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abambach, Jun 10, 2017



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Day 14 - continued

Plenty to see on the scenic ride along the Seward Hwy. Photos don't do it justice.







Black 8 pinched a tube along the way, boy, he knows how to change tires. Very cool learning from him.

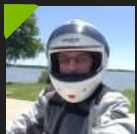


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Day 14 - continued

The Sterling Hwy, amazing as well





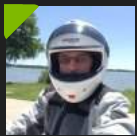


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Day 14 - continued

Arrived in Homer,



Black 8 and I said our goodbyes and went our separate way, his camp site and I to my hotel. It was great riding with Black 8 and many thanks for an enjoyable journey, the photo tips and my learning to change a tire on the road by watching you.



Next on my to do list was find a Halibut fishing charter boat. It kind of fell on my lap and tomorrow turned out to be a bucket list lifetime experience, fishing Alaska. Stay tuned.





Day 14

Miles today = 252

Trip total = 6,314

Gas stops = 0, sitting on a 1/4 tank

\$ Spent Gas = \$US Zero, Avg MPG = 46.7, Avg MPH = 50.1


\$ Lodging = \$US 112

\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = \$17

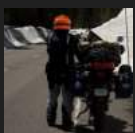
Highlights: Riding with Black 8 and learning about the Drone

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black 8, Jun 10, 2017



black 8

Been here awhile

AB - it was an honor to meet you brother and thanks for sticking with me when I had the flat.

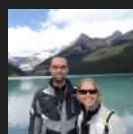
Stay safe and enjoy the rest of your time in Alaska. How was the fishing today????

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Project Mayhem, Jun 10, 2017



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Good on you both and I'm having a serious case of trip envy right now.



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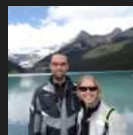


When are you coming back out???

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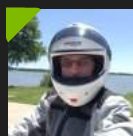
We fly into Fairbanks on 25July. 26/27July we finish fixing Hans (parts are now with our hosts), pack/change oil/get new tires & have a quick shakedown ride. Expect to start riding (up the Dalton) on 28July.

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abambach, Jun 11, 2017



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Just Ride!

Day 15 - Saturday June 10th

If you decide to visit Homer, you must make sure you stay an extra day and go fishing. I connected with a charter company, had great weather and an awesome fishing trip. I know this is supposed to be a motorcycle trip, but you must do this if you visit.







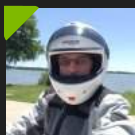
Met some really nice folks on the boat, a family from Minnesota, whose young child caught a shark, I thought sharks were warm water fish. Woody an Andine from Montana. Woody works in Prudhoe Bay. We talked about everything, a beautiful couple. They invited me to stay at their house next time I'm in Montana. Now I have 2 places to stay in MT.

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Day 15 - continued

Well, the fish were biting and strong, this was no wait forever fishing, but brisk action all day. We all kept our limits, but caught many more. I must have reeled in 18-20 fish and of course

let go all but 2, an over and an under.

My under







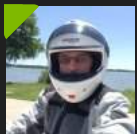


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Day 15 - continued

The wild life was abundant, saw several whales, dolphins, sea otters and those forever companions, the sea gulls.



I'm shipping it to my family in Dallas. The boat, the crew simply awesome, tremendously attentive and made sure everyone had a great time. PM me your email address if you want more info.

After fishing, I handed my 20lbs of Halibut fillets to a processor who will pack in 1 and 2 lbs bags and ship home for us to enjoy.

My last stop was the legendary Salty Dawg Saloon. I left my signed \$ bill and hope to find it when I visit next. A very cool place.





I brought some Halibut with me to the hotel, bought a great salad at Safeways, cooked the fish and this was the best dinner I had all trip.

I was hanging out in the lobby after dinner, when a 10 or so person group of South Korean travelers walked in. We started talking, them in Korean, me in English however some how we communicated. Inw, a dentist in Washington interpreted for us. Hongkuk Park, a very curious traveler, was so interested in my adventures that we ended talking for over an hour. Through Inw we communicated very well. Thank you Inw. I told Hongkuk to come ride in the US, he can use one of my bikes and we would trade English/Korean linguistic lessons. Hongkuk shared a Korean whiskey with me which I'm sure I will drink on my return trip.



Needless to say, what a blessed day I had today, most enjoyable and very low mileage. Ha, ha, 2 days of zero dollars spent on fuel.

Day 15

Miles today = 11

Trip total = 6,325

Gas stops = 0, sitting on a 1/4 tank

\$ Spent Gas = \$US Zero, Avg MPG = 47, Avg MPH = 25.1


\$ Lodging = \$US 112

\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = \$204 for a full day the charter, \$25 - 1 day fishing license, \$50 gratuity, \$10 salad and H2O, the experience, priceless!

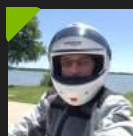
Highlights: Catching the big one, meeting great people.

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After many days in Alaska, I have managed not run into any mosquitoes. I bought a head net and 100% deet spray, and was fully expecting them. So far, the only ones have managed to tangle with my bike. Not that I'm complaining, but thought you may want a mosquito report.

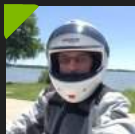


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Day 16 - Sunday, June 11th, 2017

After a wonderful 2 day visit to Homer, it was time to head north. The ride up was pleasant but quite a bit of traffic. Weekend warriors returning home on a Sunday.

Like many of the roads I rode on twice, they never look the same. The way the clouds and the sun illuminate and shade the landscape are endless. I made several stops and took many pictures.

In Kenai, the vistas of Cook Inlet were awesome, and it had some cool boats near the visitor's center.







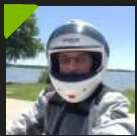


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Day 16 - continued

Just outside of Kenai, I saw these





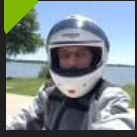
I decided to take a detour to Hope, about 17 miles each way from the Seward Hwy, definitely worth it. The road is great, soft curves and very picturesque. Highly recommend.





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In Hope, I stopped at Tito's, a great coffee place with homemade everything. I chose the brownies as my lunch, they were delicious.



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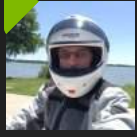
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Day 16 - continued

On my way back from Hope I was stopped at a viewing area and Nick rode in. I met Nick in Coldfoot, one of the 3 amigos. It was great to see him, we chatted about our whereabouts and next few day. I hope we can ride together at Glaciers NP in a few days.





One last picture on my way back from my Hope detour



A bit more traffic, but a pleasant drive into Anchorage.

Day 16

Miles today = 300.0, even

Trip total = 6,625

Gas stops = 1, sitting on empty

\$ Spent Gas = \$US 19, Avg MPG = 49, Avg MPH = 36.8


\$ Lodging = \$US 88

\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = \$24

Highlights: Catching Nick on my return from Hope.

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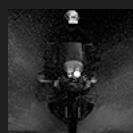
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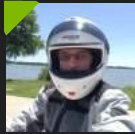
you sure are " living the dream " . Really enjoying your RR

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aufevermike said: ↑

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Mike, I am heading to Whittier and taking the ferry to Valdez. I have time this morning, my ferry is at 1:30PM. Let me know if there is anything nearby. Thanks...AB

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aufevermike, Jun 12, 2017



aufevermike

Been here awhile

If you are still in Hope, the ride up to and beyond the Coeur de lane campground is 8 + miles of awesomeness. If you get hungry in Whittier and and see my friend that owns the Fresh Catch Cafe. His name in Hai Ye. He knows many people there. Whittier is very small but there is a new road being built that should be fun. He can point you in the right direction.

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sandsman, Jun 12, 2017



sandsman

Back in the saddle again.....

Just stumbled across your RR. I am pushing out on July 6th headed up to Deadhorse. I have

plotted my course and plan on about 35 days on the road. I have a friend who is going part of the way, and a father/son team who are going nearly all the way (they will turn around at the Artic Circle) with me. I am in Greenville.

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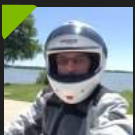
That's cool that you met up with Black 8 - I'm following his thread too! Enjoying your pictures and adventure!

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Day 17 - Monday, June 12th, 2017

I decided, once more to rearrange my schedule. Since I am further along than I thought at the time, my day started with a ride to Whittier. The Portage lake area is beautiful.





Next was Whittier, a tunnel ride away. The first few tunnels that I rode along the Blue Ridge Parkway (NC), freak me out a bit, so when the lady at the toll plaza told me the tunnel was 2.5 miles long, and then proceeded to say that I had to ride between 2 rails, handed me the special motorcycle safety supplement and then said I would be the last one to go, I thought maybe this was a bad idea. Turns out it, it was a long, but it was a straight tunnel. The 2.5 miles went by quickly.

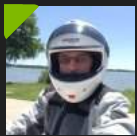


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In Whittier, I went straight to the ferry office, bought my ticket and then explored the town a bit.



At the Whittier Hotel, I met Ken Hughes, from Ontario. He and his friends from Brazil had been riding Alaska for a few day on carbureted bikes. One of the bikes decided to call in sick and they were trying to repair it.



A quaint little village. Grabbed a coffee and then queued up for the ferry ride to Valdez.

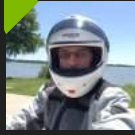


Finally, the ferry is approaching



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On the ferry, you tie down your bike (bring straps) and then relax for 6 hours.



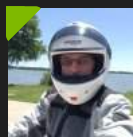


A close-up photograph of a brass bell mounted on a white mast. The bell is engraved with the name 'AURORA' and the year '1976'. The bell is wet with water droplets. In the background, there is a body of water, distant mountains, and a cloudy sky. A small boat is visible on the water in the distance.

AURORA
1976

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This was the best \$200 I have spent in a long time. Beautiful scenery from the water, along the way we saw orcas, sea otters, humpback whales, sea lions basking on shore and lots of beautiful scenery.

I mostly hung out outside, I had good gear, so cold/breeze did not bother me. The cool thing about this is that I got to meet and talk to tons of folks, from bicycle travelers, to world tourers, from Australia and the Netherlands to Virginia. It was great!







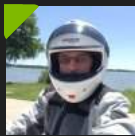


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The day started to clear up once underway, some more photos.





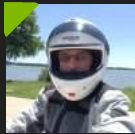


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I spent a long time talking to Trapper, he is from Maine, about 2 hour north of Bangor, near the Canada border. It turn out Trapper is a tail dragging Piper pilot and an avid outdoorsman. At 75, he is still going strong.



His favorite pastime is searching for moose antlers. For his 70th birthday, his wife gave him an adopted black labrador that was trained to sniff bombs in Iraq. Trapper taught the dog to sniff and seek out antlers. His very smart labrador does this very well now. They go for walks in the woods and the dog sniffs for antlers. If the antlers are small, he just brings them to him, if they are big, he takes Trapper to the place where they are laying. Turns out that Trapper's wife and a friend, carve the antlers. They showed me some pictures, very cool.

As we approached Valdez, more stunning scenery.





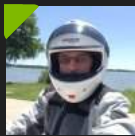


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Arrived in Valdez, definitely and Oil town. I booked a Kayaking tour for tomorrow and am looking forward to it. Truly a blessed day.









Day 17

Miles today = 62, took the ferry to Valdez

Trip total = 6,288

Gas stops = 1, sitting on almost full

\$ Spent Gas = \$US 19, Avg MPG = 49, Avg MPH = 36.8

\$ Lodging = \$US 101

\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = \$13 Tunnel Toll, \$203 Ferry, \$17 Food

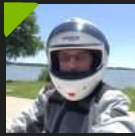
Highlights: Ferry ride and meeting Trapper

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Day 18 -Tuesday, June 13th, 2017

The day started and ended in Valdez, in fact this was my first day To log zero miles. Valdez is very walkable. Lots of places to explore and eat.





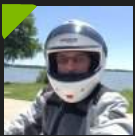


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Day 18 - continued

I had booked a kayak trip to the Columbia glacier, but unfortunately it was too windy to go there, instead we ended up at the Valdez glacier. It did not disappoint. Our guide Aidan, aka "Goose", was great, knowledgeable and very helpful. During our paddle, I met Olga from Hamburg-Germany, Debbie from Brisbane-Australia, Robin, Diane and Cindy from China, although currently living in Boston.







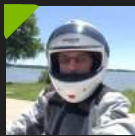


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Day 18 - continued

Robin is currently earning a PHD in Mechanical Engineering at Harvard. His specialty is Materials and Mechanical Fatigue. The shifting of glaciers is part of his research and we became part of his research through a kayak trip. Cool.

Once on the glacier, we went for a hike. Lots of caves and crevices, hard to capture the images.





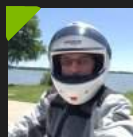


Olga, my paddling partner



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Day - 18 continued

During the trip, Olga, mentioned that there was a bald eagle feeding at 5 PM that she enjoyed the previous day. First thing that came to my mind is that it's illegal to feed wildlife. Apparently this man has very special permit. Right at 5, the eagles were circling like vultures, and once the feed begun, they came in very close. 2 or 3 of them, hung out on the ground and picked up the missed catches. I enjoyed the show and donated accordingly.



I had never seen wild eagles this close.





Ended the day with dinner at Mermaid, there I met Kirby and Laura, and their guide Jarred. They were going to a few glaciers the next day. We had a couple of beer and great conversation.



Tomorrow I will be heading to Anchorage.

Day 18

Miles today = Zero, walked everywhere in Valdez

Trip total = 6,288

Gas stops = 0, sitting on almost full

\$ Spent Gas = 0

\$ Lodging = \$US 101

\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = \$140 Kayak trip, \$30 gratuity, \$20 for the eagle man and \$42 dinner and drinks at the Mermaid

Highlights: Eagle feeding frenzy and meeting great people

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Day 19 - Wednesday, June 14, 2017

The road between Valdez and Glennallen on the Richardson Hwy is one of the most scenic rides that I have been on so far. It's road carved between mountains, accompanied by rivers along the side and accented by waterfalls, truly magical.



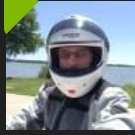






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Day 19 - continued





I had a 2 mistimed construction delays (15+ minute waits), but they gave me an opportunity to chat with the flag people. Pat shared with me how she loves living in Alaska, an avid hunter and fisher woman, she and her husband have not bought protein in 7 years. I also took the time to absorb the scenery.





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Day 19 - continued

Between Glennallen and Anchorage, I had fairly dark and overcast weather, so I marked several spots on my GPS that I will photograph on my return trip. A nice ride nonetheless.



On the stretch between Glennallen and Anchorage, I must have past 40-50 motorcycles going toward Glennallen. My guess, they are headed to the D2D ride this weekend.

I dropped my bike at the BMW dealer for a new tire while I return to SF Bay Area for my son's graduation. I was surprised that they didn't carry Heidenau, so I settled for a Continental TKC70. Also, the Garmin BMW Motorrad locator has the wrong location. There is nothing better than google maps.

At the dealer, I met Byron dropping off his bike on a trailer, a super nice person that gave me a ride to the airport. Great day.





At the airport, security was a breeze. There I met Shawn, the bartender, he was a super nice person, very entertaining. His family operates the restaurant and he has a strong commitment to see its success. We talked quite a bit about the financial markets and his interest in the family business. I had a nice sushi meal along with a flight of 4-4oz Alaskan beers, great beer.



I'm returning to Anchorage on Monday night and will start to make my way back home on Tuesday, June 20th.

Day 19

Miles today = 302

Trip total = 6,989

Gas stops = 1, sitting on 200 mile range

\$ Spent Gas = US\$24, \$4.10/gal in Matanuska, ouch, Avg MPG = 41.3, Avg MPH = 54.3

\$ Lodging = \$ Zero, slept on the plane

\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = \$34 dinner at airport, \$243 new rear tire, \$70 mounting of tire.

Highlights: Richardson Hwy

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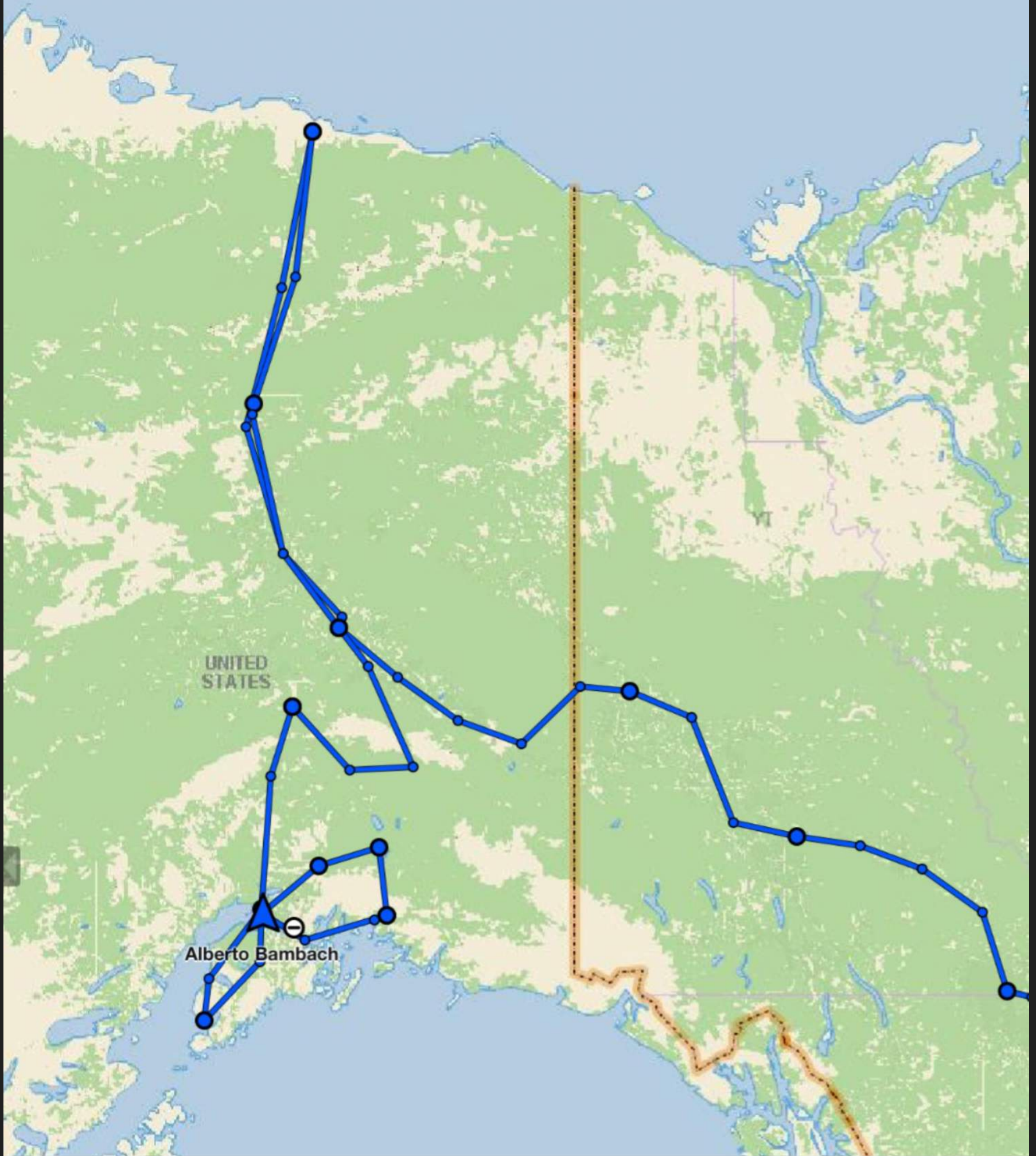
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This marks my halfway and have really enjoyed the trip and sharing the ride with my fellow AdvRiders.

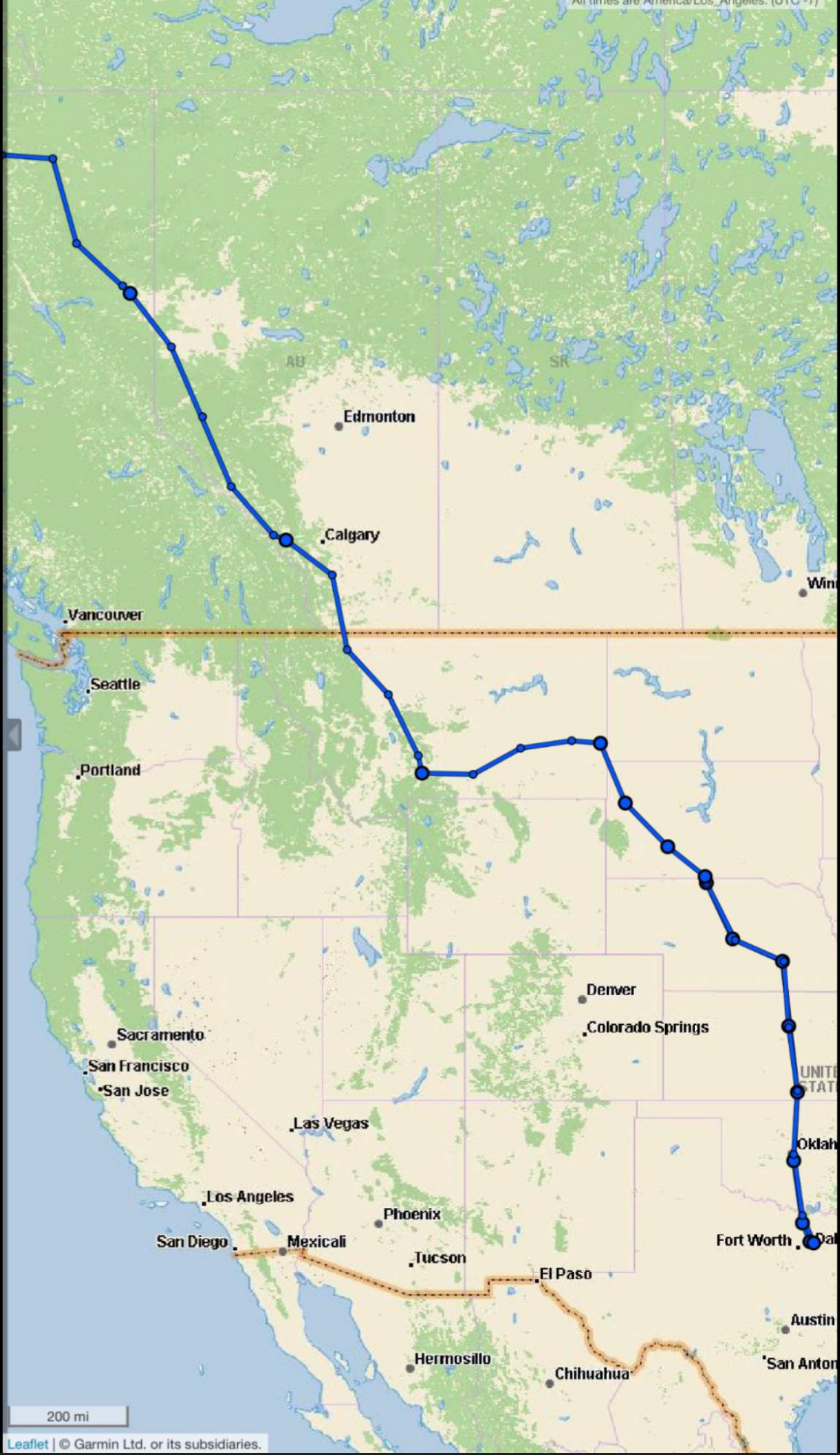
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Hope you are enjoying the ride report...AB

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Alberto Bambach



200 mi

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Ivanhoe-2001, Jun 16, 2017



Ivanhoe-2001
Adventurer

Great report, really appreciate the detail. ic

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rodriguezj, Jun 16, 2017



rodriguezj
Adventurer

Enjoying your RR.
And the photos.
It's great to see you are meeting up with ADV riders on this forum.

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ShineySideUp, Jun 18, 2017



ShineySideUp
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+1 great RR. Your details are helpful for those planning a similar trip. As a boater I appreciate the photos you took of the marina :)

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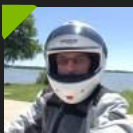
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Day 19A - 19E, June 15th and June 19th, 2017

I had to share at least one memory, between June 15 and the 19th, I flew from Anchorage to San Francisco to my son's graduation and a visited with my family and friends. Seeing little Alberto graduate on Father 's day was the most precious gift I could have ever received. He earned a Mechanical Engineering degree from Stanford University.

I fly back to Anchorage today and resume my awesome trip tomorrow. I will slowly start

making my way south.

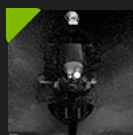


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SPX, Jun 19, 2017



SPX

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I admire that you didn't let the graduation cancel your trip. Instead you just planned around it!!

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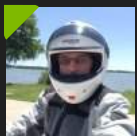
Boats are my second love, I very much like the similarities, fresh air, wind in your face, exploration and always fun. I always think of the navigation of roadways as easier and more accessible and evolved than waterways.

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Day 20 - Tuesday, June 20th, 2017

After a great few days off, I picked up the Beemer at around 10 am with a fresh rear tire to begin my journey back home. The new TKC70 feels and inspires more confidence on road than the Scout K60. I will see how it wears.

Well my accrued rain days decided to cash in today. It rained most of the morning and it did not bother me one bit. Mostly this is because I have a full aerostich R3 and heated gear. Completely waterproof and heat on demand. When I left Anchorage this mid morning, it was 48, along the ride it got down to 39 and it hit 65 near Tok. A simple turn of the heat controls, kept me warm the entire trip. The right gear is key.

Moose are obviously key to Alaska



It's a mixed emotions day, leaving Alaska, but one thing is for sure, I left plenty to do for a second trip up here. As headed south and east, the landscape begins to change. The mountains get smaller, softer sloping and without snow. Still picturesque, but different.

Rain or shine, Alaska is beautiful, the Glenn Hwy (1), is pretty nice between Palmer and Glacier View, paralleling the Matanuska river. Made a few photo stops along the way.



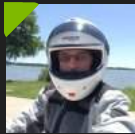


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Day 20 - continued

As I approached Tok, the day started to clear up. It was a rather melancholy day as the ride set in. Loads of motor-homes, both stand alone and trailers, covered the roads.







I reached the Canadian border and am hoteling in Beaver Creek, Canada's most westerly town. I did lose 1 hour time zone crossing the boarder. I love gaining but hate losing time zone crossing hours.

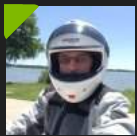


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Day 20 - continued



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Day 20

Miles today = 433

Trip total = 7,422

Gas stops = 2, sitting on a full tank

\$ Spent Gas = US\$ 52, Avg MPG = 42.8, Avg MPH = 61.8

\$ Lodging = US\$53

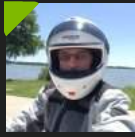
\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = US\$17

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
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Very bad Wi-Fi, Day 21 update coming soon, long day, now in Liard, YT...AB

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black 8, Jun 22, 2017



black 8

Been here awhile

Keep it coming AB - I'll be watching from the sidelines...

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Ken0312, Jun 22, 2017



Ken0312
Adventurer

Wow! I just found your ride report and I love it. Great job on the reporting and taking all the wonderful pictures. Hopefully, I will be able to make the same trip one day. Take care and ride safe!

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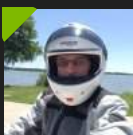
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Day 21 - Wednesday, June 21st, 2017

The longest day of the year! It felt a bit like the longest ride of the trip, on my way up to Alaska, it was all fresh, brand new and I was excited to get to Prudhoe. Today felt long, part of it was the rain in the morning, part was the construction delay, and lastly, tackling the Yukon. I thought about hunkering down for a day to let the rain pass, but the forecast called for rain for the next 5 days and improving, sunny weather was south a few hundred miles. I

pressed on, slowing for the rainy conditions.

While this time I traversed the Yukon on a very good paved road, the immensity of YT is awing, 540 miles and I am still in YT. Yes it's bigger than Texas. It was raw, damp, cold (low 40s), wet, and indifferent. I loved it. Every mile brought a change in scenery, temperature and moisture, with an improvement in weather as the miles piled on.







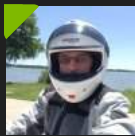


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Day 21 - continued

Photos on beautiful sunny days are far easier to compose and take, overcast/rainy skies makes the task far harder. It's hard for an amateur like me to capture the contrast of the scenery. None the less, I managed a few on the go photos. Once I get home I plan on doing a gear summary, camera(s) is at the top of my list.

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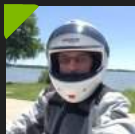


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Day 21 - continued



I decided to overnight in Liard vs Watson Lake and get a head start tomorrow. I will take 37 and overnight in Smithers.

While writing this update this evening, I caught this cool puddle picture



On a bummer note, when I caught up with Black 8's ride report, I read that he had a low side slide and had to end his ride. Thanks to God that he did not break any bones and is relatively unhurt. I was hoping to catch up with him on my way south. Rudy is an awesome individual and very talented photographer. I'm sending prayers your way Rudy.

Day 21

Miles today = 537

Trip total = 7,959

Gas stops = 3, sitting on a 1/2 tank. BTW, Garmin map fuel stop guide is disappointing.

\$ Spent Gas = US\$ 56, Avg MPG = 38.6, Avg MPH = 74.2

\$ Lodging = US\$66

\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = US\$31

Highlights: The immensity of the Yukon Territory

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NorthPole
Adventurer

That is a good picture to capture Black 8's world getting turned upside down. Safe travels.

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Day 22 - Thursday, June 22nd, 2017

What can I say, the rain stopped cashing in its chips and I was another blessed with a beautiful day today. Sun and clouds, zero rain, and temps rising from the mid 40s to the high 60s by the time I got to Smithers. The miles flew by, and by the time I stopped, I clocked over 500 of them.

On my way up to Alaska, I stayed east and on the Alaska Hwy, it was ok until Watson Lake. Then the road (4) from WL to Faro was awesome, but not paved and very lonely. A great alternative is 37, between Liard (almost to Watson Lake and Kitwanga (West of Jasper NP). This is the most beautiful road so far in Western Canada.

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Day 22 - continued

Hwy 37 has an ever evolving landscape, it had me mesmerized, simply awesome. Built and routed through beautiful lakes, including the spectacular Dease Lake and awesome snow capped mountains, you cannot forget the views.







I saw 3 Black bears and 1 Grisly. The Good - I was able to photograph a black bear while riding, the Bad - one very large black bear decided to cross the road while I was going maybe a bit too fast, thank God for ABS and those Brembo brakes.

The ugly - I stopped about 100 yards from a big grisly on the side of the road, beeped my horn thinking that he would run off, instead he got on his hind legs and made a "I don't like you beeping at me face". I got worried and started a u-turn. He then decided to continue to cross and went his own way. Warily, I continued beeping my horn and sped past where he went into the tundra. I'm telling the story so a good outcome. Too bad I was too much in think mode to get a picture.

You have to zoom in on the dot



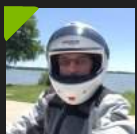
Other wildlife included a Caribou, 2 horned sheep, several rabbits and squirrels. No moose this time around.

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Day 22 - continued

I was so fortunate to meet Steve, an AdvRider, while fueling at Dease Lake. We were chatting while fueling up and he mentioned that he needed some oil for his bike, it was low. Well, I had save the 1/2 liter when I did my oil change in Fairbanks and luckily I was able to give it to Steve.

BTW, every time I throw something out, I end up buying it the next day. I was very happy to help Steve out.

He offered to buy me breakfast and I accepted. Wow, a 1/2 quart of oil made my day, Steve is awesome, from So Cal and a great conversationalist. We shared riding tips, camping, bike, farkles, and our next adventures. We ended riding to Smithers, BC together, where I decided to overnight. Steve has a schedule and decided to continue to Prince George.

Meeting Steve made my day. I hope to meet up with him in South Western Colorado this fall.



Day 22

Miles today = 517

Trip total = 8,476

Gas stops = 2, sitting on a 184 mile range.

\$ Spent Gas = US\$ 53, Avg MPG = 42.8, Avg MPH = 58.7

\$ Lodging = US\$64

\$ Spent Excluding gas, lodging = US\$33

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Daleah, Jun 23, 2017



Daleah

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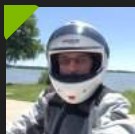
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Dale

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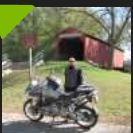
Thanks for scouting my route back through Canada...

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Daleah, Jun 23, 2017



Daleah

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thx, will do

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bobframe, Jun 23, 2017



bobframe

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How has the Roadcrafter suit been? No doubt its been waterproof...but has it been too warm at any point?

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Daleah

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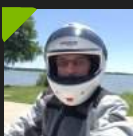
I just checked the InReach. Looks like AB is getting close to the US border.

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Day 23 - Friday, June 23rd, 2017

I am living a British Columbia dream, I was prepared for a long boring day, but the Canadian landscape came through and turned it into a super exciting day. The rain was no where to be seen, just blue skies accented by puffy white clouds, what else can you ask for?

The day started in Smithers, traveling east on 16. I was used to the Yukon loneliness and found the road had more traffic than expected. I guess I am easing into urbanization,

although slowly. 16 (and the rest of the route) is decorated with beautiful lakes and quaint little towns along the way.

Burns Lake caught my eye, I wonder if the water is cold, it would make a great get away place for the summer. One of many beautiful spots along the way.





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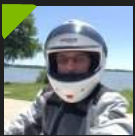


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Day 23 - continued

I did hit a bit of construction on 16, but Sarah kept me entertained while I waited for the pilot car. Sarah works 12 hour shifts plus her daily drive 1.5 hours each way. So $24-15=9$ hrs does not leave a lot of time for anything else. Sarah just bought a new home and is wanting to fix it up, paint and lots of yard work. God bless her and the partner. She let me go first well in front of the line of cars/Trucks and RVs, which enabled me to make the next construction zone without a second wait.



After getting through Prince George, Hwy 97 or the Cariboo Hwy is an awesome road. Again, lakes seem to be the dominant gene, beautiful varied scenery along the way. I just wish I was a better photographer, my skills don't do the landscape beauty justice.





I always wanted to take one of these, too bad I missed my windscreen, but I had to pay attention to the riding.

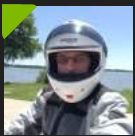


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Day 23 - continued

All was great, but it only got better. Immediately following Hwy 97, I got supercharged on Hwy 1, the Trans-Canada Hwy between Cache Creek and Hwy 5. The scenery in the valley took on a dry more desert like view, simply a magnificent contrast to the lush scenery throughout Alaska, the YT and BC this far.

The temperature rose to 89.5 degrees and hills look aird, but ruggedly beautiful. Kamloops Lake contrasting the arid scenery was stunning, as were the views approaching Savona. It's

another must ride once road.







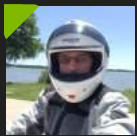


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Soon I reached Hwy 5, the Coquihalla Hwy. A modern 2/3 lane in each direction hwy. The scenery went back to the luscious greens and the temperature dropped into the low 70's. It was most welcomed as I approached almost 600 miles for the day on my tripmeter and was ready to call it a day. I am overnighing in Merritt tonight and plan to re-enter the US lower 48 tomorrow, will follow 97 south and then I will wing it to somewhere south. Did I say I overplan but not follow the plan?





Day 23

Miles today = 594

Trip total = 9,070

Gas stops = 2, sitting on 124 mile range

\$ Spent Gas = \$US 48, Avg MPG = 44.4, Avg MPH = 60.6

\$ Lodging = \$US 69, very nice newly remodeled

\$ Spent Excluding gas, US\$17, bought some snacks and food at a supermarket

Highlights: Hwy 1, Cache Creek to Hwy 5, stunning!

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bobframe said: ↑

How has the Roadcrafter suit been? No doubt its been waterproof...but has it been too warm at any point?

Today was the first day that the temps actually rose. They hit 89°F, and it was warm, but bearable. I did have a heated layer, obviously off. The reason I am such a big fan of it is because with my heated layer and the roadcrafter, I can easily be comfortable between 26°F in Prudhoe Bay to 89°F today in Savona. No need to layer and bulk up and not be able to move.

If I knew I was going to ride in a hot area, there is no substitute for vented gear. Hope this answers your question...AB

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Daleah said: ↑

I just checked the InReach. Looks like AB is getting close to the US boarder.

Yes Sir, plan on being south of the border tomorrow. Thanks for following...AB

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lakecntyrider, Jun 24, 2017



lakecntyrider
Adventurer

Just found your report. I was up there last year. Living vicariously through others this year. Excellent report.

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Day 24 - Saturday, June 24th, 2017

I started in Merritt, Canada, and decided to take a less traveled road to the US border, it paid huge rewards. Took 97C to Peachland, crossing the mountain pass was 60 miles of pure joy and beauty. Once arrived at Peachland, it makes you want to get a lake house there.

Between Peachland and the US border, it's Canadian wine country, there are several vineyard and wineries advertising tours and tastings. Weaved in between were several orchards growing cherries and other fruits. A fun area to visit.





The US border crossing was fast, the standard questions on food, weapons, liquor and currency over 10k. I was back in the lower 48 after 20 or so days up north. The landscape continued with small vineyards and fruit orchards.

Weeds are a
Pain in the Grass!



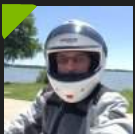


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Day 24 - continued

Next, I followed 97 south to Brewster. What a ride, from Chief Joseph Dam to the Dry Falls State Park. The Chief Joseph Dam was indeed chiefly, and Dry Falls State Park did impress me. I always thought about state park as 2nd tier, but this one was really awesome. Everyone needs to ride 97, yes it had traffic, no real passing lanes, but it was a Saturday.



Chief Joseph Dam

- Project Office →
- Upstream Boat Ramp →
- Willow Flat Picnic Area →
- Brandt's Landing →

DAM TOURS

Tuesday - Saturday
10 a.m., 12 noon, 2 p.m.



Chief Joseph Dam


- ← Project Office
- ← Upstream Boat Ramp
- ← Willow Flat Picnic Area
- ← Brandt's Landing





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Day 24 -continued

On the way to Sun Lakes - Dry Falls State Park and the recreational area, Hwy 97.









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Day 24 - continued

I continued on 97 South to 395 and eventually to 84 East. As I clocked nearly 400 miles, I was ready for a reprieve. 84, while a big highway, did not feel like one. It had larger than life sweepers and several passes on the way to Ontario, OR. Deadman's Pass took the warm 90's to the mid to low 80's. A much welcomed climate change. Mt. Emily made me think of my youngest daughter's friend Emily, I have to send her a text and photo.



Deadman's Pass






Notice the snow capped mountains



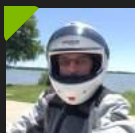
I really got to test my gear today and found out what I need to change. While it was good enough, it can get much better. I started in the 50's and ended up in the high 90's. My Aerostich was good until 92/4°ish, over that, it felt hot. I basically wore my boxers and a tee shirt underneath the suit. I will try wicking undergarments tomorrow. The only benefit to the heat is that you need far fewer bathroom breaks, it's all being sweated out. Watch out for hydration and drink lots of water.

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Day 24 - continued

As I was checking in, I met Gary from Oregon. He was on his way back from visiting his 2 brothers. I offered to share my 6 pack of beer and he accepted. We chatted for quite some time on the balcony. As we chatted, Linda came by asking where she could buy food. Gary pointed her to the Arby's next door.

I asked Linda if she could get me whatever sandwich for dinner, gave her some money and she went off. Linda returned quickly and brought me a roast beef sandwich and said it was on her. Very kind. Linda is traveling with her husband and they are from PA, headed to CA to visit her daughter. Thank you Linda for dinner and safe travels.



The day ended after connecting with my Dallas friend DH, whom I will be meeting in Utah to ride around and eventually head back home. I feel very blessed to have had such a great day and trip thus far.

Miles today = 603

Trip total = 9,673

Gas stops = 3, sitting on a very full tank

\$ Spent Gas = \$US 57, Avg MPG = 45.2, Avg MPH = 70.2

\$ Lodging = \$US 97,ouch, but it is Saturday

\$ Spent Excluding gas, US\$13, mostly water and a six pack

Highlights: Dry Falls State Park and meeting Gary

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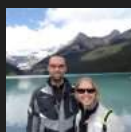
In the home stretch AB...

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Project Mayhem, Jun 25, 2017



Project Mayhem

Moto Aficionado

I have to say AB, looking at your live trip data you're a machine! Multiple 500+ mile days...you cover some ground! Looking forward to an update. (since it looks like you're settled for the night)

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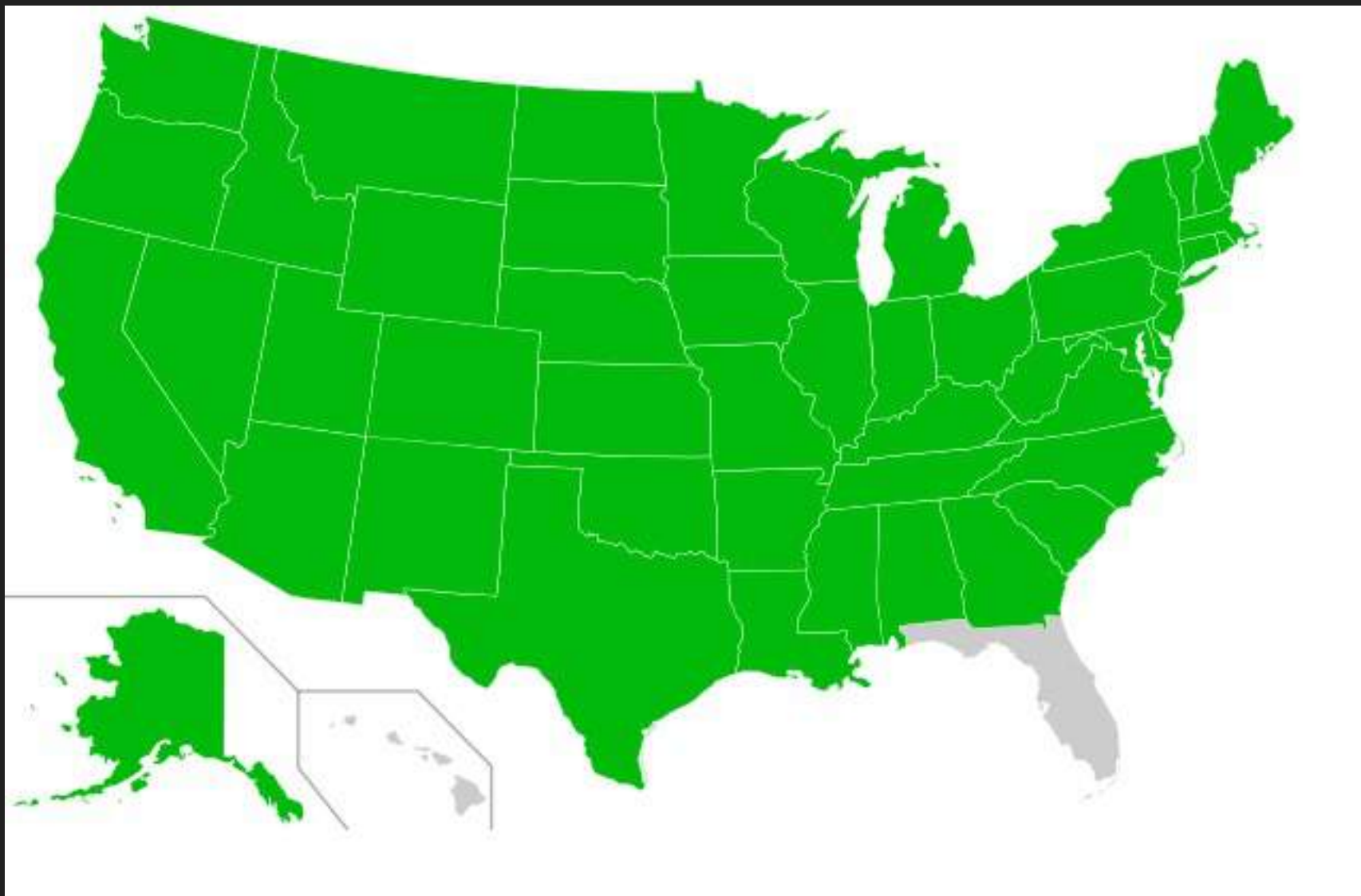
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Day 25 - Sunday, June 25th, 2017

I left Ontario, OR late, a bit past 9:00AM and planned to ride to Beaver UT, through Jackpot and Ely, NV, then east to Beaver. Some 600 miles later, I am here. Also notable, I crossed the 10,000 miles ridden on this wonderful trip.



I have been to all 50 States, but I also track the States where I have ridden a motorcycle. 48 out of 50. Florida, the ever elusive State where I have visited 100s of times. The ante for my trip to Key West to get a Mile 0 sticker to be placed next to the Deadhorse sticker just skyrocketed.



On my way south, I saw this beautiful flag, full of life and energy, had to share. I took I-84 for the first leg of the trip between Ontario and Twin Falls, speed limit was 80 plus whatever you can get away with and it sucked down the gasoline fast. Averaged 33 MPG.

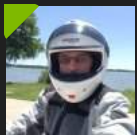


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Day 25 - continued

Shortly thereafter, I reached Nevada, Jackpot. A small town with plenty of casinos. How do they all stay in business is still a mystery to me.



As the day wore on, the mercury started to rise, and although we were at 6,000 elevation, the temperatures quickly climbed into the low 90. I decided to wear a DryFit long sleeve shirt and a bathing suit under my Stich, and it was perfect. I easily tolerated high 90's very comfortably. My Stich is an R3, basically a Roadcrafter without lining.

The landscape between Jackpot and Ely was bland and the road mostly straight. The one exception was the snow covered mountains near I-80.



Passing slower RV's and trucks was unpleasant, the buffeting from following them made it worse. I had to pass them, usually several in a row as they tended to bunch up. Ely was a bigger Jackpot, casinos and kind of rundown.



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