadside assistance is always paid up.



The entire set is the size of the pannier's footprint and fits nicely in a tray and its only 3" high leaving plenty of room for the other stuff.



Packing

Top Case - I wired it with twin USB ports and 12V outlet, and its mostly empty aside from small electronics, camera battery charger, snacks bars, etc. I usually it holds my helmet.

Right Pannier - my spare riding gear, hiking boots and spare gloves

Left Pannier - Tools and my off the bike clothing in a waterproof compression bag. They say Beemer panniers are waterproof, somehow water always finds its way there.

Under the seat - I always carry a 2nd compressor, tire plug kit, and the OEM tools

Still at home with great wi-fi...AB

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[smbaauncg](#), May 23, 2017



smbaauncg
Adventurer

Have a great ride abambach,
I did the Dallas to Alaska Ride in 2015, i am only able to get 17 days off this year or i might do it again.

a whole lot of great scenery and people between here and there, soak it up and post some pics, have a great ride.

p.s. if you have not been to the icefields parkway near Banff, try to fit it in.

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[Mcgee](#), May 23, 2017



Mcgee
Been here awhile

Looks like you are well prepared. Great bike with great tires! Looking forward to hearing more about your trip! Now, for me to get off my butt and do the same. Thank you for posting!

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duckman44, May 24, 2017



duckman44

Been here awhile

Looking forward to your trip.

I leave NY 2 weeks after you. Heading the same place. Maybe see you on the road somewhere.

Ride safe!!! 🙌

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You and bobw like this.

Oznay, May 24, 2017



Oznay

Been here awhile

In..

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CrustyAPO, May 24, 2017



CrustyAPO

Long timer

duckman44 said: ↑

Looking forward to your trip. I leave NY 2 weeks after you. Heading the same place. Maybe see you on the road somewhere. Ride safe!!! 🙌

I'm leaving for Banff & Hyder on June 1st (off until the 25th). Maybe I will run across both of you up there.

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You and bobw like this.

Married Man, May 24, 2017



Married Man

Been here awhile

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<http://advrider.com/index.php?threa...-the-first-post-before-posting.1197294/page-8>

I plan on that as a destination as I hope to meet fellow Alaska travelers and natives and drink beer. I retired last year as well, from one of your local companies, American Airlines. Safe travels and I hope to meet you on the road.

Doug

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Old93 and bobw like this.

abambach, May 25, 2017



abambach

Just Ride!

Married Man said: ↑

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Doug

Doug, unfortunately I will be in the SFO for my son's graduation during the D2D. I hope to run into you somewhere along the way. Travel safe...AB

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abambach, May 25, 2017



abambach
Just Ride!

Thank y'all for the well wishes.

Here is my rough itinerary, I don't usually stick to it but at least it gets me to the destination +/- a few changes/days. A 10 hrs day in the saddle is about 12-14 hrs day with stops. Daylight is abundant in the summer but you can't avoid getting tired. I simply stop for the day when I reach that point. Did I say I tend to over plan?

		Day	Start	Finish	Miles	Hours	Routes	POI
1	Sat	27-May	Home	Norfolk, NE	689	10.23	Direct	4 States TX, OK, KS, NE
2	Sun	28-May	Norfolk, NE	Belle Fourche, SD	456	10.30	Via Badlands NP	Badlands NP, Mt Rushmore NP, Sturgis
3	Mon	29-May	Belle Fourche, SD	Billing, MT	479	7.32	12>212>Old 87	New States ND, MT
4	Tue	30-May	Billing, MT	Helena, MT	390	7.59	212>191>287>359>69>15	Bear Tooth Pass, West Yellowstone
5	Wed	31-May	Helena, MT	Fort McLeod, AB	383	7.28	12>141>200>90>93>35>2>Going to the Sun Rd	Glacier NP, Border X-Ing
6	Thu	1-Jun	Fort McLeod, AB	Jasper, AB	364	10.46	2>1>93	Banff NP, Jasper NP, Lake Louise, Columbia Icefields
					2,761			
East								
7	Fri	2-Jun	Jasper, AB	Fort Nelson, BC	609	10.41	97	Dawson Creek, Alaska HWY Mile 0, FN Heritage Museum
8	Sat	3-Jun	Fort Nelson, BC	Watson Lake, YT	543	10.49	97	Fort Liard NT/Muncho Lake/Sign Post Forrest
9	Sun	4-Jun	Buffer/Rest Day		0	0.00		Liard Hot Springs
10	Mon	5-Jun	Watson Lake, YT	Carmacks, YT	363	8.38	4	Dawson, Chicken, Little gold, Perdro Dredgw
11	Tue	6-Jun	Carmacks, YT	Tok, AK	404	10.20	2>Top of the World (9)	SS Keno
					1,919			
West								
							OR	
7	Fri	2-Jun	Jasper, AB	Smithers, BC	463	8.15	16	MT Robson
8	Sat	3-Jun	Smithers, BC	Bell II, BC	305	6.46	16>37>Hyder>37	Hyder, Bear Glacier
9	Sun	4-Jun	Bell II, BC	Watson Lake, YT	308	6.54	37	Dease Lake, Cassier, Liard Hot Springs
10	Mon	5-Jun	Watson Lake, YT	Haines, AK	339	8.13	1>Ferry Skagway>Haines	Whitehorse/SS Klondike, Teslin Lake Bridge
11	Tue	6-Jun	Haines, AK	Tok, AK	438	8.54	3>1	
					1,853			
12	Wed	7-Jun	Tok, AK	Coldfoot, AK	456	10.03	2, Dalton Hwy	End of Alaska Hwy, Artic Circle, Grayling Lake, Shoe Nth Tok
13	Thu	8-Jun	Coldfoot, AK	Prudhoe Bay, AK	246	7.26	Dalton Hwy	Yukon Crossing
14	Fri	9-Jun	Prudhoe Bay, AK	Coldfoot, AK	246	7.26	Dalton Hwy	Artic Sea Dip, Pipeline,
15	Sat	10-Jun	Coldfoot, AK	Fairbanks, AK	254	6.37	Dalton Hwy>2	Atigun Pass
					1,202			
16	Sun	11-Jun	Fairbanks, AK	Fairbanks, AK	5,882		Wash/Service	
17	Mon	12-Jun	Fairbanks, AK	Healy, AK	347	7.20	2>Denali Highway (8)	Paxson/Denali Hwy W-E, McKinley NP
18	Tue	13-Jun	Healy, AK	Anchorage, AK	277	4.56		Talkeetna/Glacier View
					624			
		14-Jun	1 - Extra Buffer Day(s)		6,506		1st Half Total	

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TownPump likes this.

beedleblt, May 25, 2017



beedleblt
Adventurer

In.... I will be just a touch more than 2 weeks behind you, running nearly the same route in reverse order. Cassiar, Alcan, Richardson, Denali, Dalton, Alcan, and TOW to Dawson (7/3). Plan to ride the Campbell South to connect to the Alcan again and down to mile 0. Looking forward to your report.

You like this.

gun pup, May 26, 2017



gun pup
out fishing

Check the Beartooth weather reports before you head up this time of year, although it is not too long a drive to get turned around near the summit gate back to Red Lodge. If it's closed, from Red Lodge go east on 308 to Belfry, south to Cody, WY, then back west on 20 to the East entrance Yellowstone. If you've never ridden Yellowstone, keep your head up! Speed limits are low, and cars stop suddenly and drift over their lane lines gawking at the wildlife. I felt safer with the buffalo than the RV's! Have fun!

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Mtmedic, May 26, 2017



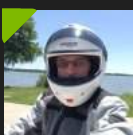
Mtmedic
All bleeding stops

I see you are planning on going through Helena, Mt. If you need a place to stay that night, we have a spare bed and shower and most important, BEER!!

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abambach, May 26, 2017



abambach
Just Ride!

Mtmedic said: ↑

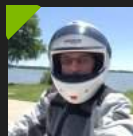
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Thank you! Hard to turn down bed and beer, I will definitely PM you if I end up near there...AB

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abambach, May 26, 2017



abambach

Just Ride!

Packed up and ready for departure tomorrow. I'm am stocked. 🤪🇺🇸🤪. Everything fits in the Stock boxes plus the cooler. (Water, diet coke, and snacks) wait what happened to the beer? Beer and maybe the other stuff: diet coke, water and snacks.



Unfortunately, my wife does not want anything to do with bikes, maybe some of my kids will and will be able to join me on some trips. Hope to pave the way for them, so they can join me

in the future.

All I can say is that I have learned a tremendous amount from all the Inmates this site and am ready to give back to our awesome community. My sincere thanks to all that have posted Alaska Trips. Stay tuned for day 1. It will be a day of high milage slab ride but... I know I can keep turning all negatives into positives and find interesting things along the way, so follow me and be surprised, and read on...AB

Many have asked about the budget, so here we go.

Miles today = 0, leave tomorrow

Trip total = 0, Same as above

Gas stops = 0, Same as above

\$ Spent Gas = 0, Started with 3/4 tank

\$ Lodging = 0, Sleeping at home tonight

\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = 0, I pay for everything at home regardless

Highlights = Saying goodbye to my Fam. I will miss them.

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


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CharlestonADV, May 27, 2017



CharlestonADV

I do my own stunts!

gun pup said: ↑

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The Beartooth Highway is officially open for the season! 🍷

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❤️ You, gun pup and Gordon like this.

nocalbruin, May 27, 2017



nocalbruin

No matter where you go, there you are

I love this time of year. I'm following about a half dozen Alaska bound trip reports, this one included... 🍷

I've never been on the road more than a week but am planning for Alaska summer of 2019. Doesn't it seem like most inmates on these reports are recently retired or school teachers?

Mtmedic, May 27, 2017

**Mtmedic**

All bleeding stops

Some of us still work. We had to take 30 days off so we could make the trip to AK. Still is not enough time, I think. We leave in 7 days. Start saving and building up vacation time for it now, if you still work.

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abambach, May 27, 2017

**abambach**

Just Ride!

Day 1 - Saturday, May 27th, 2017

Today was my get to where the fun begins day, 800+ miles of slab, TX, OK, KS, NE. I am overnighing in Valentine, NE, just a few miles from South Dakota. Tomorrow the fun begins.

Kind of a dull ride, but I had great weather, no real wind and am on my way to AK. Stuff along the way



Still learning how to take photos while riding.





Nebraska is beautiful, great terrain and no traffic other than trains



Day 1

Miles today = 818

Trip total = 818

Gas stops = 4, but i am sitting on a full tank

\$ Spent Gas = \$68, Avg 39MPG, 71.2 MPH


\$ Lodging = \$95, includes breakfast

\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = \$23, mainly hydration, light lunch/dinner

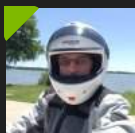
Highlights = I'm 818 miles closer to Prudhoe, AK

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abambach, May 27, 2017



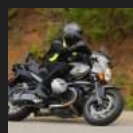
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Just Ride!

You can follow my tracks at advTXgs.com

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Married Man, May 27, 2017



Married Man


Been here awhile

Good first day. I'll be a week behind you coming from NC but I don't plan on making your mileage. Safe travels.

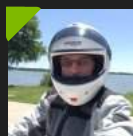
Doug

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 You like this.

abambach, May 27, 2017



abambach

Just Ride!

Married Man said: ↑

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Doug

I have to say it was too many miles for one day, but the combination of great weather, winds from behind and being energized for AK made it happen.

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Ssimp, May 28, 2017



Ssimp

n00b

I did South Carolina to Hyderabad's and back last summer. I had 2 weeks of vacation so I made the trip in 14 days with 0 miles on one of those. Best trip so far. I retire next year and plan to go again and spend a lot more time. Safe travels!

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bovine, May 28, 2017



bovine

Been here awhile

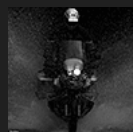
count me in too.

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tomfl, May 28, 2017



tomfl

Adventurer

will be following your journey! good luck mate, youre puttin out some insane mileage/day

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❤️ You like this.

ragtoplvr, May 28, 2017



ragtoplvr
Long timer

following

Clear sky and following seas

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❤ You like this.

Bigbore4, May 28, 2017



Bigbore4
Been here awhile

Always in for an Alaska ride!

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txbear55, May 28, 2017



txbear55
Been here awhile

Looks like a great plan! I'm in the Dallas area and this is my dream trip. Thanks for the inspiration for my retirement celebration (another couple of years!).

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❤ You and calfroper like this.

russ4ru, May 28, 2017




russ4ru
Adventurer

Good luck!



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 You like this.

abambach, May 28, 2017



abambach
Just Ride!

Day 2 - Sunday, May 28th, 2017

Awesome day today, visited new places and had great weather. I am sure you will recognize these. I need to balance between seeing the entire country or Alaska, it's so easy to get distracted by our beautiful country. Every National Park merits a visit on their own.



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LONG STAR STATE

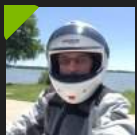


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abambach, May 28, 2017



abambach
Just Ride!

It was then onto Mt Rushmore, but I got distracted once more...





National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Mount Rushmore National Memorial



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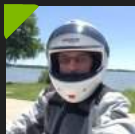


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abambach, May 28, 2017



abambach

Just Ride!

Mixed emotions, I love BMWs and always wanted a Harley. I could not miss this place. Maybe I will buy a group ride Softail when I get back.

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WELCOME TO STURGIS
PARKING FOR STURGIS BIKER WEEK & HOT LEATHERS







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[kr1](#), May 28, 2017



kr1

Just the right amount of evil.

Mtmedic said: ↑

Some of us still work. We had to take 30 days off so we could make the trip to AK. Still is not enough time, I think. We leave in 7 days. Start saving and building up vacation time for it now, if you still work.

This year the Trans Labrador highway. Next year the James bay again and hopefully Caniapiscau also. 2019 the plan is retirement and my trip to Deadhorse from CT. So, yep, this big trip is scheduled for the first summer of retirement.

And yes also, all bleeding stops.... eventually. 🤪

SAR Wilderness Emt.

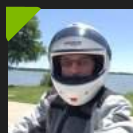
KR

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❤ You like this.

abambach, May 28, 2017



abambach

Just Ride!

I had visited 49/50 States, and today I rode 132 miles out of my way to hit the 50th, North Dakota.





Day 2

Miles today = 491

Trip total = 1,309

Gas stops = 2, Started full, and now sitting on a full tank

\$ Spent Gas = \$35, Avg 37MPG, 50.3 Avg MPH

\$ Lodging = \$69

\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = \$32, bought some souvenirs

Highlights = Badlands NP, bagging my 50th State

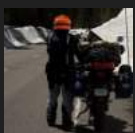
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black 8, May 28, 2017



black 8

Been here awhile

Ride safe AB hope to see you when you get up here...

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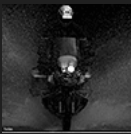
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Irons593, May 28, 2017



Irons593
Adventurer

Congrats on the 50/50 that's pretty awesome. I'm about 10 short myself. You're making it hard for me to not get excited about my 7/10 departure for the AK. Thanks for sharing and stay safe out there.

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CharlestonADV, May 29, 2017



CharlestonADV
I do my own stunts!

abambach said: ↑

I had visited 49/50 States, and today I rode 132 miles out of my way to hit the 50th, North Dakota.

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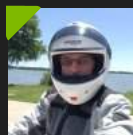
Congratulations on your 50 states. I picked up ND for my 50th state on last year's ride to Alaska.

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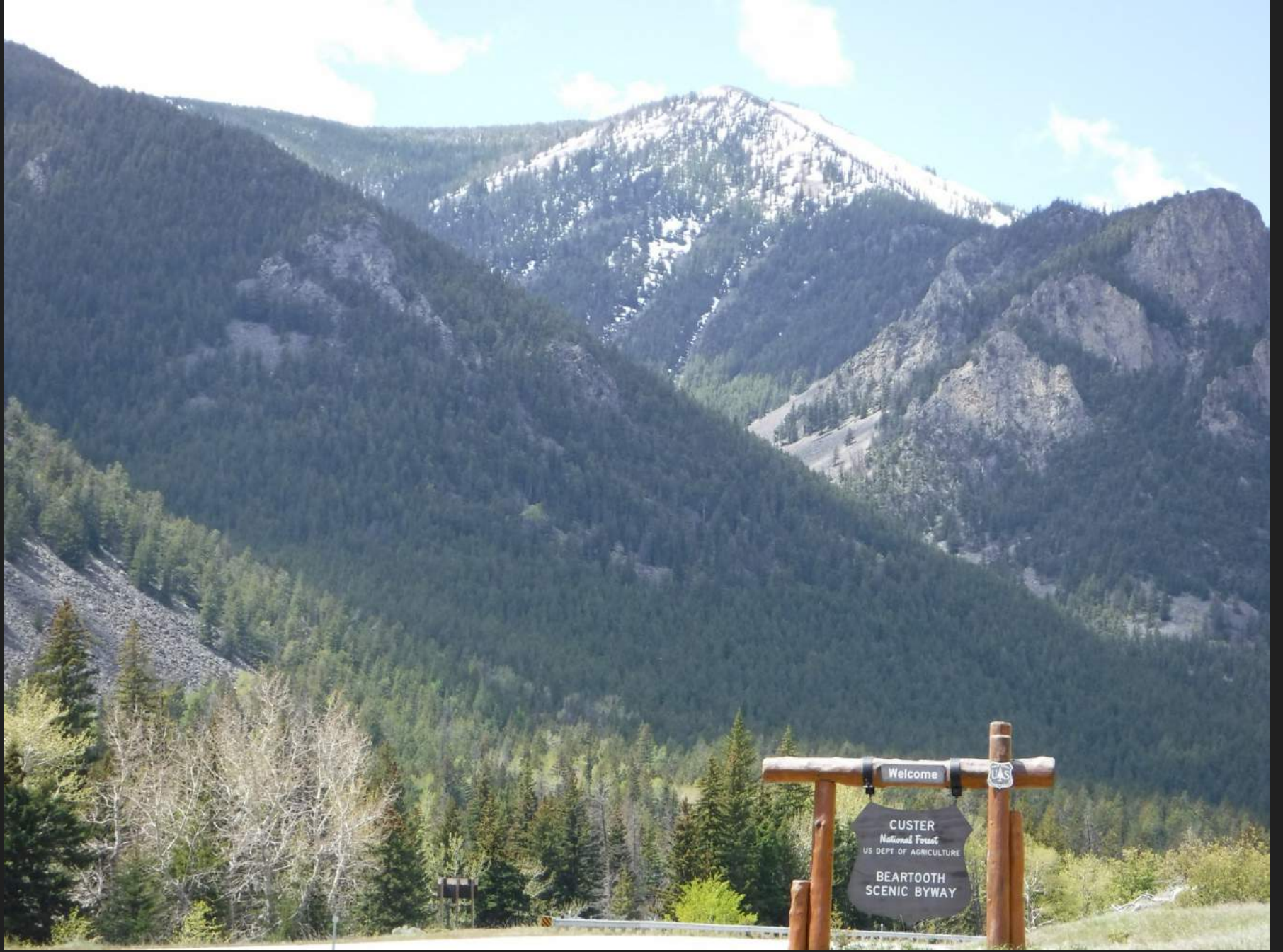
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Day 3 - Monday, May 29th, 2017, Memorial Day

Bear Tooth Pass. Today I was blessed by great weather. Slabbed it to Billings, Exited I90 on 212 and never looked back. What an awesome ride. High up, the Bear had tons of snow, but the road was clear and dry. Also, I was expecting lots of wind, but there was none. Temps dipped into the high 30s/low 40s but heated gear saved the day. It's a must do if you have a bucket list.

Red Lodge, great little town.





Big snow, but blessed weather!



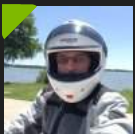


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abambach, May 29, 2017



abambach

Just Ride!

Visited Yellowstone NP, awesome as always, but full of visitors. Hey it's Memorial Day and I am glad people are out enjoying the freedom we have. Big thank you to all that have served!



Picture on the run. I am going to photography class as soon as I get back to TX.




Unfortunately Glacier NP is still plowing snow, so it gives me a reason (not an excuse) to come back. Special thanks to inmate MTMedic who graciously offered a spare bed and beer, unfortunately I was too far to collect, so a raincheck. Tomorrow I plan be somewhere in Canada...AB

Day 3

Miles today = 444

Trip total = 1,753

Gas stops = 1, sitting on a 155 mile range

\$ Spent Gas = \$18, Avg MPG = 43.2, Avg MPH = 53.7 slow = less 

\$ Lodging = \$86

\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = \$20

Highlights = Bear Tooth Pass, what a ride! I was blessed with great weather.

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Mtmedic, May 29, 2017



Mtmedic

All bleeding stops

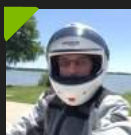
Next time, as you are always welcome here! Hope to catch up with you in Alaska!!

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abambach, May 30, 2017



abambach

Just Ride!

Day 4 - Tuesday, May 30th, 2017

The weather gods are definitely on my side. Today I had a tail wind all the way north to the border. From Livingston, I took Highway 89 all the way to the crossing into Alberta. Hwy 89 was perfect, a couple construction slow downs but overall great. The section through the Lewis & Clark forest was awesome, same on the Indian Reservation near the Canada border. Montana is beautiful, I need to go back there!





The cows have an amazing view.



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abambach, May 30, 2017



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Just Ride!

I am overnighing in Canmore, AB, on the foothills of Banff NP. Hit pretty bad Calgary traffic on the way up here, but I'm here.

The Banff NP mountain range looks phenomenal, can't wait for tomorrow.

Mandatory border crossings photos.



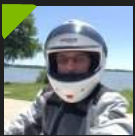


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abambach, May 30, 2017



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Just Ride!

A high mileage day, but the 1200GSA is so comfy. I sat on her for 10 Hrs and 550 miles and feel pretty good. It probably has something to do with my extensive Bicycle training for 100 mile centuries.

Day 4

Notes to remember:

Gas up in the US, far cheaper

\$1 US = \$1.36 CA

Remember rush hours when going through major areas. (you kind of forget when retired)

Miles today = 552

Trip total = 2,306

Gas stops = 2, sitting on a 129 mile range

\$ Spent Gas = \$US 41, Avg MPG = 46.1 (Tail Wind), Avg MPH = 56.4

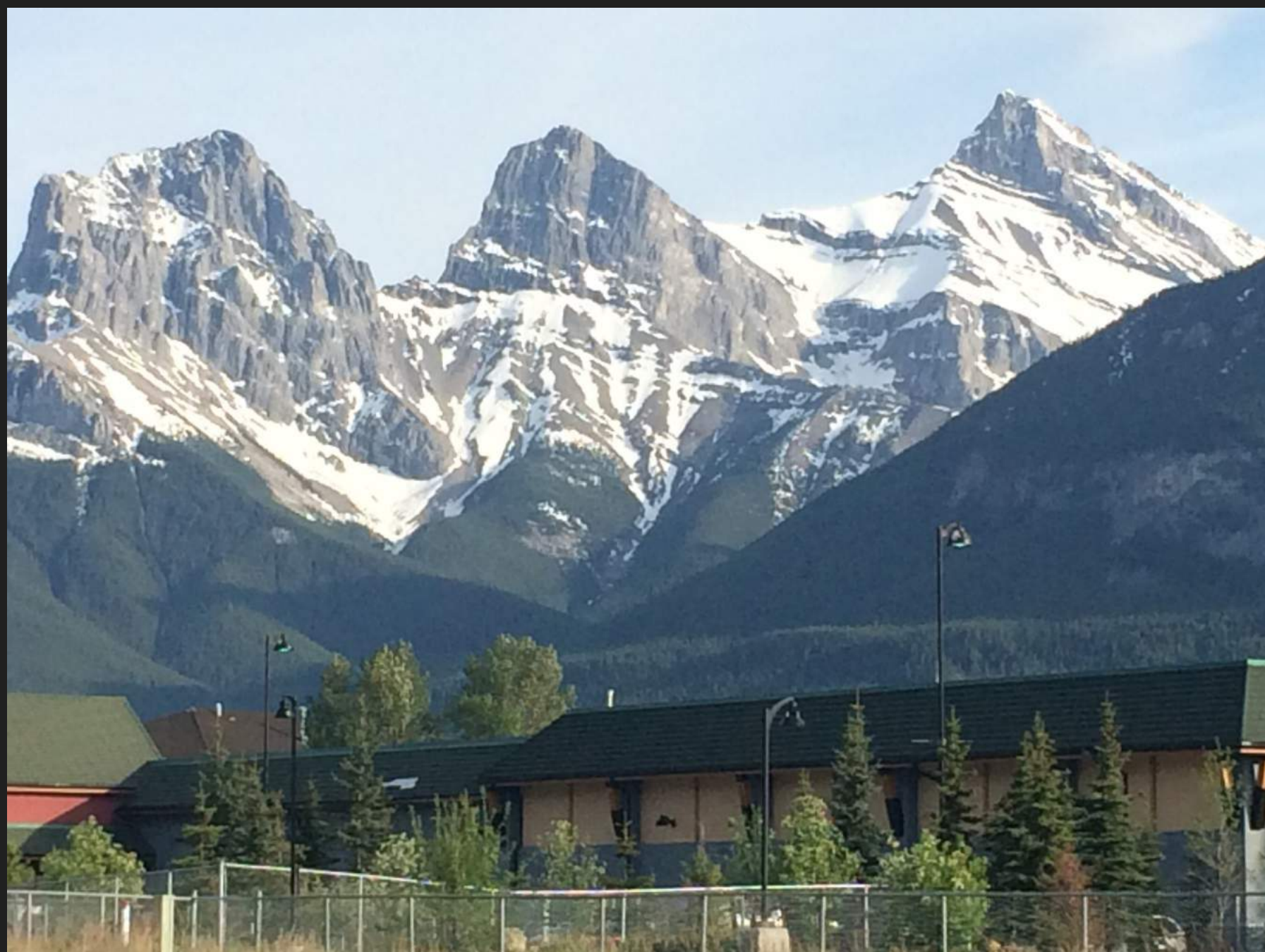
\$ Lodging = \$US 82, \$CA112

\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = \$7

Highlights = Hwy 89 through Lewis & Clark Forest, great weather.

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My goodnight picture from the hotel.



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abambach, May 30, 2017



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Just Ride!

And of course I am slowly getting used to this



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Irgart, May 31, 2017



Irgart
Been here awhile

Inspiration indeed! I am planning to do this with my dad. Will be watching closely! Travel safe my friend.

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abambach, May 31, 2017



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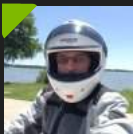
Awesome, you should pick a date and share with everyone. That will make it happen, otherwise you tend to just think about the great trip. Not that there is anything wrong with that. I dreamt about my trip for several years.

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abambach, May 31, 2017



abambach

Just Ride!

Day 5 - Wednesday, May 31st, 2017

Wow, what a day!

First I must digress and share some of the encounters with the awesome people you meet on the road. Over breakfast a couple days ago, I met Hank, a 70 year old riding his 1200RT. He uses his bike for every holiday and visits all his friends as often as possible. It has enabled him to keep many long distance visits fun and with purpose.

Then was Claude, a French Canadian traveling with his wife in a convertible Mercedes, he saw my bike parked next to his car and conversation started by sharing adventures both of us have had. Claude used to own several motorcycles through the years but sold his last one a few years ago because his wife would fall asleep in the back. He retired about a year ago and is ready to get back into solo adventure. I shared with him my YOLO attitude: you need to do things now. There will never be a perfect time and the years pass on.

At the famous start of the Alaska Highway in Dawson Creek, I met Ethan and Maddie. We took picture for each other and shared our recent whereabouts. It turn out the both live in Homer and Maddie works at the Boardwalk Bakery serving the best cinnamon rolls in Alaska. Maddie is writing a book on all the people she has met traveling on the road, she took down my details and hopefully I will make the cut.

These are just a few of the many other I have run into at gas fill ups, lunch and photo ops and rest stops. Part of the journey is making time to meet and greet other, I am enjoying that aspect very much.

Note to self: Learn how to tent camp, you will get more of the above. Can anyone out there teach me?

The highlight of the day was meeting some locals in Banff NP, here they are:











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daBum, May 31, 2017



daBum

Dave the Bum

abambach,

Glad you had a great day! Good inspiration, Thanks.
I'm on the fence about doing my own RR to AK on my big single.

I am counting the weeks before I go norte. woohoo.

FYI - One option for a good coffee shop breakfast in the manana...100Ave and 100St - Whole Wheat and Honey Cafe is groovy. I like the decor, too.

When I roll through there in late July - that is a definite breakfast stop for me.

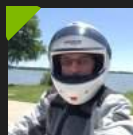
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abambach, May 31, 2017



abambach

Just Ride!

Day 5 continued

Another high mileage day, but it just flowed smoothly except for the 20 minute shower that dirtied my bike and self. Mud was everywhere.

The Icefields parkway is awesome and a very relaxed ride with plenty of turnouts and little traffic. Stunning.

This morning I had planned to stop overnight at Grande Cache, (there must be a Google Maps glitch in travel times), but the day was so nice and much faster than what I google that I ended up in Fort St John. A whopping 550 mile day, traveling west always gets you an extra hour, so given the beautiful day, I took full advantage of it.





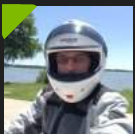


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abambach, May 31, 2017



abambach

Just Ride!

Welcome to BC was expected, but seeing the Alaska Highway sign live was very special and kind of surreal, I have googled it and twisted the little map person all around it. The site seemed so familiar, yet I was so exciting to see it live. Almost like a live concert or theater vs pre-recorded.

In Fort St John tonight and plan on making Watson Lake tomorrow with a food break at Muncho Lake.



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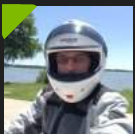


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abambach, May 31, 2017



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Just Ride!

In Fort St John tonight and plan on making Watson Lake tomorrow with a food break at Muncho Lake.

Day 5

Miles today = 553

Trip total = 2,859

Gas stops = 2, sitting on a full tank

\$ Spent Gas = \$US 40, Avg MPG = 46.1, Avg MPH = 54.3

\$ Lodging = \$US 74

\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = \$12, I'm a cheap date

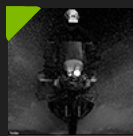
Highlights = Wildlife, Icefields Parkway

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jathkajoe, May 31, 2017



jathkajoe

Been here awhile

abambach said: ↑

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1990, camped at Muncho Lake. Dinner was a lash-up of what we had, a can of chicken meat, a package of Ramen noodle soup, and a can of crunchy chow mein noodles. Everyone liked it and we have made it since then calling it Muncho Crunch.

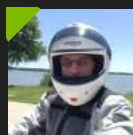
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daBum said: ↑

abambach,

*Glad you had a great day! Good inspiration, Thanks.
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I have a Suzuki DR 650 and I would think nothing of bringing it up here. I am planing a possible trip to take it to Cabo San Lucas this Fall...AB

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black 8, Jun 2, 2017



black 8

Been here awhile

Glad your having fun...

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HuskerBlue, Jun 2, 2017



HuskerBlue

Adventurer

Really liking your RR, keep 'me coming! (I'm headed out on basically same route July 8).

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abambach, Jun 2, 2017



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Just Ride!

Day 6

No Wi-Fi will update shortly

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Ivanhoe-2001, Jun 2, 2017



Ivanhoe-2001
Adventurer

I loved the ride between Carcross and Skagway, plus Skagway is a real nice clean town. If you make that route you will love it. I crossed over to Haines on the ferry and then back up to Haines Junction. Another plus is you get to cross the border into Alaska! ic

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Bammer
Adventurer

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abambach, Jun 2, 2017



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Just Ride!

Day 6 - Thursday, June 1st, 2017, Yesterday

I made it to Watson Lake, the first 300 miles pretty good weather, mostly overcast with some sun. The next 250 were what I was expecting mentally in my pre planing, clouds, rain, small ice pellets. The good thing it was mostly cloudy with periods of rain and pellets. Temperatures varied wildly, from 50-70 within a half hour. This is where heated gear is great, turn the knob to adjust. Overall I was very comfy. Tomorrow's forecast looks great.

Today, I saw 4 black bears and a heard of horned sheep. I also spotted what I thought were wild horses, but it turned out some were tied to trees and the others were just hanging out.

I had read about the Fort Nelson Heritage Museum in some ride report and it was a great stop. I am so glad I got to meet Marl Brown, the creator, curator and restorer. You can see his love for mechanical artifacts come through with every word in conversation. The dedication and craftsmanship exhibited is awesome.

I also met Bill, who with Marl drove a 100 year old Buick between Fort Nelson and Whitehorse and back in 2008. They averaged 200 miles per day. Ironically, the Buick made the trip without incident while their support van broke down. Definitely visit, this place is a gem.

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MUSEUM





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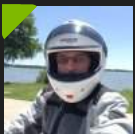


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Just Ride!

Here is a picture of Marl, he started one of these engines for me, first time I heard one running, deep put-put-puts, amazing.

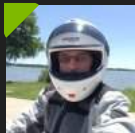


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abambach, Jun 2, 2017



abambach

Just Ride!

Stone Mountain PP' Summit Lake and Muncho Lake were beautiful. I Muncho munched my Cliff bar snack and some Diet Coke while soaking in the views.

Summit lake



Munchies lake



I also saw a heard of bisons on the side of the road. This time the photo is much better.



Finally I am 1 Province away from Alaska. Growing up I had always read and heard about its vastness. I am about to find out.

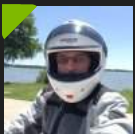


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abambach, Jun 2, 2017



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Just Ride!

Wrapping up the day in Watson lake, its major highlight is the Sign Post Forest. In my mind I had an image of a more developed town, similar to a Jasper, and it is definitely not so. None the less, I enjoyed reading many of the signs and it is amazing the diversity and breadth of the visitors. Well worth it.







Day 6 wrap

Miles today = 548

Trip total = 3,407

Gas stops = 2, sitting on a full tank

\$ Spent Gas = \$US 49, Avg MPG = 44.4, Avg MPH = 52.4

\$ Lodging = \$US 123, ouch

\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = \$23

Highlights = Meeting Mr. Marl Brown

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GB

Administrator

Great ride, report and pics!! Thanks for the daily breakdown. I'm currently in Alaska, pics don't do the natural beauty justice. The state bird is out in full force, bring mosquito repellent and a head net.

btw, the Yukon is not a province, it's a federal territory. Canada has 10 provinces and 3 territories. 🙌

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abambach, Jun 3, 2017



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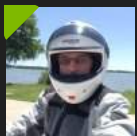
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You are correct, I always knew it as the Yukon Territory!

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abambach, Jun 3, 2017



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Just Ride!

Day 7 - Friday, June 2nd, 2017

It was supposed to be a glorious day weather forecast today, but... Yes overcast and rain, ice pellets rotating every 15-20 minutes till around 1 PM. It was actually what I had expected, except that the weather man was wrong once again, I have the right gear and never felt it has been a problem. As I ventured from Watson Lake to Faro on 4 West, the Yukon set in. Everything I always read and heard as a young adolescent crystallized right in front of me. The vastness of the territory coupled with the intimidating fear of "will I get out of here ever" became a real live trip.

As I saw a Moose galloping at about 25 MPH next to my motorbike, 3 Bears, a few Foxes and Jack Rabbits out in the middle of nowhere. They became a soothing sight.









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abambach, Jun 3, 2017



abambach

Just Ride!

Skip this post if you are not a feeling kind of person.

I would definitely recommend doing this road with another rider, let me explain and share some of my thoughts. I filled my tank full in Watson Lake and felt well prepared. As I embarked on the journey, the road was ok maintained, but wet and slippery. As I piled on the miles and looked at my gas range for the point of no return, it became intimidating. 212 KM forward to Faro or 212 KM back to Watson Lake.

But as the weather turned from overcast to heavy rain and then to sleet and more rain, my

mind wondered. The road got slippery, and more slippery. It reminded me of Oklahoma clay, and then suddenly a glimmer of clear skies emerged and all was well.

So, the question is how do you deal with this kind of emotions on a solo ride? For sure, if there are 2 of you, you can watch out for each other. Solo, bring a satellite InReach (no I'm not getting paid to promote) to make you feel better and carry it on your person. Not one of the coveted handle bar mounts because if you come off the bike you may not be able to get to it.

So as I pressed on I looked at my gas range and I'm my mind calculated the point of no return, 1/2 way to Faro, I decided to press on. As the weather deteriorated, I thought about what if there is a deep water crossing up ahead and now I don't have the return range? Mind you, I had been riding for 250 KM and not seen a car or met a soul near me, just my beemer, heated gear and me. Can't forget my security blanked: InReach Explorer.

This really cemented in my mind what I had always read and thought about the Yukon, a vast, rugged, lonely and out of the way place. On the lonely part, out of my 7 days on the road, this is the first time I never met anyone. 13 hours without human interaction. I saw 2 cars between WL and Faro. After Faro, the gas stations were 24x7 credit card only service with no one around.

Well I made it to Dawson City and it all changed, a great, very welcoming little place with lots of stuff around. I met several folks and got my fill of human interaction.



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Yukon's Best Kept Secret



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[abambach](#), Jun 3, 2017



abambach
Just Ride!

While the Yukon traverse was the loneliest time thus far, it was definitely worth it. It cemented everything I had read and heard about. It's a must do experience.

Tomorrow, ALASKA, Hope to end in Fairbanks by the end of the day.

After almost 600 miles, I was beat. More Dawson pictures tomorrow. Good night!

From my Hotel





Day 7

Miles today = 584, 300 dirt

Trip total = 3,991

Gas stops = 2, sitting on 200 mile range

\$ Spent Gas = \$US 39, Avg MPG = 45.2, Avg MPH = 59.2

\$ Lodging = \$US 98

\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = \$32

Highlights = The YUKON!

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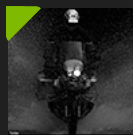
Finally crossing into Alaska tomorrow.

BTW, I have a cat named Alaska.



Whitbylad., Trailer Rails's wife, kr1 and 1 other person like this.

SPX, Jun 3, 2017



SPX

Been here awhile

abambach said: ↑

As the weather deteriorated, I thought about what if there is a deep water crossing up ahead and now I don't have the return range?

I think that all of us are guilty of, at one time or another, playing the what if ... (insert something terrible)?

When my mind goes there, I try to counter it by saying "What if (something terrible) DOESN'T happen?"

We aren't psychic, we have no idea what will or won't happen. If you're using good common sense, you stand a higher chance of something bad NOT happening than something bad happening. That said, I never fail to listen to that voice inside me. Our gut makes a good guide, if we choose to listen to it.

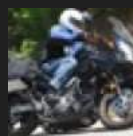
Thanks for your ride report posts. I'm enjoying the heck out of reading about your daily adventures.

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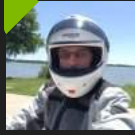
Ivanhoe-2001

Adventurer

I remember that feeling. You see a sign that says no gas for 100 KM but it does not says you will not even meet another car coming the other way for that distance! Riding along and you hear something you think is going wrong with the bike. Yeah remember those days. ic

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abambach, Jun 3, 2017



abambach
Just Ride!

Day 8 - Saturday, June 3rd, 2017

This morning I took a couple pix in Dawson, here they are





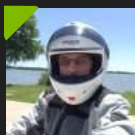
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Just Ride!

Day 8 - Saturday, June 3rd, 2017

Today I started with a major rush hour traffic jam, a seven minute ferry crossing delay in Dawson, a dozen cars, 3-4 motor homes and 4 bikes on a 108 mile stretch of road. Ha Ha. All kidding aside, I earned 2 rain days, it was such a beautiful, majestic day, just perfect. Riding from Dawson City, YT to Chicken, AK was fantastic. The Top of the World Hwy made you feel on TOP of the world. A must do on anyone's Alaska ride plans.

Photo's are far away from the live experience, I mentioned on an earlier post, it's like being at a live game or watching on TV, or a live concert vs pandora, etc.





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Crossing into Alaska was uneventful, how long will you be in AK, do you have fresh anything, firearms or bear spray? Showed my Passport and I was through 2 minutes

My awesome bike has carried me almost 4,000 miles without one complaint. I will wash her after Deadhorse.



Got to give some credit to the navigator.

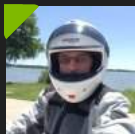


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Next stop Chicken, AK - Had breakfast and met 4 other riders, they were from Southern CA and rode up here for a holiday. Tony is planing on a Lima to Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego trip. We exchange contact detail and put that on my to do list.



TOWN OF CHICKEN
NEXT LEFT

GOLDPANNER GIFT SHOP

CHICKEN CREEK RV PARK

GAS DIESEL

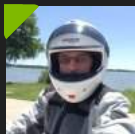


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kr1 and BillUA like this.

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Just Ride!

The ride north west from Chicken to Fairbanks was stunning, beautiful scenery, waving bikers and gorgeous weather. As I pulled into Fairbanks, it is hot here. (I am from TX and found it hot)









Tomorrow I will head north. Now that I am at my destination, I want to slow down a bit, work in some hikes and down time, perhaps a fishing trip. Anyone have any recommendations?

Day 8

Miles today = 384

Trip total = 4,375

Gas stops = 2, sitting on full tank

\$ Spent Gas = \$US 39, Avg MPG = 45.5, Avg MPH = 58.7

\$ Lodging = \$US 86

\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = \$47

Highlights: Top of the World Highway

Track me at advTXgs.com

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HuskerBlue, Jun 3, 2017



HuskerBlue
Adventurer

Loving your RR. Hope to learn a thing or two as well. Glad things are good, ride safe!

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NorthPole, Jun 4, 2017



NorthPole
Adventurer

Welcome to Fairbanks.

Report

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♥ You like this.

Bigguy136, Jun 4, 2017



Bigguy136

Adventurer

Sounds like the trip I will be leaving for in another two weeks. Enjoy!

I like your tracking at advtxgs.com. I did some searching on Garmin share ect but I only see tracking for someone's exercise route. Are you able to show your route without a cell signal? Just looking for something that my family and friends can see where I'm at but everything I see needs a cell signal.

Thanks and enjoy.

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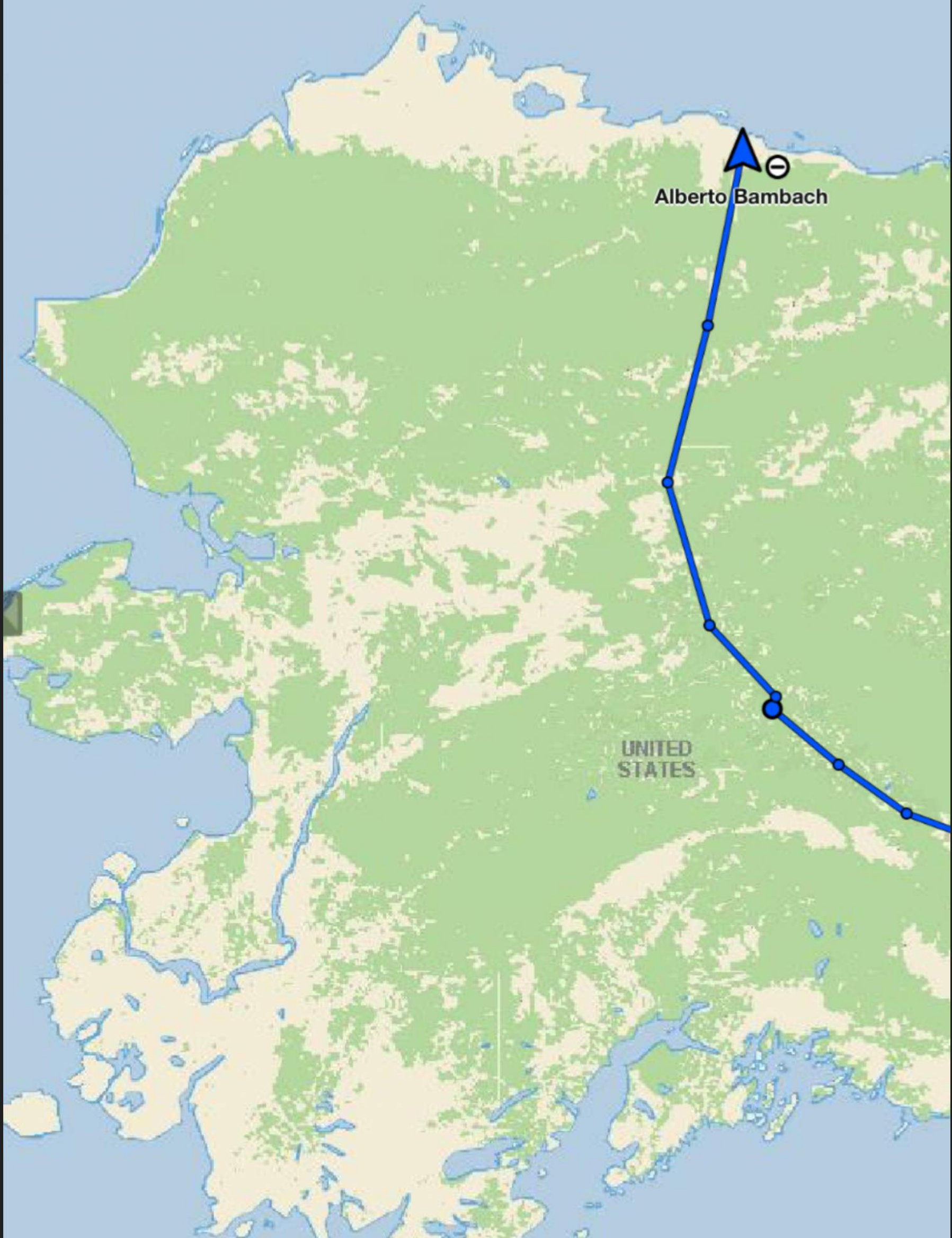
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Just Ride!

Day 9 - will come tomorrow, I wasn't planning on it but somehow I ended up in Prudhoe Bay,



Alberto Bambach

UNITED STATES

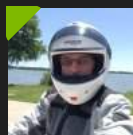
A long day, 490 miles, 300 unpaved including 51 unpaved construction, i will have a good write up and pictures tomorrow...AB

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abambach, Jun 5, 2017



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Just Ride!

bigguy136, yes it works without cell towers signal. The device is a garmin inreach, it's a satellite tracker with gps, text and SOS/rescue capability. Cover 100% as long as you have a semi open view to the sky. Since I am traveling solo to very remote places, it's a must have.

E.G. If you wipe out on a turn at Top of the World Highway, you may never be found, with the tracker, they will have your last coordinates and it will continue to emit location if not damaged on the crash. My wife knows that if the dot is not moving after a bit and it's in a remote location, start worrying. She and I can also text each other using the satellite service.

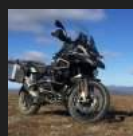
Google it and feel free to ask me more about it. Safe travels...AB

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NorthPole, Jun 5, 2017



NorthPole

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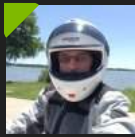
Looks like you made decent time on the haul road.

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abambach, Jun 5, 2017



abambach

Just Ride!

Yes, 12hrs saddle time, left at about 6:00 AM got in a bit past 6:30PM. Had a few stops, although short, and 1 10ish minutes construction delay.

More to come on my day 9 update. Thanks for following, makes the effort to write about the trip worth it...AB

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DukeMButu, Jun 5, 2017



DukeMButu

Minister of Culture

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The entire set is the size of the pannier's footprint and fits nicely in a tray and its only 3" high leaving plenty of room for the other stuff.

Some other stuff worth considering...

Not trying to be a Smarty-Pants but I don't see duct tape, JB Weld (Plastic AND steel), a small assortment of Sta-Kons, a roadside flare (or two - can be used as an emergency Bear scarer), a Magic Marker, small multi-meter, a small hammer and Rags! Rags! Rags!. Also missing, tire tools, bead breaker, spare tube? You may not need any of this stuff but... Got a manual in electronic format? Carrying any extra oil? Coolant? A small can of WD Squirty? Beaded seat cover? What else?

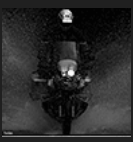
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txbear55, Jun 5, 2017



txbear55
Been here awhile

Made it! Congrats!

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abambach, Jun 5, 2017



abambach
Just Ride!

Unfortunately the free internet is too slow and paid internet too pricey and also slow, report is written and ready. Stay tuned...AB

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❤ kr1 and lrgart like this.

mikegc, Jun 5, 2017



mikegc
Long timer

^^^^^^^

Will do! I'm interested in road conditions on the Denali Highway. I'm leaving NC on Sunday and heading north.

Mike

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beedleblt, Jun 5, 2017




beedleblt
Adventurer

So glad to read your wonderful RR..... Especially day 7 on the Robert Campbell Highway 4. Thanks for your efforts. Congrats on your run up the Dalton! Looking forward to your day 9 write up. 4 of us leave in 2 weeks and plan to ride this basic route in reverse, planning for Deadhorse on 6/30.

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 You like this.

CharlestonADV, Jun 5, 2017



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Bigguy136, Jun 5, 2017



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Adventurer

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♥ You like this.

black 8, Jun 6, 2017



black 8

Been here awhile

Congrats on making it to Prudhoe Bay!

Report

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♥ You like this.

ScottTenere, Jun 6, 2017



ScottTenere

Just want to ride

Wow, you are really covering some distance. Those big GSs love to eat the miles. Hopefully, you will be able to kick back now that you have already made it to Dead Horse. There is a small but interesting museum at the university that may of interest while in Fairbanks.

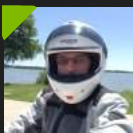
Safe travels and thanks for taking time to post.

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♥ You like this.

abambach, Jun 6, 2017



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Just Ride!

Day 9 - Sunday June 4th, 2017

When I arrived at Coldfoot, it was a bit before noon and thought about how I would spend the

rest on the day and the rest of the following day there. That's when I decided to push to get to Deadhorse. It works out quite well, the following day, I can do the AM Artic tour and head to Coldfoot for an overnight, the Fairbanks by noon/early afternoon the next day. Make sure to sign up for the Artic tour 24Hrs in advance. I topped on my tank @4.59 per gallon, next service was 240 miles away. With a 1200GSA, range has never been an issue, traveling around 50MPH, I can get 350+ miles.

The ride on the haul road is an experience, I learned to relish the reprieve of a few paved miles every now and then. There are 2 long stretches of decent pavement before and after Coldfoot. Contrary to what I had read, I found truckers very courteous and generally any vehicle traffic. I saw about 6 motorcyclist on their return back and 3 groups of cyclist. As a cyclist myself, this is tough topography for cycling, steep, long hills, rough road and quite windy and cold.









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Just Ride!

Day 9 continues

My first stop was the Artic circle, it was a Sunday and there was a line of cars, RVs and many people at the iconic site. I waited my turn and a very nice lady took a picture. I will revisit on my way back, perhaps it will be quieter.



Arctic Circle

Dalton Highway ALASKA Latitude 66° 33'

A200



Below is Yukon river bridge





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Just Ride!

Day 9 continues

The landscape evolved over the 500 miles from the lush green south to the barren meadows north, peaking with the Atigun pass, it was extraordinary. Although I tried, you cannot photograph the Atigun, you have to experience it. Similar to the weather, from the mild mid 50s/high 50s to the windy blustery low 30s near Prudhoe. I had great weather, sunny with some clouds most of way and overcast near Prudhoe.








Get used to this, although on Sunday riding up I had 5, on the way back only 2.

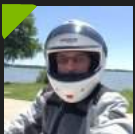


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Just Ride!

As I was planning the trip up north, I was going to look for a dry window to ride up. Now after experiencing it, water trucks continuously wet down the road for miles at the time. It really helps keep the dust down. I would probably still wait out for a dry weather window to make the run north.

After the Atigun pass, last 100 miles felt like an exercise in endurance, tough road conditions, construction, cold and very windy.

The famous pipeline, what an engineering feat. It's amazing that they were able to build

something like it. It's 48" in diameter, 800 miles long with 11 pump stations and crosses a very rugged landscape. It was built in the mid 70s.

The sun never sets up here and at 1AM it was still light. The Prudhoe Hotel was the first one I found, expensive but it includes all your meals. I had great dinner, and it was good that I had a couple beers in my cooler as this is a dry town. DH, thank you for the cooler advice.

Overall a very cool experience, remote, (not isolated, never felt alone like I did in Yukon ride between Watson Lake and Faro on 4W), and a very varied ride. Tomorrow I am looking forward to the Artic sea tour and a much shorter ride to Coldfoot.

PRUDHOE BAY HOTEL



After my 1 hr shower to warm up, I should have poured the entire jug.

**Pour 1 cup of
antifreeze
down shower
drain after
taking
shower.
Thanks 😊**

Day 9

Miles today = 490

Trip total = 4,864

Gas stops = 1, need to top of in the AM

\$ Spent Gas = \$US 24, Avg MPG = 47.1, Avg MPH = 39.5

\$ Lodging = \$US 160, includes all meals


\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = \$69 Artic tour

Highlights: Atigun Pass

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










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










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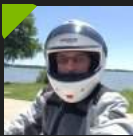


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mikegc said: ↑

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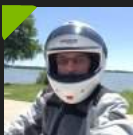
Mike

Mike, I plan on riding that tomorrow, I will let you know. Thanks for following...AB

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abambach, Jun 7, 2017



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Bigguy136 said: ↑

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Thanks again and safe travels.

I have to say, a lot is maybe 15 on a 500 mile ride. In Texas I get 15 in a 3 mile ride, Truckers were very courteous, they slowed down and kept to their side of the road. The only time I was disappointed with other vehicles was when a water truck did not turn off the spray and soaked

me. The positive is that he washed my bike. I will take 1 moron out to 50 all day long.

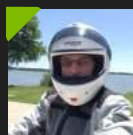
I have no personal knowledge, but Inuvik is just an endurance test. This is from the riders and research that I have done, I would skip Inuvik and do Deadhorse, YMMV...AB

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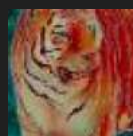
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findlj, Jun 7, 2017



findlj

How much fun is that

I'm in! Congrats on making Prudhoe Bay! 🙌 Really enjoying the RR, keep 'em coming.

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CharlestonADV, Jun 7, 2017



CharlestonADV

I do my own stunts!

abambach said: ↑

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"As you may have encountered fuel isn't always available at indicated stops" that is one true statement. A while back on my previous bike, it happened to me in Wyoming on a Sunday, gas station was closed and I was out. Had to wait till Monday to continue.

When I fueled up in Faro, my range said I would make it to Carmacks, but why chance it?

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abambach, Jun 7, 2017



abambach
Just Ride!

Day 10 - Monday, June 5th, 2017

Woke up to a dark overcast cloudy day snowing and with SNOW on the ground, not a lot of it, but remember I live in Dallas. The day ended in Wiseman with a beautiful sunny 72°F. In between these 2 points, I had quite a varied and very fun day.

I started with the Arctic tour, given the weather, I really did not feel like riding 4 miles to the tour office suited up only to sit in a van for an hour or two and then ride on or back to the hotel to get my stuff. I called the company and asked if they could pick me up at the hotel, and sure enough, yes, it costs an extra \$15. It turns out, I had a private tour as I was the only person signed up for the AM tour, it was great. Leaving late also guaranteed me to slow down a bit, otherwise I might have been tempted to ride all the way back to Fairbanks and miss out. Read on.



The Arctic was frozen, cold and windy. Still very cool.

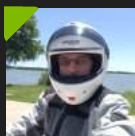


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abambach
Just Ride!

Later I got the mandatory pictures and stickers at the general store and topped off the fuel

tank. \$4.77 per gallon, pricey but priceless. After the tour I started my chilly departure south, it was 26°F and windy, but I knew it was only going to get warmer. While it was the same road, somehow it felt like a new one because of the different view and how the sunlight hit the landscape. On Sunday, I had tons of construction, 5 or 6 long stretches of pilot truck, but today, only 1.





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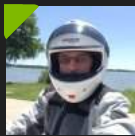


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abambach, Jun 7, 2017



abambach

Just Ride!

It wasn't long before I was back to Coldfoot. Going back was enjoyable and soothing, I knew exactly what to expect, had great weather and felt a great sense of accomplishment, I had just been where I always wanted to go on my bike. (Stay tuned Key West, FL)



As I was fueling up in Coldfoot, I ran into 3 riders going north, Miguel and Hector from Mexico and Nick from Ohio. As we were chatting, the overnight plans came up. I was ready to fork out \$220 for the night at Coldfoot camp and call it a day. Then Miguel mentioned that Wiseman is 1/2 of Coldfoot prices and that's where they were going to try to stay. Someone overheard our conversation and said, "hey that man sitting at the bar on the right lives in Wiseman, ask him."

Meet Jim Clutch, "Clutch" is one of 9 permanent residents of Coldfoot, so over 10% of the town was there was at the bar. An avid hockey fan, he said he could accommodate us at his place, he had a cabin for me and a cabin tent with 2 beds for my 3 amigos. We signed up and saved more than 50%.



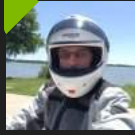


Clutch had a soapy water bucket for me, a great hose and I went from a dirty bike to my very clean bike in 1/2 hour. The stuff they put on the roads, calcium chloride was everywhere, but it washes off fairly easily if you get to it quickly. BTW, riding the Dalton does not ruin your bike, it just gets it dirty and make sure you wash it after.



❤️ KemoSabe1943, MotoVentures, HuskerBlue and 4 others like this.

abambach, Jun 7, 2017



abambach

Just Ride!

Day 10 - continued

Clutch took care of us, a very comfortable place, great accommodations, hot shower, and a beautiful place by the Koyukok river, after we polished off one of his 18 year old Glenmorangie bottles and then something else, he fired up the grill and grilled some awesome all beef hotdogs. Remember, the last place you can buy adult beverages is very far away from Coldfoot/Deadhorse, so BYOB. Clutch's fire pit was a ring of actual oil pipeline, very cool.

An awesome day, met 3 great riders Miguel, Hector and Nick and of course the authentic Clutch! If you need Clutch's details, send me a PM. Awesome Day, and now I am Wiseman Wiser.





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Day 10

Miles today = 260

Trip total = 5,124

Gas stops = 2, sitting on a full tank

\$ Spent Gas = \$US 52, Avg MPG = 47.1, Avg MPH = 39.5

\$ Lodging = \$US 100,

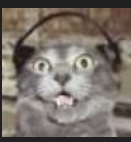
\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = \$46, \$15 for tour pickup, \$15 tip

Highlights: Atigun Pass, connecting with Hector, Nick, Miguel and Clutch

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selkins
No hay banda!

abambach said: ↑

I have no personal knowledge, but Inuvik is just an endurance test. This is from the riders and research that I have done, I would skip Inuvik and do Deadhorse, YMMV...AB

Enjoying the ride report. Thanks!

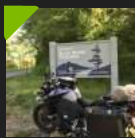
...and, sorry to hijack, but the Inuvik ride is incredibly scenic and fun riding all the way up until the Peel River crossing - about 50 miles or so past the Arctic Circle. Mountains, rivers, panoramic scenery, even some good day hiking (or more) in Tombstone Territorial Park. And I found the Eagle Plains bar to be a hell of a great place to knock back some adult beverages, with big, wide window views of the wilderness. Now, all of that said, I'll grant that from the Peel River on to Inuvik, you're looking at flat topography - similar to much of the Trans-Labrador Hwy. Inuvik, though, is a "real" town with camping spots, restaurants, a couple of good hotels, ball fields, an interpretive center, and more. So, it makes for a town worth going to. I haven't yet done the Dawson, so I can't personally compare, but from what I've seen, either route will get you some good adventure.

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MTNFSH, Jun 7, 2017



MTNFSH
Adventurer

abambach said: ↑

The Prudhoe Hotel was the first one I found, expensive but it includes all your meals.

I am really enjoying your ride report. I am beginning to plan my own trip to Alaska and was curious if you just showed up at the Prudhoe Hotel or if you had a reservation, since I've read in some reports that hotels can be fully booked. I will most likely be making the trip solo as well so I appreciate your comments about the benefits of the InReach satellite device.

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ishirock, Jun 7, 2017



ishirock
Adventurer

Enjoying the report as I was up there last August. Here are some spots I would hit again. In Fairbanks there is a great little breakfast spot downtown ran by some frenchies that make the best crapes I have ever had. It is next door to a small museum and gold store. Just North of Fairbanks the China Hot springs is really cool, especially if you meet the owner. Careful...he likes to get tourist drunk and tell wild stories. In TOK stay at Eagle Claw Moto Campground. Make sure you fire-up the wood sauna. The ride out to McCarthy is worth it. ride across the pedestrian bridge and eat at the potato. We did some trail section by the airport that put us by on the Kennicott Mines glacier. Homer Spit is an amazing spot also. Look for the spoon guy at the lookout before getting into town. 2 sisters is the place to eat. You can also trade cold beer for fresh fish where they are cleaning the catch of the day. Stumbling to your campsite after visiting the Salty Dog must be experienced. We stayed at a campsite just north of Ninilchik called "Heavenly Sites" that had great cliff views from your tent. We did a 30 min \$100 float plane ride at MoosePass coming back from Seward that was worth every penny. It is also wrth visiting the custom knife shop near Moose Pass, that lady sure likes to talk. The tunnel getting to Whittier is a strange experience. We did the ferry from Whittier to Valdez so we didn't back track and it was well worth a 6 hr break of beautiful scenery. Valdez is full of bunnies and the pass over the mountains is amazing. If you want to fish the graylings are in about every stream north of Anchorage and fun to catch. Kenai River is the place for Salmon, but you are to early for the run.

Enjoy the WOT....Wide Open Tundra

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Gordon, Jun 7, 2017



Gordon
MC Rider

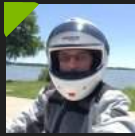
Great stuff am really enjoying your adventure and your RR. Thank you for taking the time to post..

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abambach, Jun 8, 2017



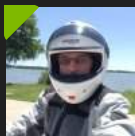
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Just Ride!

Internet is too slow to upload pictures, day 11/12 tomorrow. I will answer some comments now.

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abambach, Jun 8, 2017



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I just showed up. Given the price of oil, there is plenty of capacity and the hotels have room. I'm adventurous and do take chances, but I think you will be Ok.

On the InReach, if you travel solo to these remote places, my opinion is you must have it, on you, not on your bike on some RAM mount. I can tell for me it gives me almost the same comfort as having a companion ride along. If you have a bad day, they can find you if the dot is not moving, and you are laying there in the wilderness. If you are conscious, you can call for help. Turn the Bluetooth off and you are good to go for 4 days on battery power.

Hope that helps...AB

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abambach, Jun 8, 2017



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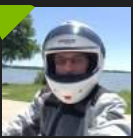
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Thanks for this, I would like to make it to Homer next.

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abambach, Jun 8, 2017



abambach
Just Ride!

mikegc said: ↑

^^^^^^^

Will do! I'm interested in road conditions on the Denali Highway. I'm leaving NC on Sunday and heading north.

Mike

Mike, I rode the Denali hwy today, report will be coming shortly.

My assessment: short answer, it's in great shape. This is from memory, and may be off a bit, but directionally correct. Traveling from east to west, at the start of the dirt around mile 20 is almost as good as a paved road. Near the middle, mile 50 you start getting some pot holes, if you hit them, it's Ok, they are not deep rim bending ones like ones the Dalton. There were 2 construction zones around that same section within a marked 10 mile zone starting at about mile 55-60. One of them was muddy and a bit slippery, as it was just watered down, only about 200 yard. My motto is to slow down and it worked just fine, you don't want to miss the view? To navigate the pot holes between miles 50 and 80, use the full road, there is very little traffic. From 80 to the end it was pretty good. Out of ten, 8.5 because of the potholes. Let me know if you need other info. Travel safe...AB

PS. Don't forget to leave your mark for Project Mayhem.

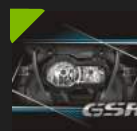
PSS. It's a beautiful ride, i will be updating shortly as soon as I get good Wi-Fi

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mikegc, Jun 8, 2017



mikegc

Long timer

abambach said: ↑

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Many thanks! My wing man's wife will be with us and they're two up. I just wanted to make sure these very experienced riders wouldn't get into something too bad.

Mike

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trailer Rails, Jun 8, 2017



trailer Rails

Washes hands before going to the bathroom

mikegc said: ↑

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Mike

The wife and I are leaving soon to ride all of that 2up, I am following closely to see what we are getting ourselves into.

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abambach, Jun 8, 2017



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Day 11 - Tuesday, June 6th, 2017

Another beautiful day, sunny and 65F at 8:30AM. I pretty much just headed south to Fairbanks enjoying the landscape and laughing about the night before.

It finally dawned on me why I liked Atigun Pass so much. It is the fact that it is isolated, a gravel road and primitive when compared to the paved passes that are more typical in the lower 48. The pipeline looks odd and out of place within such a pristine beautiful terrain, on the other hand, if it wasn't for it, there would be no road.



My assessment of the Dalton: it's a tough road, not just because of its technical riding challenges, but because of the combination of both, it's difficulty and it's length. The difficult sections are not long, but require concentration, and as the miles wear on you, be careful and slow down. I did the ride up in one long day! The ride back in 2 days was far easier. The section between Atigun and Deadhorse is long and will definitely test your endurance. Be ready for big pot holes, dips, bumps, slippery smooth surfaces and miles of unpaved riding. I actually slowed down on the paved surfaces to enjoy the reprieve from the dirt a bit longer. Regardless, I would never pass upon the chance of riding to Deadhorse.



As you approach Fairbanks the landscape becomes greener and turns to rolling hills. I am amazed how much I enjoyed the same road twice within 2 days. One sees different things, angles and views.





Finding myself in Fairbanks far quicker than I thought, this give me a chance to plan the next few days. After buying some essential, I prepared for tomorrow's oil change, I removed the long Touratech bash plate and another rinse at the car wash. I am very glad to remove the bash plate, Dalton Calcium Chloride was caked on. Now time to catch up with my Family.

Day 11

Miles today = 277

Trip total = 5,401

Gas stops = 1, sitting on a low tank

\$ Spent Gas = \$US 52, Avg MPG = 48.0, Avg MPH = 37.8

\$ Lodging = \$US 86,

\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = \$22

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ishirock, Jun 8, 2017



ishirock
Adventurer

A great side route on the Denali HWY is a jeep trail called Windy Creek. It is about a 1/2 mile east from the Susitna river bridge and heads North thru a big valley (about 2-3 miles from Gracious House). It dead ends about 10 miles in but is really scenic and fun on an adventure bike. Has about 4-5 creek crossings with varying levels of difficulty, but all were passable in the rocky bottom the day we did it on Vstrom 650's. This is shown on the Butler Moto map that I highly recommend to everyone going to Alaska on a scoot.

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Project Mayhem, Jun 8, 2017



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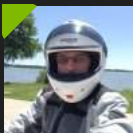
I haven't seen anything about your route home (from the Bay Area?)...but if it brings you through the Boulder/Denver area we'd be happy to host you for a night. You know, in thanks for 'making your mark' at my spot on the Denali. 😊👑😊

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abambach, Jun 8, 2017



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Day 12 - Wednesday, June 7th, 2017

The day started with a mandatory oil and filter change, I like to maintain my mechanical toys in tip-top shape and had planned on it. Since I had the bash plate off the bike, it was a 10 minute job. Bob at Mobile 1 in Fairbanks loaned me a pan and gave me some gloves.



As I departed Fairbanks, traveling south on the Richardson Expressway, I had to make a stop at the North Pole and ask Santa for my next adventure. They had rain deers! It will probably be riding to Baja, specifically Cabo San Lucas.





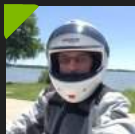


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Day 12 - continued

I stopped at Knotty's and bought my favorite sticker (other than the ones at Deadhorse). I had to put it on the bike right away.





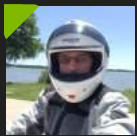


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Day 12 - continued

On my way up to Fairbanks, I knew that I would be riding back the same way, so I marked some waypoints on my GPS, places where I wanted to take some pictures. I stopped lots on my way down. One of them was the famous Delta Junction visitor stop where the End of the ALCAN is commemorated. It's a great visitor center with lots of history on the construction of the ALCAN.

I have to admit that my ride up to Prudhoe/Deadhorse was somewhat adrenaline driven, 9

day from Dalas to Prudhoe is pretty fast. I enjoyed it soooo very much.





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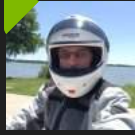
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abambach, Jun 9, 2017



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Day 12 - continued

Next was my much anticipated Denali Highway, I did not know what to expect. When I was planning this trip, many people advised me that it was the best, most scenic road in Alaska, it certainly did not disappoint. I probably stopped way to many times and my pictures all look the same, but it was a beautiful ride indeed. I could post 100 pictures, but it would still be a prerecorded movie, you need to experience it live!

In case you are wondering on the condition of the dirt road I did to a detailed reply to Mike on the condition of the Denali Hwy a few posts ago. Short answer, it is in great shape.







At Cantwell, I started to shop for a hotel, wow, prices in Alaska are excy. I did find a great lodge in near Healy, a great beautifully clean room at about 60% of the going rate. I made it my overnight stop for the day. It is only 5-6 miles from the entrance to Denali NP. PM me your email address if you want the details. Alaska is such a thrilling destination, everything is so alive and you never stop experiencing nature.

Day 12

Miles today = 354

Trip total = 5,755

Gas stops = 2, sitting on a full tank

\$ Spent Gas = \$US 46, Avg MPG = 47.1, Avg MPH = 46.2

\$ Lodging = \$US 123, Everything near Denali is excy, I was lucky to find this place

\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = \$28

Highlights: Denali Hwy

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Irgart, Jun 9, 2017



Irgart

Been here awhile

Love the "Beyond Starbucks" on your pannier.

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abambach, Jun 9, 2017



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Day 13 - Thursday, June 8th, 2017

I visited a very special place today, Denali NP. I was in Denali with my family 4 or so years ago, and we still talk about the experience. Today for me was no different, its always full of surprises. I was lucky enough to find this trio, mom with 2 babies, I got worried and abandoned my bike to seek refuge in a car behind me. Moose can be aggressive and when they have babies, even more so. When they say its better to be lucky than good, this was definitely the case.

You do feel quite naked on a bike when encountering wildlife, at Yellowstone, the bison seemed bigger, in Banff, the bears were tame, but too close for comfort and at Denali, the moose was loose.





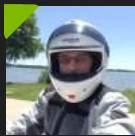


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Day 13 - continued

Just like the Denali hwy, I took many, many pictures and could have taken many more. Here is a preview:








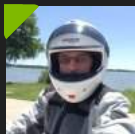


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Day 13 - continued

On Parks Hwy heading south I was hoping for a clear view of Alaska's highest peak, Denali, unfortunately it must have been having a bad hair day. Its only visible about 20% of the time and today I was in the 80% club. I found my picture from 4 years ago when I visited with my family. Parks Hwy offers beautiful views along the way.



Had a late lunch stop in Talkeetna, great little town.

ENTERING
TALKEETNA
HISTORIC DISTRICT

VILLAGE PARK





Eventually weaved my way down to Anchorage and hope to ride to Homer with Black 8 tomorrow. He has a great ride report and a drone that I am very curious about.



Day 13

Miles today = 307

Trip total = 6,062

Gas stops = 1, sitting on a full tank

\$ Spent Gas = \$US 21, Avg MPG = IDK, Avg MPH = IDK, forgot to reset


\$ Lodging = \$US 88

\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = \$37

Highlights: Mama moose with babies

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kr1, Jun 9, 2017



kr1

Just the right amount of evil.

What's the difference between being run over by a moose and being run over by a Kenworth Tractor trailer?

ANS. The Kenworth doesn't have razor sharp hooves that its going to also pummel you with.




I always give them a wide berth.

KR

Love your picture and report also.

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beedleblt, Jun 9, 2017



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Adventurer

Sent PM on Healy Lodge info...

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Crashes, Jun 9, 2017



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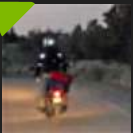
Great RR and awesome pictures. Why didn't you book a night at the college in Fairbanks? It has been said way cheaper then hotels.

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Dewey316, Jun 9, 2017



Dewey316
Been here awhile

Crashes said: ↑

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You can also stay at the college in Anchorage as well, I did on my trip through. They didn't really need a reservation, I called them the day off when I left Denali on my way there. It was much more reasonable than staying in a hotel in Anchorage.

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Dan Lorenze, Jun 9, 2017



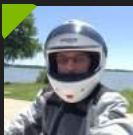
Dan Lorenze
Adventurer

Thank you for sharing your ride with us... Keep the rubber side down.

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abambach, Jun 9, 2017



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Dewey316 said: ↑

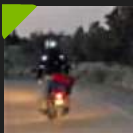
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I wish I had known, where is the college? I'm going back to Anchorage in a couple of days. I may learn a thing or two while staying there as well :) Thanks...AB

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Dewey316, Jun 9, 2017



Dewey316
Been here awhile

The housing you can use is just off Providence Dr

Here is the webpage.

<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/about/ad...s-services/conferences-services/guesthousing/>

I would give them a call, and check on room and rates, but I found it pretty easy. It was just

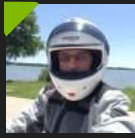
us, and a floor below us a bunch of guys working fire crews for the forest fires.

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abambach, Jun 10, 2017



abambach

Just Ride!

Day 14 - Friday, June 9th, 2017

I was so glad to be able to connect with Black 8, we rolled off at 7:30AM. Black 8 toured me around and it started with a visit to Flat Top mountain. I had hiked this in 2012, and remembered the awesome views.





