

# GRUENE TRAILS



## GRUENE HOG NEWSLETTER JULY 2012



WHAT STARTED OUT AS A NICE RIDE....



TURNED UGLY REALLY FAST.

THEY SAID I DID WHAT !!!!!



IF THAT HAD BEEN MY HUSBAND.





I AINT SAYIN NOthin.



HURRY UP I GOTTA GO !



WE CANT TAKE THESE KIDS ANYWHERE



WHY AM I AT THE KIDS TABLE ?



LETS STAY OUTSIDE !



BAD IDEA.

**Actually everyone had an awesome time on this years Twisted Sisters Ride. No squirrels were harmed and Mike got to keep his grips on.**

**The tailgate party was also a great success! Lots of people showed up and we all had a great time. The porta potty was a great hit too.**



# JULY MEETING MOMENTS



**From left to right**  
**Kinda new members Karen and Jay Johnson**  
**New members Sherry Carter, Jane Pollock, Jerry Wilkerson**  
**and Roy Mills**



**Terry Buck 2<sup>nd</sup> year**  
**road captain patch**



**Mike Burcham gets the coveted**  
**flaming butterfly patch**



**One roll of receipt paper. Its for my husband.**

**AT AUGUSTS MEETING WE WILL HAVE  
A BEST VEST CONTEST. GET ALL YOUR  
PATCHES AND PINS ON. SHOW OFF  
YOUR GRUENE HOG PRIDE IN A MENS  
OR LADIES CATEGORY.  
PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED.**

**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO WILLIAM  
REECE BIRD. TREVORS BOUNCING  
BABY BOY ARRIVED 8:03 AM 7-19-  
2012 .**

## FROM THE PEN OF WALTER VINCENT

# 4 USA Corners

33 Days June 6 - July 8, 2011

11,402 Miles

<http://hataim331.blogspot.com/>

The above link is my daily ramblings of my trip with pictures: See right hand side for links to days, order of trip days are from bottom to top. My first and only blog.

First leg was from San Antonio to Key West, 1,849 miles. Memorable events include:

1. Waved to 4 crop dusters and being acknowledged by them when they dipped their wings down and up while crop dusting. Guess they liked my bike as I liked their planes.
2. Stopped in Mississippi for some free coffee at a rest stop on IH-10. Coffee lady, lol, informed me of a truck accident that shut down the Interstate. I wasn't planning on doing Hwy 90 thru Mississippi and Alabama, since I had visited before and didn't want to get caught in traffic along the coast. So Luck was on my side, the visit along the coast was pleasant and had no traffic. Just beautiful white beaches being cleaned by BP because of their oil spill.
3. Visited Battle Ship-USS Alabama, Submarine-USS Drum and many war planes, including the Blackbird.
4. Rode to and all around Everglades National Park. Saw many alligators and birds at my first stop. Didn't need to visit other stops because this stop had all the animals of the swamp, lucky for me.
5. Watched the sunset on Mallory Square along with many "strange folks". Had a wonderful Mojito and a piece of key lime pie. Took a shuttle bus to the square so I could partake in a few beverages.

Second leg was from Key West to Madawaska, Maine, 2,714 miles. Memorable events include:

1. Ride to Charleston, South Carolina. Started with heavy smoke smell in Hotel. Found the brush fire 5 miles down the coast. Coast ride was beautiful during the morning hours. Took a spin on motorcycle road HWY-17, many bikes were out in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. Toured the Old Town of Charleston, reminded me of New Orleans with many shops, bars, and eateries.
2. Visited USS Yorktown leaving Charleston, South Carolina. Visited Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Wright Brothers National Memorial. Had a Boddingtons Pub Ale (English Beer) in Honor of a British Disney Cruiser who passed away last year. Ate sausage, chicken, and okra gumbo second best to mine in Washington, North Carolina.
3. Visited Rehoboth Beach, Virginia, a tourist shopping mecca coupled with cafes and bars. Of course, the beach was nice. It had a great boardwalk to walk along the beach without getting in the sand.
4. Ride with an 1 1/2 hour ferry ride to Cape May, New Jersey from Cape Lewes, Delaware. Riding along the beaches was fantastic. One slight error in planning, several cities before Atlantic City had speed limits of 25 MPH and non-timed stop lights on every other corner, rolled thru 2 before stopping at every other one. Bummer.
5. Ride to Presque Isle, Maine. Excellent ride starting in 55 degrees with a high of 62 degrees. Had 4 layers on top and 3 layers on bottom. LOL. Still trying to warm up in hotel. LOL. Maine has a beautiful coast line.
6. Ride to Madawaska, Maine, the second USA Corner. 2,714 miles from Key West. Total Miles traveled 4,563 to second corner.

Third leg was from Madawaska, Maine to Blaine, Washington, 3,786 miles. Highlights:

1. Ride to Quebec, Canada was great. Spent 1/2 day touring uptown Quebec, old town, and Old Old Quebec City. Had a fab time. Pictures posted tells the story.
2. Ride to Ottawa, Canada, tried to Visit Montreal, but Garmin was acting up and traffic was terrible. Only excitement was "when is another farm smell going to appear on the ride, every farm smell the same, yuk". LMAO. Canada was beautiful.
3. Rode 500 miles at no greater than 62 MPH to USA Border. Took me 11 hours. (4.5 hours of rain, 1 hour of construction stops, many small towns at 45 MPH). Not complaining, but did well under the circumstances. Didn't spend time resting since it was cold and I wanted to get out of the Rain. LOL. Saw some beautiful lakes and streams, rapids, and no smelly cow farms, guess the rain eliminated the smell. LOL. Of course, couldn't stop on the side of the road to take pictures, the shoulder had fine gravel mixed with dirt, didn't want to drop bike for a picture. Now in the good old USA, had to pay a \$3.00 toll to get back into country, go figure. Rode to Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan. Took HWY 17.
4. Ride to Glacier National Park. Wow Just beautiful mountains and streams. Saw Mountain Goats in two spots. Road to the sun was closed at the top of mountain due to late snow storms. Roads to the East and West Glaciers were closed too. Still worth the ride.
5. Ride to the Coulee Dam and the Cascade Mountains were awesome. Near miss, deer decided to run into me, died when impaled by foot pegs. See me for more details. LOL.
6. Ride to Blaine, Washington, Third USA Corner, 3,786 miles from Madawaska, Maine.

Fourth leg was from Blaine, Washington to San Ysidro, California. 1,451 miles. Highlights:



1. Ride down Hwy-1 was the most beautiful ride of the trip. Beautiful coastline, sea creatures lying on the beaches, and forests along the coast line that were breath taken.
2. Richard Marhofer rented a bike in Reno and joined me for a 1 day ride along the coast. Also, spent a day sight seeing San Francisco.

Last leg from SanYsidro, Ca to San Antonio, 1,603 miles was uneventful and completed in 2 days. Just kidding, the desert and Texas landscape were spectacular and hot.

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