

# Monster 100



**1,103 Miles in 18 Hours, 12 Minutes**

The Monster 100 - 100 DAYS, 2 riders per day, 1,000 miles each: 200,000 MILES! A charity ride to raise money for a small group of boys with Duchene's Muscular Dystrophy (DMD). The primary goals of this epic event:

1. Buy Drew's family a special needs van.
2. Bring these four boys and their families to the "End of the Road Party" at Sturgis Bike Week where this ride ends on August 11, 2023.
  - a. The idea is to put these boys on a pedestal to let them know people care.
  - b. And, to make them feel good, even if just for one day!

Karen and I did our 1,000 mile ride on Saturday, May 27, 2023 for this epic charity event hosted by Mile Monsters, Inc. Every rider would create their own unique route. Our

"Ride 4-Drew" started in Drew, Mississippi then went to Drew, Louisiana, Drew, Georgia and ended up in Drew, Kentucky, thus, Ride 4-Drew(s).



**Drew, Mississippi**

The night before, we rode down to Drew, MS to scout out the area. It was a small town—Population 1,927. We stopped at the gas station there to see if it would be available at 4:00 am the next morning. The person working there told me, "We're closed, but the pumps will be working." I asked if there would

be paper for a receipt in the pumps? The attendant looked at me and shrugged his shoulders. I knew then, we would have to get a receipt from a working gas station to ensure we got the proper documentation to start the ride!

We had hotel reservations at the Cotton House in downtown Cleveland. This was the only place available in the area when I made reservations a few weeks in advance, knowing it was Memorial Day Weekend. It was a beautiful hotel that was busy with a couple different wedding parties staying there!

We were up at 3:00 am and out of the hotel by 3:30. We rode down the street to the first gas station that was open! We fueled up and obtained a printed DBR (Dated Business Receipt). I took a picture of the receipt next to my odometer and uploaded it to Spotwalla—an online Tracking Map that would not only show our location but would embed any pictures we uploaded to the exact location. This would meet the requirements for the Iron Butt Association.

From Cleveland, we headed to the gas station in Drew 16 miles away. I added about half a gallon of gas to the bike. No receipt! I didn't have much confidence when the attendant shrugged his shoulders the day prior. That's okay! I uploaded a current picture of the odometer and

a graphic of Drew, MS to show the beginning of the ride. Our official time starting in Drew, MS was 4:07 am (Central). Now, we're good to go! Next stop, Drew, LA!



**1-Drew**

The first good-sized town we came to was Indianola, MS. As we entered town, there was a roadblock. Four police cars had their flashing lights on at the intersection. They weren't in our lane, but we figured they were checking for drunk drivers this holiday weekend. We made a right turn away from the roadblock and cruised through town. About halfway through, we see another police car monitoring the road. As we exit the town, we see a huge cloud of black smoke off to the right. Karen said there was a car in a parking lot doing donuts! It was 4:30 in the morning! Cops on one end and the middle of town while kids were doing donuts at the other end of town! Crazy!

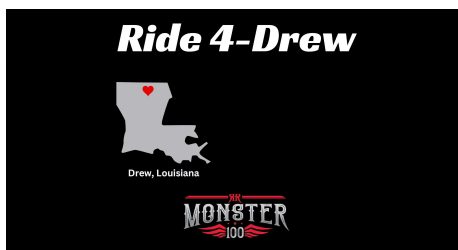
We continued on through Greenville, MS before crossing the Mississippi River. Once we crossed the river, we rode through thousands, if not millions, of gnats! It was dark out and there were so many gnats it looked like it was raining! That lasted for a few miles. From there, the rest of the leg to

Drew, LA consisted of nice backroads.



**Drew, Louisiana**

In the area of Drew, LA, we stopped for gas and had to clean off our windshield. Down the road was Drew Elementary School! This was more than we expected! We took a few pictures and did our required uploads. Official time in Drew, LA was 7:17 am (Central). We were back on the road in minutes. We headed east toward Drew, GA!



**2-Drew**

We jumped on I-20 for over 500 miles! We crossed the Mississippi River at Vicksburg. The sun was up, and the temperatures remained comfortable as we crossed the state of Mississippi!

We continued on I-20 across Alabama. We rode around Birmingham with no problems. Traffic didn't seem too bad. Life was good!

As we crossed over into Georgia, we stopped for a Chick-fil-a sandwich in Bremen. This quick stop was well worth it! We both enjoyed the short break and sandwich.



**Bremen, Georgia**

Back on the road, we hit thick traffic in the Atlanta area. We rode with the flow onto I-285 around to north Atlanta toward Cumming. We finally ended up on Drew Campground Road. This was the only hint of the once established community of Drew, GA. The area had a lot of new growth. Soon, Drew will be all but forgotten there! We took a few pictures of the street signs for Drew Campground Road, uploaded them to Spotwalla. Then, we headed back west toward I-75. Official time in Drew, GA was 4:07 pm (Eastern).



**Drew, Georgia**



### 3-Drew

Once we hit I-75, it was smooth sailing again! We headed north toward Chattanooga. North Georgia and eastern Tennessee were beautiful! Everything was bright green! We watched the mountains slowly grow out of the horizon as we rode along. There was still plenty of daylight when we stopped in Knoxville for gas at 7:00 pm.

We continued north on I-75 to London, Kentucky where we exited onto the Hal Rogers Parkway. By now, it was 9:00 pm. The sun was out of view as the darkness slowly took over. The Hal Rogers parkway was a nice curvy, well-marked road through the Kentucky hills. A light rain started that gradually increased into a slow steady rain by the time we arrived in the Drew, Kentucky area. This was a rural area where we turned onto Nealy Branch Road.

Drew, KY did not exist anymore. It was just a dot on Google Maps at the end of a non-existent road in the hills of Kentucky. Nealy Branch Road was a one-lane, dead-end, country road that had a few houses/shacks along it. Three-quarters of a mile down it, the road would split into three branches. I figured going down these undeveloped roads in the middle of the night might not be the best thing

to do. We rode as far as we felt safe/unintrusive, then we marked Spotwalla with a picture of our odometer and Drew graphic. After that, we turned around and rode to the nearest gas station for an official end receipt. I didn't think another mile would make much difference. It was raining and dark! How would you like strangers playing in your backyard in the middle of the night?

Official end time was 11:19 pm (Eastern). We rode 1,103 miles from Drew, MS to Drew, KY in 18 hours and 12 minutes!



### 4-Drew

We had a hotel reservation in Hazard, Kentucky, so we headed that direction. We found an open gas station in Hindman. After I filled up, the pump said see attendant for receipt. When I went inside, there was a line of customers at the cash register. They said it was shift change. It could be 15 minutes before they could help us. After waiting, the attendant said the computer malfunctioned and no receipts were available! What?

Fortunately, there was an ATM machine in there. I inserted my card and requested an account balance. Viola! DBR! Whew! We're good to go! Let's find that hotel and get some rest!

Hazard was about 30 miles from the area of Drew! We arrived at the hotel around 12:30 am. We were beat! Karen bought us a small snack of chicken salad and crackers. Those hit the spot! It didn't take long for us to fall asleep after that.

This is one of our favorite Iron Butt rides! It was very rewarding to create a special ride to honor Drew in our own way! Our goals were to raise at least \$1,000 for the cause and ride over 1,000 miles in less than 24 hours to support this event. Check! Check! Both goals met!

But, it's what these funds will do to help these boys and their families that really makes this so special! We look forward to meeting in South Dakota on August 11<sup>th</sup> to join in on the last 100 miles of this 100-day, 200,000 mile epic event! And, to be present at the end of the road party that evening in Rapid City!

If you would like to donate, it's not too late:

[MONSTER 100 \(givebutter.com\)](https://www.givebutter.com/monster100)

**2022 BMW K1600B**  
**Distance: 1,103 miles**  
**Time: 18 hrs, 12 min.**  
**Average Speed: 60 mph**  
**Fuel Used: 33.651 gal**  
**Fuel Mileage: 32 mpg**  
**High Temperature: 86°**  
**Low Temperature: 61°**