

MIKE WOODWARDS CROSS COUNTRY TRIP - CONTINUED.

Mike is back on the road again and he is heading home. I haven't posted anything for a couple of weeks now because Mike has been visiting his Mom and staying fairly close to home in Ma. Now that he is back on the road, he is sending me mostly links to his Face book page rather than the longer notes he was sending on his trip out to California. I guess we are both getting tired. Having said that I am going to just post the links and a short note as received from Mike (If available) for anybody who would like to look at Mikes Pictures. A lot of these photos are really beautiful and some are very touching, particularly for any of our veteran members.

Day 4 RTTW <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1894368751387.2107586.1006595946&l=ef5e9e7794> Rode from Las Cruces, NM, to Pecos, TX.

Day 5 RTTW <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1894368751387.2107586.1006595946&l=ef5e9e7794> Grand Prairie, TX, to Monroe, LA We added 100 more riders this morning in TX.

Day 8 RTTW <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1894368751387.2107586.1006595946&l=ef5e9e7794>

day 8 Rode from Chattanooga, TN, to Wytheville, VA today, 280 miles. It was sunny and humid with low in the 90s. I had lunch today at Blackwolf HD in Bristol, VA. Nice folks there. Our last stop of the day was at the Memorial Park in Wytheville, VA. These folks are VERY patriotic. I was looking forward to this stop and tomorrow. I will have lots of time with the children. The Mayor had a bunch of speakers, WWII combat veteran, some wives and daughters with MIA husbands and fathers from the Vietnam War. It was very emotional. Tomorrow the kids get out of school all morning to come out to the park to meet with us. They will have programs for us too (singing, etc.). It will be an exciting day!

Day 9 RTTW <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1894368751387.2107586.1006595946&l=ef5e9e7794>

We rode from Wytheville, VA today, 150 miles. Sunny and humid, low 90s, not a cloud in the sky. What a GREAT day with all the kids at two different schools. Also visited the VAMC in Salem, VA. Very patriotic folks in these parts of VA. All the kids pledged the flag and sang the National Anthem.

Mikes visit with his Mom <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1914810022406.2108784.1006595946&l=cef2d54148>

Lake George <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1930765901293.2109792.1006595946&l=e645a861af>

I hooked up with one of my weekly FL riding buddies today here in Lake George, NY. We had a great ride up into the so very pretty Adirondacks. Early tomorrow morning I head back west to Colorado Springs via the back roads of America.

June 9 <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1935543420728.2110061.1006595946&l=9d6142400b>

Today was my first day's ride from Lake George towards Colorado Springs. Very pretty ride today through the Adirondacks, along the northern tip of the NY Finger Lakes, then down into the Corning area for the night. It was very hot with no rain at all. I left this morning at 0600 with just a very light shirt on and my leather vest. But I had to take the vest off after a few hours of riding. Rode 245 miles today, about 8 hours including fuel stops.

June 9, 10, and 11 <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1939544840761.2110274.1006595946&l=7f10c0e6a0>

June 9 rode from Lake George, NY, to Horseheads, NY.

June 10 rode from Horseheads, NY to Courtland, OH.

Today, June 11, rode 400 miles from Courtland, OH, to Fort Knox, KY.

Colorado Springs <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1947533200465.2110678.1006595946&l=f8ec03a710>

These pictures are really beautiful,

Father's day – Heading home.

I rode about 450 miles today from Colorado Springs, CO, to Pratt, KS (west of Wichita). It was over 100* plus a furnace like strong crosswind making feel even hotter! No rain, not that I would have cared. There was nothing to see in KS today. It is all wheat fields, some corn and lots of cattle. I will be heading eastward again first thing in the morning.

Monday, 20 June

I rode 593 miles today from Pratt, KS, to Mountain Home, AR, on a lake in the Ozarks. It is very pretty here. Glad to be out of KS! Was in the 90s and sunny all day.

