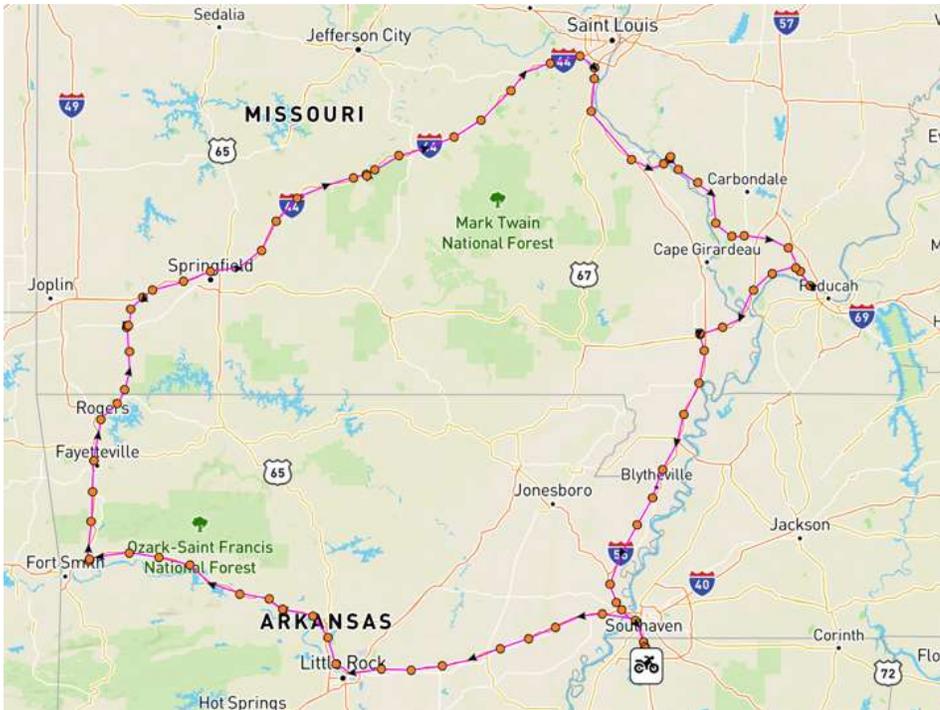


Ice Cream Insanity



1,081 Miles in 18 Hours and 32 Minutes

Here are the IBA requirements for the Ice Cream Insanity ride:

*Ice Cream Insanity - Eat at 6 ice cream locations - 24 hours***

You must take a selfie at each stop eating, what else - ice cream - and get a DBR at that store.

Each ice cream selfie must be at least 150 miles apart.

***We recognize that few if any ice cream shops are open 24/7. We will permit two WILDCARDS to be used in place of the permitted locations mentioned below. To use the wildcard, you may take a selfie eating ice cream in front of a gas*

station or any 24-hour convenience store/supermarket or from a National chain like Dairy Queen, Baskin-Robbins, Cold Stone Creamery, Denny's, etc. Photos must still be at least 150 miles from any other photo.

Your ride starts at your first ice cream location after you eat your first ice cream treat - and take a selfie eating ice cream (so you are on the clock when you get your receipt for your first ice cream.)

Your ride ends at your last ice cream location stop, AFTER you eat your final ice cream treat (and take a selfie eating ice cream). Don't forget the final receipt.

Karen and I were up at 2:30 am and at the local Circle K by 3:00 am eating ice cream. Since this didn't qualify as a local ice cream establishment, it was considered a wildcard. Official start time 3:10 am.



Wildcard Start

From Hernando, we headed west. Truck traffic was relatively light as we rode across Arkansas on I-40. The moon was bright through the clear sky. The temperature was a comfortable 67 degrees as we watched the sunrise just prior to our arrival in Alma, AR. A perfect start to our day!

Braum's Ice Cream & Dairy Store opened at 6:00 am. We ordered breakfast sandwiches along with a banana split. When we ordered they asked if we would like the banana split last. We said "No, we'll take it first!" 😊 This allowed us to take the required "selfie" and finish the paperwork while our breakfast was prepared. And no, we didn't eat all

of the ice cream at every stop. At the most, we had a bite or two. 😊



Banana Split for Breakfast

From Alma, we headed north on I-49. Traffic thickened as we rode through the Walmart Metro Area of Fayetteville, Springdale, Bentonville and Rogers.

In Bentonville, we exited off the interstate onto backroads through Rogers. Our next stop would be at the Freedom Silo for a photo op. Karen had read an article about this silo mural over a year ago. It had been on our bucket list ever since.



Freedom Silo in Monett, MO

The silo was well worth our stop. With the sun behind it, it was tough to photograph. I'm sure if you were there in the late afternoon or early evening the lighting would be perfect! Next stop, Uranus!

Our friends, Jimmy & Toni Burns, were out on a different Iron Butt challenge. They were taking a counterclockwise route while we were taking a clockwise route. We knew we would pass at some point and if we were lucky, we would meet up in Uranus.

We headed north until we connected with I-44. Back on an interstate, we headed northeast. I called Jimmy as we're riding down the interstate to find out where they were currently located. They were just leaving St. Louis and he was unsure exactly what time they would arrive in Uranus. We decided to talk again when we got closer.

Later, Jimmy called. They were 25 miles from Uranus and moving slowly through construction. We were 40 miles away. We couldn't have planned it any better to meet there. We had ridden 550 miles, with 500 to go from Uranus. Jimmy & Toni were almost at 500 miles of their ride. We arrived and took a minute to take a picture together before parting ways. We were both on a mission!

Karen and I needed to find the Uranus Ice Cream Company! This would be ice cream stop number 3. We found it, ordered, and took the

required selfie. Of course, we had to take a minute to visit the Uranus Fudge Factory and purchase a shirt for another friend of ours, Chris O'Neal.



Perfect Timing

After the short break, we were back in Iron Butt mode! We jumped on the bike and headed toward St. Louis. There, we jumped on I-270 around to I-55 south to the Perryville exit where we headed east toward Chester, IL.

Once we crossed the Mississippi River into Illinois, we rode by the statue of Popeye and through Chester to Gilligan's Sweet Treats for ice cream stop number 4. We had one bite of dessert and a BBQ sandwich before heading out the door! Next stop, Superman!



Ice Cream Stop #4

We headed along the eastern side of the Mississippi River south through backroads over to Metropolis. Karen snapped a picture as we rode by Superman. Next stop, Sikeston, MO!



Metropolis, Illinois

From there, we rode backroads west and south before crossing back over the Mississippi River and jumping back on I-55 south. When we arrived at the Yum Yum Shack in Sikeston, it was closed! Oh no! What do we do now? We found a DQ just down the road. This was wildcard number 2/ice cream stop #5.



DQ Dilly Bars Wildcard #2

After the required selfie, we were back on the road headed south on I-55 to Memphis. Our plan was to make it back to Hernando before “The Dip” closed at 9:30 pm. It was already 7:30 pm with 162 miles to

go! No way are we going to make it in time!

On the way, Karen and I were both thinking of an ice cream place that was near Hernando, but open later than 9:30. Karen found a place on Getwell Road that was open until 10:00 pm, but that would be nearly impossible to make too!

At our next gas stop, I looked up the Dixie Queen. I saw where the one on Stateline Road was open 24 hours! What? I didn’t realize that! I set Google Maps to it! Back on the road, I got to thinking, “Would the Dixie Queen” on Church Road be open 24 hours too?” I called Chris & Kathy O’Neal to find out. They happened to be eating dinner after a big day of riding! As I talked to Chris, Kathy calls the Dixie Queen! Yes, they were open! The lobby is open until 10:00 pm and the drive-thru is open 24 hours! Perfect!

We pulled into the Dixie Queen right at 9:35 pm. We ordered and got our final receipt. Official end time 9:42 pm.



Final Stop – Ice Cream #6

We rode 1,081 miles in 18 hours and 32 minutes while stopping for ice

cream at 6 different places! Plus, we had a chance to stop at the Freedom Silo for pictures and, by chance, meet our friends in Uranus! How cool is that!

2019 BMW R1250GSA

Distance: 1,081 miles

Time: 18 hrs, 32 min.

Average Speed: 57 mph

Fuel Used: 32.705 gal

Fuel Mileage: 32 mpg

Low Temperature: 67°

High Temperature: 89°

