

## Friday June 21 Day 5 Part 1 Say What?

The summer solstice. The most hours of daylight for the entire year.

Despite that fact, it was still dark (technically nautical twilight), when the riders received their bonus packs during the 4am riders' meeting. The looks on their faces upon seeing the options and opportunities were priceless!

Riders may need a significant amount of this longest day to completely rethink their rally plans.

In bold letters on Page 2 of the Leg 2 rally package:

**"RETURNING TO KENNEWICK ON SUNDAY NIGHT IS OPTIONAL!"**

*(+ some text not to be shared outside of the rally participants yet)*

Followed by:

**"CRITICALLY IMPORTANT NOTE"**

**If you choose to skip the bonus in Kennewick on Sunday, June 23, 2019, you MUST INSTEAD successfully complete one of the two following items:**

*(plus some text not to be shared outside of the rally participants yet)*

Much like IBR riders in the 2001 and 2003 rallies, the 2019 riders have a choice to make:

Choose the option to skip the second checkpoint, allowing time for an epic final leg, before returning to Greenville for the finish.

Or, plan a route to depart Checkpoint 1 in Kennewick, collect as many points as possible before having to return to Kennewick prior to Checkpoint 2 closing. Then get some solid rest and chase opportunities for the last four days to the finish.

At the start banquet on Sunday night, your scribe read the theme poem to the riders. During the reading, speculation was offered as to the possibility of riders having a different understanding of the poem's meaning by the end of the rally.

We included the theme poem in the Day -1 report, but it really bears another look, considering the bombshell dropped in the rider's meeting this morning.

## The Road Not Taken

by Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

Jeff Earls dangled an unexpected twist in front of the best long distance riders in the world this morning. Which option will they choose? What are the requirements for each choice? And the fundamental question, the question which started the very first Iron Butt Rally, the question which was pointedly asked in 2001 and 2003, is being asked again: Can it be done? Riders have a decision to make.

While the riders are running time and distance calculations on the clock, the rest of the long distance community will no doubt get out their calculators and mapping programs to try to figure out what is possible from the comfort of their living rooms and offices. Yes, we know y'all follow the rally at work too.

Given these variables - the new paradigm, the unexpected extra time remaining in the rally because of no more scoring until the finish, or just not returning to Kennewick at all - how far down less traveled roads can riders get?

Standings at the end of Leg 1:

Placing	First Name	Last Name	Score	Mileage	Year	Make	Model
1	Steve	Gallant	30589	4410.6	2012	Honda	ST1300
2	James	Owen	29150	4572.4	2018	BMW	R1200RT
3	Craig	Brooks	29064	5023.0	2011	BMW	R1200GS

4	Wendy	Crockett	28998	4846.8	2005	Yamaha	FJR1300
5	Ken	Aman	28910	4755.3	2016	Yamaha	FJR1300
6	Paul	Meyer	28898	4868.0	2015	Triumph	Trophy
7	Eric	Buskell	28809	4997.6	2019	HD	Road Glide
8	Kevin	Gardner	27369	4339.3	2008	Honda	Goldwing
9	Billy	Connacher	26927	4552.9	2016	BMW	R1200GSA
10	Greg	Rice	26881	4190.5	2019	BMW	R1200GSA
11	Peter	Green	26305	5291.0	2013	Triumph	Trophy
12	Eric	Bray	25616	3936.1	2015	BMW	R1200GSA
13	Eric	Jewell	25380	4067.9	2012	Honda	ST1300
14	Mike	Heitkamp	25226	4276.8	2015	BMW	R1200GSA
15	Wolfe	Bonham	24911	3937.6	2003	BMW	R1150GSA
16	Mike	Myren	24866	4392.5	2015	Yamaha	FJR1300
17	Ian	McPhee	24197	4223.6	2000	BMW	R1100RT
18	Marc	Beaulac	24042	3822.4	2006	Honda	Goldwing
19	Daniel	Roth	23737	4015.5	2011	BMW	R1200GSA
20	Dylan	Spink	23477	3973.3	1983	Honda	Silverwing
21	Lewis	Ballard	22382	3795.7	2018	HD	Ultra LTD
22	Bob	Bowman	22330	3738.0	2007	Honda	ST1300
23	Dan	Crowley	21875	3719.6	2018	Honda	Goldwing
24	Marc	Bialt	21641	4371.2	2017	BMW	R1200GS
25	Kevin / Lynda	Weller	20947	3793.0	2014	Yamaha	Super Tenere
26	John	Coons	20689	3669.8	1994	BMW	R1100RSL
27	Lyle	Monroe	20600	4127.8	2014	Honda	Goldwing
28	Nancy	Lefcourt	19920	3737.4	2013	BMW	R1200RT
29	Merril	Campbell	19920	4212.6	2014	KTM	Adv 1190
30	Paul	Slaton	19916	3744.5	2006	Yamaha	FJR1300
31	Corey	Nuehring	19644	3527.7	2014	Yamaha	FJR1300
32	Brian	Nuehring	19644	3524.8	2014	Yamaha	FJR1300
33	Joe	Green	19479	3777.1	2016	BMW	R1200GS
34	Michael	Best	19436	3671.1	2018	Honda	Goldwing
35	Jon	Kerr	19380	4241.9	2018	Honda	Goldwing
36	Chris	Comly	19308	3485.2	2006	HD	Sportster
37	Chris	Rooney	19308	4780.5	2017	Yamaha	FJR1300
38	Danny C.	Dossman	19295	3402.3	2016	BMW	R1200GSA
39	Jesse	Lucas	19105	3533.9	2013	Yamaha	FJR1300
40	Greg	Farmer	19016	3772.6	2016	Honda	Goldwing
41	Joe	Fisher	18855	3587.8	2006	Honda	ST1300
42	Gregg	Lenentine	18809	4206.3	2010	Yamaha	FJR1300
43	Michael	Baker	18575	3528.4	2015	BMW	R1200GSA
44	Lynda	Lahman	18307	3445.6	2018	Honda	Africa Twin
45	Terry	Lahman	18291	3451.0	2017	Honda	Africa Twin
46	Kit	Chunhawong	18152	4051.9	2013	Yamaha	FJR1300

47	Kenneth	Andrews	17948	3872.2	2019	HD	Road Glide
48	John / Nadine	Huval	17943	3779.0	2016	Honda	Goldwing
49	Ken	Cowart	17892	3858.2	2019	HD	Road Glide
50	Greg	Dennett	17798	3360.8	2002	Honda	ST1100
51	Eric / Shirley	Chernin / Davis	17521	3341.8	2012	Honda	Goldwing
52	Justin	Long	17372	3708.5	2015	Yamaha	FJR1300
53	Martin	Cover	17372	3675.2	2016	BMW	K1600GTL
54	Lisa	Cover Rufo	17372	3677.6	2016	BMW	R1200GSA
55	James	Burriss	17362	3803.4	2013	Victory	CC Tour
56	JD	Smith	17213	3267.1	2015	BMW	R1200GSA
57	Cathy	Davies	17179	3494.9	2001	Honda	Goldwing
58	Chris	Kasdorf	17140	3782.2	2005	Honda	ST1300
59	Andy	Mackey	16967	3387.4	2009	BMW	R1200GSA
60	Angelo	Patacca	16960	3139.1	2015	BMW	R1200GSA
61	Don	Duck	16948	3240.6	2014	Triumph	Trophy
62	Robert	Carlo	16811	3746.9	2011	HD	Road Glide
63	Benny	Watz	16776	3201.6	2019	HD	Ultra Glide
64	Ron	Messick	16613	3629.2	2014	Yamaha	FJR1300
65	Robert	Lightner	16450	3651.8	2013	BMW	K1600GT
66	Steve / Micki	Diederich / Denton	16394	3514.3	2013	Honda	Goldwing
67	Jeffrey	Gebler	16218	3722.6	2010	Honda	Goldwing
68	Steve	Snell	16181	3627.9	2017	Honda	Goldwing
69	Greg	Fizer	15399	3486.8	2014	Honda	Goldwing
70	James	Epley	15366	3813.3	2015	Triumph	Trophy
71	William (Bill)	Cumbie	15218	3472.4	2018	Honda	Goldwing
72	Andrew	Byrd	14771	3484.7	2012	Kawasaki	Concours
73	Jim / Lisa	Winterer / Erbes	14129	3125.9	2008	Yamaha	FJR1300
74	Connie	Gabrick	13745	3350.8	2009	Victory	Vision
75	Bruce	Edwards	13571	3913.3	2017	BMW	R1200RT
76	Cliff	Wall	13375	3001.8	2014	Yamaha	Super Tenere
77	Martin/ Rebecca	Little / McCallum	13360	3292.3	2007	BMW	R1200RT
78	Mike	Riley	13330	3338.0	2012	Kawasaki	Concours14
79	Chuck	Lackey	13127	2937.6	2008	Yamaha	FJR1300
80	Don	Stadtler	12694	3472.8	2008	HD	Softtail
81	Maura	Gatensby	12489	3270.7	2012	Honda	ST1300
82	Mark	Starrett	12472	3288.5	2006	Honda	Goldwing
83	Bucky	Dent	12438	3589.8	2014	Yamaha	Super Tenere
84	Patrick	Smith	11790	3652.4	2019	HD	Ultra Limited
85	Paul	Partin	11318	2930.8	2008	Honda	Goldwing
86	Kurt	Worden	11250	3084.5	2017	Kawasaki	Versys
87	Chris	Purney	10756	3581.9	2016	Yamaha	Super Tenere
88	Roy	Kjendal	10564	3653.0	2016	BMW	K1600GTL
89	Eric	Edelman	10547	3395.9	2018	BMW	K1600B

90	Stephen / Tamara	Vook	9737	3300.5	2012	BMW	K1600GTL
91	Margaret	Peart	9440	3464.0	2007	BMW	R1200GSA
DNF	Michiel	Kerkhof	0	0.0	2014	HD	Ultra Limited
DNF	Andrew	Hall	0	0.0	2013	Honda	Goldwing
DNF	Lonnie	McCoy	0	0.0	2018	BMW	R1200GSA
DNF	Jerald	Anderson	0	0.0	1974	Suzuki	GT750
DNF	Thomas	Spearman	0	0.0	2013	BMW	K1600GTL
DNF	Michael	Moore	0	0.0	2018	Honda	Goldwing

Stay tuned for more, to be included in Day 5 Part 2 ...

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