

## Transam, Both Ends to the Middle; Buddy Rides a Bike



<http://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/BuddyHall>

# What I Did







# If You Just Want to Read the Good Stuff: (Where to Find the Fun Parts)

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I think it's all good, but what would I know? If you are considering your own tour, it's probably worth reading it all. But if you just want to read some of the

## **The Day I Raced the Devil**

See Day 24 ([https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?page\\_id=418093](https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?page_id=418093)) for that story. The day before this I did my first century on a loaded touring bike, my bicycle talking me into challenging the devil to race, so you may want to also read Day 23 ([https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?page\\_id=418092](https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?page_id=418092))

## **The Bandana Bicycle Bandit**

See Days 55 ([https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?page\\_id=434107](https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?page_id=434107)), 56 ([https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?page\\_id=434111](https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?page_id=434111)), 57 ([https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?page\\_id=435076](https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?page_id=435076)), and 67 ([https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?page\\_id=435606](https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?page_id=435606)) for the story of the bandit and willing to do whatever it took to get it.

## **The Spooky Church**

You should read Day 62 ([https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?page\\_id=434939](https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?page_id=434939)) first so you know that I was warned about staying there. The actual story is in Day 63 ([https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?page\\_id=435474](https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?page_id=435474)). This is the only night of the whole continental crossing that I was scared, and I was truly frightened.

## **The Wyoming Wind**

My toughest day was unexpected and involved a fight against the Wyoming wind. It occurred after a night of minimal sleep in the spooky church. I suggest you read the story of the challenge against the wind on Day 66 ([https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?page\\_id=435508](https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?page_id=435508)).

## **Escape From Idaho**

The forest fires had me trapped in Idaho, unable to ride as I had planned. What I had to do to escape the situation amounted to riding 2 days at once. Read Day 52 to understand my predicament, then read Day 53 ([https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?page\\_id=433773](https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?page_id=433773)) for the actual escape.



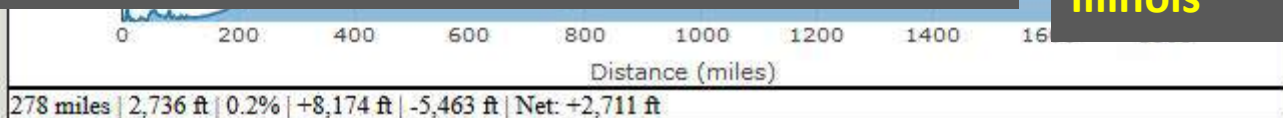
Number of 100+ Mile Days: 4  
 Number of 90+ Mile Days: 5  
 Number of 80+ Mile Days: 16  
 Number of 70+ Mile Days: 27  
 Number of 60+ Mile Days: 40  
 Number of 50+ Mile Days: 56  
 Number of 40+ Mile Days: 59

Hotel Nights: 52  
 Hostel Nights: 7  
 Camping Nights: 6  
 "Other" Nights: 7

### Riding Days per State

Oregon	10.5
Virginia	10
Kentucky	8
Wyoming	7.5
Kansas	7
Colorado	7
Montana	5.5
Missouri	5
Idaho	4
Illinois	1.5

Average Speed While Biking: Approx. 10 mph  
 Days Riding In Forest Fire Smoke: 16  
 Fluid Consumption Throughout Riding Days: 1.5-2.0 Oz./mile



Route for the Second Half of my "Both Ends to the Middle" Continental Crossing (completed in Aug - Sept 2015)

**1<sup>st</sup> Half; Yorktown, VA to Canon City, CO**  
**Reassembling the Bike**



**Virginia**





## USBRS Signs Placed Throughout Virginia



Virginia

## My Careful Planning Fell Apart on Day 3

YOUR PLAN



REALITY





## Apprehension at Sighting the Blue Ridge



Virginia



## The Cookie Lady's Place in Afton



Virginia



## Tributes to the Cookie Lady From All Over the World



Virginia



Kristen and Megan



Virginia



## View From the Blue Ridge



Virginia

## Typical View of Rural Virginia



Virginia



## Is the Warning or the English Usage More Frightening?



Virginia



## Impromptu Campsite in a Private Yard



Rural Retreat, Virginia



## Multi-Level KY Cemetery



Kentucky



## The Quiltmaker Inn in Hindman



Kentucky



Janice and Kathryn



Kentucky

Tuen and Lena, Dutch Cyclists



Kentucky



## Booneville Presbyterian Church, ACA Group



Kentucky



## Friendly Canadian Cyclists



Kentucky



## New Haven's Sherwood Inn (1913) is a B&B Minus a B



Kentucky



## The Defunct Double-L Grocery Store "Hostel"



Kentucky



Comfy Beneath the Awning



Kentucky

## Utica, KY Fire Station "Hostel"



Kentucky



## Fantastic Lodging in the Fire Station



Kentucky

**Living Large in the Fire Station; Let it Rain!**



**Kentucky**



## My Transport to the Land of Lincoln



Illinois

**Harvey and I are Happy to be Out of the Appalachians**



**Ohio River, Illinois – Kentucky Border**



## Cave in Rock Welcomes Cyclists With Brightly Painted Bike Art



Illinois



## Jenkins Bicycle Rest Stop



Illinois



## The Bridge to Missouri



Chester, Illinois

## Missouri Has Signed the USBRS Route 76 Across the Entire State



Missouri



Min From South Korea; Disappointed With My Age



Missouri



Daniel Wolfe (CO), Nikky and Sabine (Switzerland), James Filmer (London, UK)



Farmington, Missouri; Al's Place Hostel



## Cozy Quarters at the Hostel



Lexington, Missouri

## Foggy Early Morn and “Highway to Heaven”



Missouri



## Who's Afraid of the Rain?



Eminence, Missouri

## Running Springs Farm Guest House



Everton, Missouri



Nice Digs; Running Springs Farm



Everton, Missouri

## The Kansas Scenery Doesn't Vary Much



Kansas



## Flat Tire Fixes Require More Effort on a Loaded Touring Bike



Kansas

**“GoatHeads” Can Cause a Flat**



**White Bird, Oregon**



## Harvey Gets a Bath at the Newton Bike Shop



Newton, Kansas

## Pine Haven RV Park; Inside For The Night!



Near Stafford, Kansas



Mizuki Umeda, Foreign Exchange Student



Kansas

A Beer For My Steel Horse, Please



West of Lamar, Colorado



## **“An Interesting Game”**



**Approaching Rocky Ford, Colorado**

Everything Ends



Canon City, Colorado



## Daniel and James Depart Without Me



Canon City, Colorado

## Three Oft-Photographed Rocks (Three Arch Rocks)



Oregon Coast Near Oceanside



## The Old Man & The Sea (& Harvey)



Oregon Coast Near Oceanside

## Wilamina Bike Hostel



Wilamina, Oregon



## McKenzie Pass is the First Significant Climb



Near Rainbow, Oregon

## Vegetation & Climate Change on the Eastern Side



Summit of McKenzie Pass



**This Weird Storm Chased Me Into Town**



**Just Outside Prineville, Oregon**

## Long Downhill Runs Are Common



Near Mitchell, Oregon



## Bicycle-Friendly Church



Dayville, Oregon

**The Church Hostel**



**Dayville, Oregon**



## My Bed For the Night



Dayville, Oregon

## The Smoke Thickened



Near Mount Vernon, Oregon



**Burns, OR is Where the Citizens Militia Took Control of the Wildlife Refuge**



**Prairie City, Oregon**

## Fire Fighters and Road Closures Were Everywhere



88 miles | 3,445 ft | -0.5% | +4,914 ft | -4,336 ft | Net: +578 ft

### Mount Vernon to Baker City, OR



### Prairie City to Baker City, Oregon



**The Vastness of the Country Makes You Feel Small**



**Ascent to Dixie Pass, Oregon**

## Level 2 Means No Lodging or Camping is Available



New Meadows, Idaho



## Helicopter Tanker Sucked Water From the River



Near Syringa, Idaho

## Forced Rest Day in Lowell



Lowell, Idaho



# Escape From Idaho; 123 Miles, 77 Miles Uphill, 4,300 ft Climbing, Very Long Day



Between Lowell and Powell, Idaho

## Escape From Idaho Part Deux



Lolo Pass to Missoula, Montana



## The Usual Smoke-Orange Sunrise



Near Virginia City, Montana

## 1<sup>st</sup> Crossing of the Continental Divide



South of Sula, Montana



## Small Towns Supported the Bicycle Altitude Record Concept



Sinclair, Wyoming

## Wind Can Be An Issue on the Montana Plains



South of Ennis, Montana



**The Gate Attendant Told Me “Beware of the Tourists”**



**Yellowstone Park, Wyoming**

**Old Faithful Wows the Crowd**



**Yellowstone Park, Wyoming**



## Yellowstone Traffic Can Be An Issue



Yellowstone Park, Wyoming



## Grand Teton Abuts Yellowstone



Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming



## Lake Jackson, Grand Tetons



Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming

## Primitive Cabin at an RV Park



Near Moran, Wyoming



## 5<sup>th</sup> Crossing of the Continental Divide



NW of Dubois, Wyoming



## Bobby and Matt Warned Me About the Jeffrey City Hostel



NW of Dubois, Wyoming



## Anna and Scott Warned Me About the Wyoming Wind



NW of Dubois, Wyoming



## The "Found Money" Game



Lander, Wyoming



## High Plains Drifting Can Be A Lonely Experience



SE of Lander, Wyoming

## Surrounded by Rain



Near Jeffrey City, Wyoming



## Jeffrey City is a Modest Little Place



Jeffrey City, Wyoming

# The Church Sits Outside of Town, By Itself, All Alone



Jeffrey City, Wyoming



Seems OK, I Guess



Jeffrey City, Wyoming

## Sunrise Near Split Rock



East of Jeffrey City, Wyoming



## The Flags Tell the Story



Near Muddy Gap, Wyoming



I Had Counted on Refueling Here



Lamont, Wyoming



## The Wyoming State Motto



Near Lamont, Wyoming

**30 Mile Long Valley, Rough Shoulder, No Shade – and 60 mph Wind Gusts**



**Near Lamont, Wyoming**



## I-80 Has Little Traffic



Near Sinclair, Wyoming

## Vast Country; Careful What Gets Stuck In Your Head

**Saratoga By Lunchtime  
(tune; "Amarillo By Morning")**

**"Saratoga by Lunchtime,  
That is my goal,  
Saratoga by Lunchtime,  
That's how I roll,  
If I find a dime,  
That will be fine,  
I'll add it to the coffee fund,  
Saratoga by Lunchtime,  
Saratoga Here I come."**

**North of Saratoga, Wyoming**



**It Felt Good to Get Here**



**NNW of Walden, Colorado**



## 8<sup>th</sup> Crossing of the Continental Divide



NW of Grandby, Colorado



## 9<sup>th</sup> and Final Crossing of the Continental Divide



Hoosier Pass, South of Breckenridge, Colorado

## The Beam Marks a Pot of Gold



Near Guffey, Colorado



## The Perfect Coffee Shop, the "Bean Pedaler"



Canon City, Colorado



## Brook Didn't Know What to Think About My Bag of Beat-up Dirty Coins



The Bean Pedaler Coffee House and Bicycle Shop, Canon City, Colorado





## Solo, Self-Supported



- New Bike, Untested
- New Tent, Untested
- New Sleeping Bag and Air Pad, Untested
- New Stove, Untested



## Jake Dreys Readies Harvey for Shipping





Dan Flies the Flag



Virginia



Some KY Roads are Narrow



Kentucky

Cool and Foggy KY Morn



Kentucky



The Bar Also Serves Breakfast!



Eminence, Missouri



Ho Weh, Japan



Missouri



## A Rare Shade Tree Rest Break



Kansas



## The Lochsa, Middle Fork of the Clearwater, and Selway Rivers Confluence at Lowell



Near Lowell, Idaho



**The Wind Was Howling Wickedly**



**Jeffrey City, Wyoming**

## Roadside Rest Stop Yielded an Eerie Omen



Virginia



**Brandon Camarda, Traveling Light and Fast**



**Kentucky**

**Do You Want to Filter Water From This Creek?**



**Eastern Colorado**



## Patrick Dugan's Coffee House



Garden City, Kansas

## The View Through the Dingy Window



Jeffrey City, Wyoming



**The Antelope Were Very Skittish**



**Jeffrey City, Wyoming**

**James Filmer of London in Buchanan, VA**



**Virginia**



Josh Kays



Kentucky

Swiss Tourists Peter and Wife



Elizabethtown, Illinois



**The Wyoming Mountains Are More Spectacular Than I Had Realized**



**NW of Dubois, Wyoming**



Jim Met Me Near the Summit and Escorted Me Into Sisters



Sisters, Oregon



## Don't Overlook RV Campgrounds



Virginia



## Beautiful Streams Abound Throughout VA



Virginia



Typical KY Road



Kentucky



Sabine's Bike



Farmington, Missouri

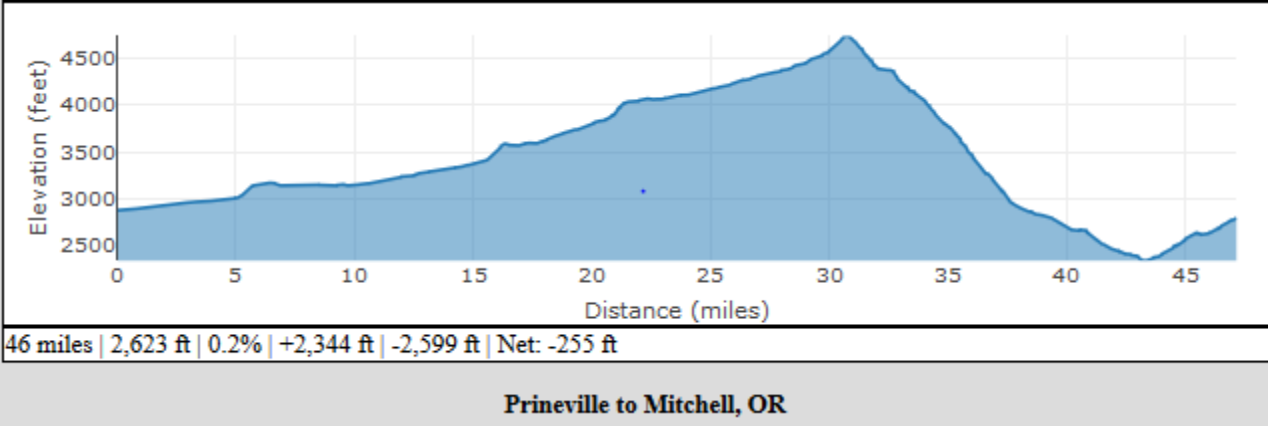


## Very Basic Hostel in Lexington, MO



Lexington, Missouri

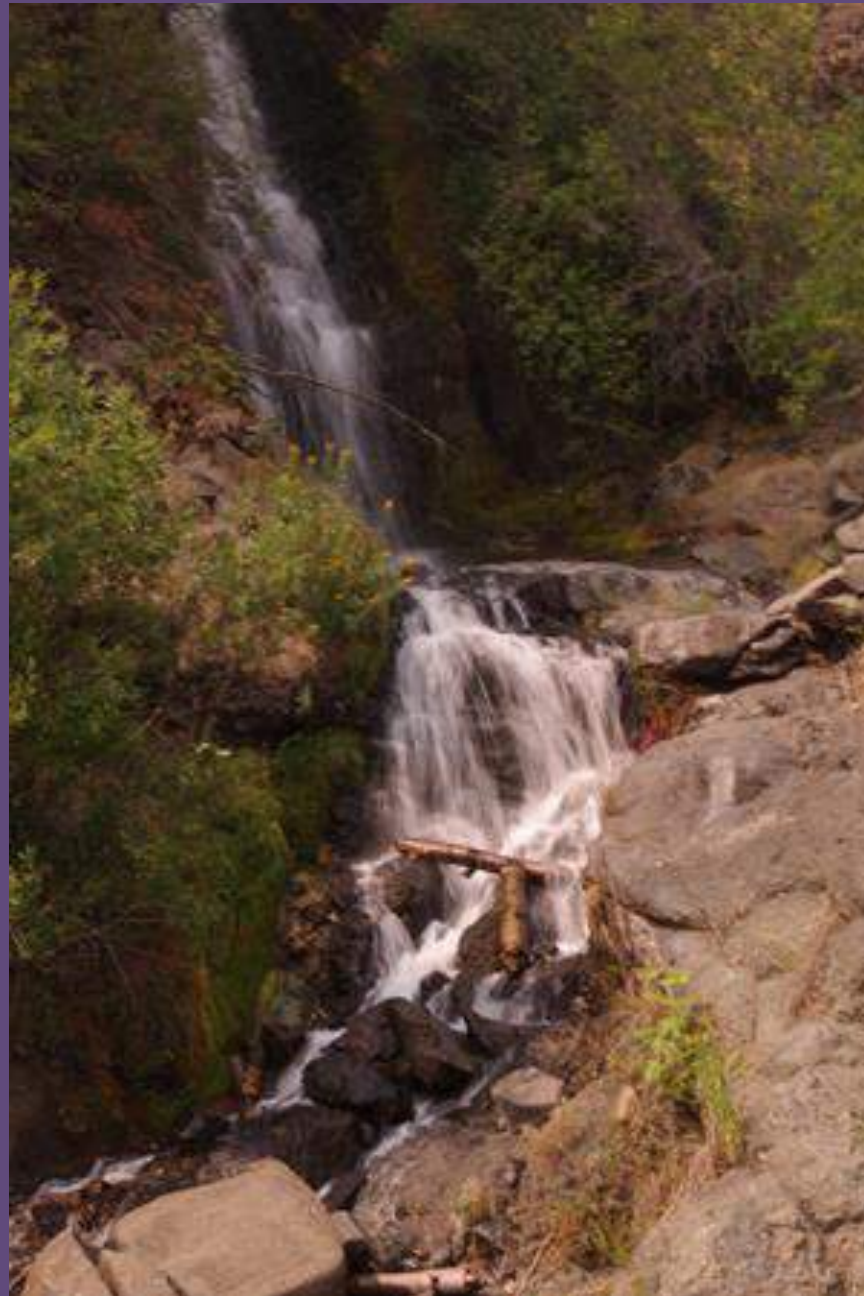




**Near Mitchell, Oregon**



**Side Tributary to the Little Salmon River**



**Near Riggins, Idaho**

## The Locals Call it "Cardiac Hill" For Good Reason



Near Richland, Oregon



Thousands of Cyclists Have Passed This Way



Kentucky



**Wesley at Meadowview Church Pavilion**



**Virginia**



## Ascending the Blue Ridge in the Early Morning Fog



Virginia

I Put Tulsa on the Map



Al's Place; Farmington, Missouri



## An Unusual Fellow Owns This Business



Jeffrey City, Wyoming

It Was Saturday Night; Lucky Me



Kentucky



## The McKenzie Pass Scenic Route is Bicycle-Friendly



McKenzie Pass Scenic Route



## Interstate Breaks Park Area Near VA-KY Border



Kentucky



## The Folks are Friendly in McKee, KY



Kentucky

## The Ozark Roller-Coaster



Missouri



**I Am An Engineer, You Know**



**Mount Vernon, Oregon**



**Eric Gave Me Bad News About the Smoke in Montana**



**Near Syringa, Idaho**