I am putting together a ride I call “**Mountains and Museums**.” It will be some great riding over some scenic Mountain passes along with time to visit two great Museums in Wyoming. The ride will start from Red Lodge on August 18th. That allows anyone who attends the Beartooth Beemer Rendezvous on the 15th-17th the chance to participate. I plan to ‘motel-it’ along the way, camping is not my favorite pastime anymore unless I am in my 29-ft camping trailer. But there are nice campgrounds available in all of the overnight stops for those who choose that option. The itinerary is posted below, check it out and if you want to ride along please email me directly at ***bmwlongrider@gmail.com***. You can also direct any questions to me at that address also.

• August 18th – Red Lodge Mt. Meeting location TBD later. KSU (Kick Stands Up) at 8:30 AM.

• Red Lodge over the Beartooth Highway to Crandall Junction, then through Sunlight Basin to Cody Wyoming. Riding distance-120 miles, leaving plenty of time to visit the Buffalo Bill Museum in Cody that afternoon. Overnight stay in Cody.

• August 19th — Cody, KSU at 8:00 AM. Cody to Thermopolis, brief rest stop at Hot Springs State Park, then ride through Wind River Canyon to Shoshoni and on to Dubois, Wyoming. Total riding miles -212, again leaving time to visit the National Museum of Military Vehicles located a few miles east of Dubois. (Veterans get in free to this Museum). Overnight stay in Dubois.

• August 20th - Dubois, KSU at 8:00 AM. Dubois west over Togwotee Pass, then to Jackson with great views of the Teton Mountains along the way. Short stop in Jackson for obligatory photos at the famous Antler Arch, then over Teton Pass to Victor, Idaho. Victor to Driggs and then Ashton, Idaho with great views of the backside of the Tetons. Total riding miles-165. Plenty of stops available for pictures along this route. Overnight in Ashton, Idaho.

• August 21th - Ashton, Idaho, KSU 8:00 AM. The route that day will depend on where you live. I plan on riding home to Corvallis through Ennis, Twin Bridges, Dillon and Wisdom to Corvallis. Those coming from the Helena area can go to Ennis and then north, or may choose to go to West Yellowstone to Bozeman and then home. Ken Conrad has suggested a nice little side route—Highway 47 from Ashton to Island Park. Great way to avoid some of the tourist traffic on Highway 20, and Ken says there are some great views along the way.

As you can see from the itinerary I have not made this into an Iron Butt event. Not super long miles each day, but there will be lots of curves, great scenery, great opportunities for pictures (*for the Newsletter - Editor*). It will be a relaxing, enjoyable ride that anyone can enjoy no matter what you are riding, or what your riding skills are. Look forward to hearing from you!

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