## Iron Butt Challenge




## AGENDA

- What I know about IBA (Iron Butt Association)
- Day of riding
- Lessons learned
- How I prepared myself
- Dos \& Don'ts
- Why I did it \& what I received
- Riding moments



## KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT IBA DO I

- IBA is based in USA but globally recognized, and rides can be done in any geographic location, e.g., IBA India, IBA UK, etc.
- To be a member of Iron Butt/join the club is to accomplish one of their long-distance endurance motorcycle riding challenges
- There are more than 100 types of rides in USA and $250+$ worldwide
- Most popular ride certifications https://ironbutt.org/rides/
$\checkmark$ SaddleSore 1000 ( 1,000 miles in less than 24 hours) also called SaddleSore Series
$>$ Bun Burner 1500 ( 1,500 miles in less than 36 hours) also called Bun Burner Series
* 48 States in 10 days (48 States in 10 days series)
* National Parks Tour Series (Visit at least 50 National Parks in at least 25 States, within a year)


## SADDLESORE 1000 MILES ( $<24$ HOURS) \&

## BUN BURNER 1500 MILES (<36 HOURS)

## Follow 3 simple steps (IMP ORTANT)

Step 1: Choose a safe route (use Google map)
Step 2: Update ride $\log$ with photos of gas receipts with odometer reading
Step 3: Submit below documents via email and pay via PayPal (later)
a) Copy of ride $\log$ with checklist, application \& package option
b) Photo of gas receipts and odometer photo receipts
c) Screenshot of Google map showing the route

## SADDLESORE 1000 MILES

( $<24$ H O URS )

## BUN BURNER 1500 MILES ( < 3 6 H O URS )



## DAY OF RIDING (IMPORTANT)

1) Left home at 5:30 AM
2) $1^{\text {st }}$ starting point - gas station close to my house (to get electronic receipt)
3) Enabled Google map tracking in phone
4) Set the GPS with the first stop
5) Brought food from home to save time
6) Quick access to phone, pen, printout of ride log, a bag clip to hold the receipt for odometer photo reading
7) Ziploc bag to keep the gas receipts and mark them with numbers (gas 1, gas 2, etc.)

## D OCUMENTS (IMPORTANT)

QUIKTRIP \# \# 0472 8293 Lake Fleasant Peoria, AZ


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| Total Sale | $\$ 4.17$ |

Thank You for Shopping QuikTrip! Please Come Back Again!!
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## LESSONS LEARNED

1. Breaks were too long
2. Riding miles at the start were shorter than at the end
3. The last 100 miles felt like there was 1000 miles still to cover
4. Sprint riding helped to pass the time
5. Early start is a key
6. Well prepared \& equipped with all needed items (e.g., food, drinks, and stationary items)
7. Well chosen route and good weather on day of riding are essential
8. Good luck played a big factor: Due to pandemic, there was a less traffic; no issues with new motorcycle; and had a great companion (Manjit)

## Actual Riding Graph $\quad$ Riding miles $\because$ Breaks (mins) $-\infty$ Energy level



| Location | Home | Start | Happy Valley | Flagstaff | Mexico Sign | LOS LUNAS | HATCH | SAN SIMON AZ | ELOY AZ | End | Home | Total |
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| Time | 5.20 AM | 5.30 AM | 6:00AM | 8:00AM | 12:00PM | 4:00PM | 6:00PM | 7.30PM | 10.30PM | 12.30AM | 12.45 AM | 18 hours 30 mins |
| Gas \# | n/a | Gas 1 | n/a | Gas 2 | Gas 3 | Gas 4 | Gas 5 | Gas 6 | Gas 7 | Gas 8 |  | 8 stops |
| Distance (Miles) |  | 2.7 | 13.6 | 126 | 165 | 155 | 163 | 143 | 180 | 85 |  | 1033.3 |
| Break (mins) |  |  | 25 | 25 | 10 | 35 | 15 | 35 | 40 | 5 |  | 3 hours 10 mins |



## HOW I PREPARED MYSELF

## Self evaluation \& motorcycle stress testing

- Started riding for the first time in US road in Jan 2020
$\checkmark$ Get to know my bike \& ensure she handles more miles in one go $\checkmark$ Improved my riding skills
$\checkmark$ Made a habit of riding in a good mood
$\checkmark$ List down dos and don'ts after every ride
$\checkmark$ Installed 8000 lumens auxiliary light for night ride $\checkmark$ Proper clothes for long distance and things to carry
$\checkmark$ Rode every Saturday between 200 to 250 miles (Jan 20 - Jun 20) $\checkmark$ Gradually started riding 400 to 600 miles (Jun $20-$ Sep 20)
Ride 7 - 2020 Jun 27th: Payson, Sedona \& Flagstaff ( 400 miles) Ride 8 - 2020 Jul 4th: Payson, Wood Canyon Lake \& Globe ( 400 miles) Ride 9 - 2020 Jul 18th: Wickenburg, Jerome, Pine \& Payson ( 325 Miles) Ride 10 - 2020 July 24th: Roosevelt Lake \& Globe ( 300 Miles) Ride 11 - 2020 Aug 1st: Pine top, Showlow \& Payson ( 430 Miles) Ride 12-2020 Aug 9th: Morenci Alpine \& Globe ( 600 Miles) Ride 13 - 2020 Aug 15th: Flagstaff, Winslow \& Payson ( 400 Miles) Ride 14 - 2020 Aug 29th: Jerome \& Holbrook ( 500 Miles) Ride 15 - 2020 Sep 5th: Monument Valley ( 630 Miles)



## DOS \& DON'TS

Fill and get an electronic receipt from closest gas station to your house
In the beginning, cover more miles Stop if you feel tired or demotivated
Do not take more than a 30 min break and gradually decrease the break time as you stop

Don't race
Don't loose receipts and don't forget to take photo of the odometer reading

## W HY I DID IT

- The most prestigious ride challenges on the planet
- To be in the Certified Ride Finishers list/IBA website among 60,000+ members world-wide
- Show off and something to talk about when you have a scotch in your hand
- A patch in the vest, certificate hanging on garage wall, and a license plate screams that I am an Iron Butt toughest rider...a big accomplishment!
- SaddleSore 1000 mile ride motivates for other extreme riding challenge



## WHAT I RECEIVED

## © ironbutt.org/certified.htm\#SaddleSore1000



## THINGS TO REMEMBER (IMPORTANT)

1) A safe ride should be your primary goal
2) Keep in mind, 24 hours is wall clock time, not riding time
3) SaddleSore 1000 and Bun Burner 1500 can be done together
4) No pre-registration is needed for the SaddleSore or Bun Burner rides series
5) IBA 25 Long-Distance Riding Tips https://ironbutt.org/25tips.html
6) Avoid the route that has less speed limit
7) Do NOT depend on your own odometer readings for official mileage
8) If you choose a circular route, you will need to obtain a dated receipt at each "corner" to show that you did not take a short-cut
9) Rider and passenger can do the challenge together and both name will be there in the certificate and NO additional charge for a passenger
10) Your ride starts from the location of your first computer generated receipt (preferably fuel)
11) The computer time stamp will be your official ending time
12) Stop at least once every 350 miles for gas (this is purely for documentation for your ride). IBA we will not accept a claim for greater distance ride


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