



WEST BANK RIDER

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FIRST RIDE: SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, RANDY'S GARAGE R.C. *RANDY MEYER (OR WAS IT FRED?)* IT WAS A NICE SPRING DAY, AND A GREAT ONE FOR A FIRST RIDE PARTY! THERE IS A QUESTION AS TO WHO WAS THE ROAD CAPTAIN AND WHICH OR BOTH OF THEM QUALIFY TO BE IN THE RUNNING FOR THE "WRONG WAY MEL" AWARD. AT LEAST IT WILL BE IN THE FAMILY, EITHER WAY. IF RANDY WERE TO CORNER THE AWARD, IT WOULD BE BACK TO BACK YEARS. LOTS A GOOD FOOD, BEER AND TIMES.

SECOND RIDE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH, POUNDERS, MENDOTA HEIGHTS R.C. *DAVID GRAHAM*. COOL SPRING NIGHT!!! PLEASE MR. R.C., MAKE IT QUICK AND SHORT—OH THANK YOU, THANK YOU! MAKE MINE SOME COFFEE (WITH A LITTLE KAHLUA). THE PEOPLE IN CONTROL WERE SUPER AND MADE US FEEL WARM AND WELCOME. POUNDERS USED TO BE "THE EMPORIUM OF JAZZ".

THIRD RIDE: SATURDAY, MAY 3RD, SHADY RIVER CAMPGROUND, BIG LAKE R.C. *JIM MORIN*. HALF WAY DECENT DAY FOR A RIDE, FINALLY. WE STOPPED AT THE MARKET IN BIG LAKE AND PICKED UP SOME VITTLES AND USED JIM'S GRILL TO BURN (COOK, I SAID COOK) THEM.

FOURTH RIDE: BOB'S JAVA HUT, MINNEAPOLIS. R.C. *JAC KELVIE*. ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE COLD, DAMP NIGHTS THAT CALL FOR AN ABBREVIATED RIDE. BOB'S OFFERED THE PERFECT SOLUTION. JAC GOT OFF THE PHONE LONG ENUFF TO LEAD THE RIDE, AND OFF WE WENT. THE RIVER ROAD, M'HAHA PKWY. AND LYNDALE AVENUE. NOW THAT'S SHORT AND QUICK. OF COURSE, THERE WERE SOME THAT EVEN TOOK A SHORTER WAY THAN THAT. OUR REWARD FOR VENTURING OUT WAS SOME REALLY HOT AND STRONG COFFEE.

FIFTH RIDE: SATURDAY, MAY 10TH, NELSON'S ICE CREAM, STILLWATER. R.C. *DAVID MLNARIK*. NICE ROUTING FOR A SATURDAY RIDE THAT WAS KEPT LOCAL, FOR THOSE THAT WANTED TO GET TO MIKE (CRASH) TAYLOR'S WEDDING AND RECEPTION. CONGRATULATIONS, CRASH (OR CONDOLENCES}. ANYHOW, GOOD RIDE.

SIXTH RIDE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH, COSETTA'S, ST. PAUL. R.C. *RALPH KARSTEN*. A RIDE TO THE EDGE OF DOWNTOWN ST. PAUL AND THE BIGGEST SLICE OF PIZZA IN TOWN.

SEVENTH RIDE: SATURDAY, MAY 17TH, PLUM CITY, WI. R.C. *TONY O*. A PLEASANT CRUISE THRU PARTS OF THE WISCONSIN "ALPHABET". I'M SURE THAT "HAT" WOULD RECOMMEND THEIR BACON CHEESEBURGERS, AS THIS WAS HIS SECOND OR THIRD SAMPLING.

EIGHTH RIDE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 21ST, HARRY'S SURVIVAL STATION, NEW BRIGHTON. R.C. *CHUCK BURNSIDE*. WE TOOK THE LOOOONG WAY TO HARRY'S THIS NIGHT. OUR ILLUSTRIOUS R.C. EARNED A PLACE IN THE RUNNING FOR A "WRONG WAY MEL" AWARD, WITH A SEARCH FOR A GAS STOP IN THE MIDDLE OF DOWNTOWN DAYTON AND THEN A U-TURN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE HIGHWAY. ONE SHOULDN'T NEED A GAS REFILL ON A WEDNESDAY RIDE, NOT EVEN A HARLEY WITH A PEANUT TANK. ALWAYS REMEMBER TO FILL YOUR TANK BEFORE LEAVING THE JUNCTION. U-TURNS WITH A LARGE GROUP ARE EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS.

NINTH RIDE: SATURDAY, MAY 24TH, WHISTLE STOP CAFE, FRONTENAC. R.C. *PAT STITZEL*. ALWAYS A NICE RIDE AND DESTINATION. GOOD FOOD AND A MOTORCYCLE SHOP RIGHT NEXT DOOR, WHAT MORE COULD YOU ASK FOR?

TENTH RIDE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 28TH, RUDY'S SINCLAIR, EAGAN. R.C. *DAVID GRAHAM*. A NICE RIDE OUT TO DAVE'S GARAGE. WHO WON THE BURNOUT COMPETITION? AND WHAT DO YOU WIN? IF YOU LEAVE ENOUGH RUBBER DOWN, CAN THEY TICKET YOU FOR LITTERING?

ELEVENTH RIDE: SATURDAY, MAY 31ST, BURROUGH LANES, BELLE PLAIN. R.C. *LARRY STITZEL*. WHERE TO GO? LET'S GO CHECK OUT HOW THE EXCELSIOR/HENDERSON FACTORY IS PROGRESSING. THEY HAD GREAT COLD AND TASTY BEER AND POP AT THE LANES. OH YES, THE WALLS ARE STILL BEING CONSTRUCTED AT THE FACTORY, BUT AS YET THERE NO DOORS OR ROOF.

