

Mike Woodward's - Week two journey

Day Eight – Mike rode from Las Vegas through Death Valley to the China Lake Naval Base in Ridgecrest California today. Temperatures ranged from 67 in the morning to 54 when he went over the mountains, up to over 90 as he crossed Death Valley and then back down to about 80 at China Lake. Really High winds and twisty, mountainous back roads limited his progress to about 230 miles for the day.

Day Nine – Today's ride took Mike about 350 over some twisty, desolate back roads miles from China Lake to the Naval Post Grad School in Monterey California. Mike reported that it was sunny and clear but he encountered high winds in the desert once again and the temperatures back and forth from about 48 to a high of 63.

Day Ten – He wimped out today and just hung out, but who can blame him. Monterey is really beautiful and he reported that the weather was great for a much needed break.

Day Eleven – Today's journey will take Mike from Monterey to Palmdale, California. Route 1 (The beautiful and sometimes challenging Pacific Coast Highway) was closed in Carmel so it was off on the back roads again. I'm laughing as I type this because I have ridden on some of those back roads that Mike loves so much. The ride across highway 58 through Santa Margarita to highway 33 is really amazing. I just hope he stayed on pave roads. Mike reported that it was sunny and cold (48 degrees) with no wind for the ride today.

Day Twelve – One hundred and forty seven miles from Palmdale to Beaumont California was all Mike could accomplish today even though he rode for over five hours. It was cool in the morning (50 degrees) as usual with fluctuating temperatures all day. There is still some snow along the road sides here at 8,000 feet above sea level and the roads are bumpy and in disrepair from snowplows and the winter snows. Mike also reported lots of gravel and debris on the roads that had fallen down from the higher elevations. I can just see the grin on Mike's

face as he dodges boulders and pot holes. There was no wind today so Mike rode up to Big Bear Lake East of San Bernardino for some sightseeing.

Day Thirteen – Mike rode from Beaumont to San Diego California, where he will finally going to get to spend some time with his daughter and grandson. He reported temperatures he the 80's today with clear sunny skies. The proud Grandfather rode 127 miles today. Mike also reported that his grandson was looking out the window, waiting for his arrival in San Diego.

Mike has sent me quite a few great pictures of his ride and rather than me trying to decide which ones to share with you I will just give you the link to his face book page and you can enjoy them all like I did.

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