

2011 Iron Butt Rally, Day 7
Sunday, June 26, 2011

Leg 2 Call-In Bonus

As of Sunday night, 84 of the 87 starters are still in the rally and they all eventually made contact with IBR staff today with the Call-In bonus. However, the effects of Day 7 are showing as there was a significant decline in rider performance on the second Call-In bonus. One rider was early, seven riders were late, one rider was unintelligible, and two riders omitted required information.

The 12-hour window for the Leg 2 Call-In bonus opened at 12:01 am Pacific Time on Sunday. The early bird caller was Philip Weston, who called at 8:26 pm Pacific Time the night before. A visitor from the UK, Phil is struggling with the time zone differences.

The riders who called in late were Mark Crane (who was exactly 1 hour late), Dennis Powell (1 hour and 1 minute late), Roger Sinclair (2 hours and 50 minutes late), Rod Schween (3 hours and 23 minutes late), Greg Guillermo (3 hours and 50 minutes late), Don Speck (5 hours and 9 minutes late), and Stan Dulemba (5 hours and 49 minutes late).

Because we know her cell phone number, we know that Wendy Crockett was the rider who twice tried to leave messages that were unintelligible.

The riders who omitted required information were Cameron Brister, who failed to give his current location, and W Boyter, who failed to give his previous location.

Kathleen and Roger Allen, husband and wife who are traveling as a team, left inconsistent messages regarding where they are headed. Since most of the rally staff appreciates the difficulty of achieving perfect marital harmony (especially when motorcycles are involved), and since the general direction of travel they reported was the same, both calls were accepted.

The full results of the Call-In bonus in alphabetical order by rider last name are as follows:

Steve Aikens was in Connecticut and headed for Hartford, Connecticut, at 2:13 am.

Kathleen Allen was in New Jersey and headed for Dover, Delaware, at 2:52 am.

Roger Allen was in New Jersey and headed for Pennsylvania at 2:53 am.

Jennyfer Audet was in Augusta, Maine, and headed for New Hampshire at 1:47 am.

George Barker was in Dover, Delaware, and headed for Annapolis, Maryland, at 5:29 am.

Doug Barrett was in Boston, Massachusetts, and headed for Providence, Rhode Island, at 2:57 am.

Peter Behm was in Hartford, Connecticut, and headed for Trenton, New Jersey, at 3:17 am.

Greg and Pat Blewett were in Connecticut and headed for Trenton, New Jersey, at 1:31 am.

Michael Boge was in Concord, New Hampshire, and headed for Boston, Massachusetts, at 4:49 am.

Wayne Boyter was in Vermont and headed for Rhode Island, at 11:25 am.

Brian Bray was in New Jersey and headed for Delaware at 2:16 am.

Cameron Brister was in parts unknown and headed for Dover, Delaware, at 4:36 am.

Robert Chadwick was in Maine and headed for Augusta, Maine, at 5:34 am.

Patrick Clark was in Bangor, Maine, and headed for Boston, Massachusetts, at 2:50 am.

Mark Crane was in West Virginia and headed for Virginia at 1:00 pm (late).

Wendy Crockett left unintelligible messages at 1:23 am and 7:09 am.

Shane and Annette Cudlin were in New Jersey and headed for Delaware at 12:07 am.

Earl Damron was in Maine and headed for Massachusetts at 3:34 am.

Peter Delean was in Bangor, Maine, and headed for Augusta, Maine, at 2:38 am.

Kurt Dix was in Connecticut and headed for New Jersey at 1:24 am.

Stan Dulemba was in Atlanta, Georgia, and headed for Jacksonville, Florida, at 5:49 pm (late).

David Fick was in Virginia and headed for North Carolina at 7:18 am.

Bobby Fox was in New Jersey and headed for Delaware at 1:45 am.

Jeff and Carol Fremder were in New Jersey and headed for Dover, Delaware, at 12:54 am.

Wallace French was in Chester, Maryland, and headed for a receipt in Maryland at 8:16 am.

Jim Frens was in Fairfield, Connecticut, and headed for New Jersey at 5:21 am.

John Frick was in Annapolis, Maryland, and headed for Richmond, Virginia, at 5:07 am.

Art Garvin was in New Jersey, and headed for Trenton, New Jersey, at 12:56 am.

Jon Good was in Connecticut and headed for Hartford, Connecticut, at 3:07 am.

Colin Goodall was in New Jersey and headed for Delaware at 1:54 am.

Curt Gran was in Dover, Delaware, and headed for Annapolis, Maryland, at 5:51 am.

Greg Guillermo was in Delaware, and headed for Maryland, at 3:50 pm (late).

Alex Harper was in Richmond, Virginia, and headed for North Carolina at 9:37 am.

John Harrison was in New Jersey and headed for Dover, Delaware, at 3:50 am.

Neil Hejny was in Maryland and headed for West Virginia at 5:02 am.

Dave Hembroff was in Virginia and headed for Richmond, Virginia, at 3:08 am.

Tony Hudson was in Delaware and headed for Dover, Delaware, at 12:45 am.

Brian Jack was in Dover, Delaware, and headed for Maryland at 10:19 am.

Mike Jackman was in Dover, Delaware, and headed for Maryland at 3:51 am.

Rob Jaime was in Massachusetts and headed for Rhode Island at 4:27 am.

Eric Jewell was in Dover, Delaware, and headed for Maryland at 2:31 am.

Robert Joers was in Virginia and headed for Tennessee at 12:18 pm (late).

Brian Johnson was in Hartford, Connecticut, and headed for Trenton, New Jersey, at 6:45 am.

Perry Karsten was in Hartford, Connecticut, and headed for Trenton, New Jersey, at 1:11 am.

Andy Kirby was in NJ and headed for Dover, Delaware, at 3:45 am.

Michael and Betty Ligons were in Massachusetts and headed for Providence, Rhode Island, at 5:44 am.

Tom Loftus was in Connecticut and headed for New Jersey at 5:38 am.

Jeremy Loveall was in Trenton, New Jersey, and headed for Delaware at 5:09 am.

Andy Mackey was in Yarmouth, Maine, and headed for New Hampshire at 12:23 am.

Tim Masterson was in Boston, Massachusetts, and headed for Providence, Rhode Island, at 5:13 am.

Dean McCurdy was in New Jersey and headed for Delaware at 2:00 am.

Ken Meese was in MA and headed for Rhode Island at 3:53 am.

Michael Mehaffy was in Providence, Rhode Island, and headed for Hartford, Connecticut, at 11:46 am.

Gerhard Memmen-Krueger was in Delaware and headed for Maryland at 3:39 am.

Aaron and Rena Miller were in New Jersey and headed for Maryland bat 4:05 am.

Brant Moteelall was in D.C. and headed for Virginia at 8:50 am.

Bryan Neagle was in Maine and headed for New Hampshire at 3:35 am.

Terry Neale was in New Jersey and headed for Pennsylvania at 8:39 am.

BB Neely was in Hartford, Connecticut, and headed for New Jersey, at 3:07 am.

Corey Nuehring was in Maine and headed for New Hampshire at 3:05 am.

Chris Ogden was in Boston, Massachusetts, and headed for Providence, Rhode Island, at 2:56 am.

Nancy Oswald was in Kentucky and headed for Virginia at 3:14 am.

Dick Peek was in New Hampshire and headed for Vermont at 1:53 am.

Dennis Powell was in West Virginia and headed for Charleston, West Virginia, at 1:02 pm (late).

Bob Rippy was in Massachusetts and headed for Rhode Island at 3:48 am.

Daniel Roth was in New Jersey and headed for Dover, Delaware, at 4:01 am.

Chris Sakala was in Maryland and headed for Charleston, West Virginia, at 2:24 am.

Rod Schween was in Columbia, South Carolina, and headed for an undisclosed location at 3:23 pm (late).

Roger Sinclair was in West Virginia and headed for Kentucky, at 2:50 pm (late).

Karl Snell was in Delaware and headed for Dover, Delaware, at 2:51 am.

Don Speck was in Connecticut, and headed for New Jersey at 5:09 pm (late).

Tom and Rosie Sperry were in Pennsylvania and headed for Delaware at 1:24 am.

John Stamps was in Delaware and headed for Maryland at 3:08 am.

Kirsten Talken-Spaulding was in Delaware and headed for Maryland at 2:45 am.

Bill Thweatt was in Connecticut and headed for New Jersey at 2:20 am.

Jacques Titolo was in Augusta, Maine, and headed for New Hampshire at 1:46 am.

Bill Wade was in Yarmouth, Maine, and headed for Boston, Massachusetts, at 1:37 am.

Cliff Wall was in Massachusetts, and headed for New Hampshire at 2:38 am.

Cletha Walstrand was in Virginia and headed for North Carolina at 2:36 pm (late).

Philip Weston was in Bangor, Maine, and headed for Massachusetts at 8:29 pm Saturday.

Robert Wilensky was in Pennsylvania and headed for Delaware at 2:44 am.

Shuey Wolfe was in Richmond, Virginia, and headed for Charleston, West Virginia, at 10:48 am.

John Young was in New Jersey and headed for Delaware at 3:27 am.

Ken Meese left an additional voicemail after his official call-in bonus to let us know that he experienced a significant setback earlier today. Ken was in New Hampshire this morning when he discovered that he left his flag in Maine. Rather than accept the 150 point penalty, he spent an extra 4 hours of riding to retrieve the flag. Compared to the bonuses available on this leg, that's not a lot of points per hour.

Rally staff was surprised that during his call-in bonus, Dave Fick left word that he would be at the Jacksonville hotel tonight, almost a full day ahead of schedule. We are expecting him to be the first rider to show up, but not with many bonus points.

Other Information

John Coons was flown back to Minnesota this morning via MedJet. His wife says that he is doing much better today, recuperating at the same hospital where she is a nurse. MedJet will ship his beloved BMW back to his home for some much needed repair. Sal Terranova came through like a champ, meeting Hobart at the rally hotel to take charge of mailing John's personal possessions we recovered from the bike. Sal then went to the Erie Medical Center to spend some time with John. Late that night, Lisa got a call from 2007 IBR winner Marty Leir, asking why she is being so rough on Team Strange Riders, with Winterer and now Coons out of the rally.

Darrin Hicks called the Rallymaster last night to announce that he was withdrawing from the rally after deciding that it was too risky to continue.

Key West on Leg 2?

For reasons that will be described in detail in tomorrow's report, any rider that can document Key West on leg 2 has a huge advantage over the rest of the field. The route plan to make this happen wasn't obvious, especially to those riders and observers who thought this rally was "simple." As far as we can tell, Jim Frens is the only rider bypassing the Jacksonville checkpoint tonight and heading for Key West.

There were actually three separate paths to a podium finish that will become clear when the bonus listings for the final leg are handed out at 10 pm on Monday night. Several riders identified at least one of the paths before they left Seattle. Most didn't read the material they received at the pre-rally banquet carefully enough and assumed that the most obvious path to a Gold Medal finish would also be the basis for a podium finish. They were wrong. This is a rally within a rally; podium finishers will be those who figure out that the simplest solution to the puzzle isn't the optimum solution.

Tomorrow

Tomorrow, the scoring starts 1:00 pm on Monday, 4 hours in advance of the opening of the checkpoint window at 5:00 pm. Since a number of riders are expected to arrive early, and since other riders will be trying to document as many leg 2 capitals as possible, the scoring process is likely to span about the full 6 hour period from 1:00 pm to the close of the checkpoint window at 7:00.

The auditing process will run from 7:00 until almost 10:00 pm when the leg 3 bonus listings will be distributed. Riders focused on just being a finisher or earning a Gold Medal with the Four Corners bonus should be on their way quickly. The other riders are going to have to carefully consider whether the points available for capitals on leg 3 require reconsideration of their current plans.

Tom Austin

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