

Key West Ride

May 21st-29, 2012

Well first let me say that I am thankful that we had a great ride that was safe, fun and almost entirely rain free!

We met at our home in Plainfield on Saturday the 21st and departed at 5am.



We roamed our way south by southeast mostly on State routes and/or county roads. All the way to central Kentucky we were under a huge cloud that wanted to rain on us...however we remained completely dry even though it rained many places where we were...just prior to or subsequent to our getting there or leaving. We spent the first night in Rome, Georgia. The next morning we were off to our home in Parrish, Florida...beautiful ride...we arrived around 7pm local time and were ready to relax with a few brews! Cindy had dinner and beer waiting...thank you HONEY!



The next day Ken, Lee L, Bill and Linda Hay left with Lee G to visit Lee's sister and brother in-law in the Orlando area...when they arrived there were approximately 60 people ready to welcome them with food, drinks and other things of interest to do.

Lee L stayed the night there with Lee G while Bill, Linda and Ken returned to Parrish. Cindy and I stayed in Parrish as Cindy was a bit under the weather and wanted to rest.

Bill and Linda along with Ken...stayed one night and then were off to Key West where they spent one night. Several hours after their departure from Parrish, Lee G, Lee L along with Lee G's sister Alice and her husband Tim arrived at our home in Parrish...we had a wonderful time together along with other family members.



This is my daughter, Alisa, son Michael (in blue shirt) and son Ryan (in shades)



Cindy and our grand-daughter Hailey (Michael's daughter)



Dinner one night with my sons Justin, Michael, Ryan, daughter Alisa...and yes I paid for dinner!



Tim, Lee G and Alice

The next morning we were all off to Fort Meyers to visit another relative of Lee G's...and we were to meet Bill and Linda along with Ken there on their way back from Key West...we did and all went very well...great time. Bill and Linda spent two nights in Fort Meyers while Lee L and Lee G rode to Lake City, Florida to visit Lee L's lovely mother where they spent two nights.



Hot card games at Don's (Lee G's brother-in-law) house in Fort Meyers

Cindy and I rode back to Parrish after one night in Fort Meyers via a central Florida route while Ken chose to take a costal route...we met later that day at our home in Parrish where we spent the night.

The next day Ken was off to Lakeland, Florida to visit friends while Cindy and I caught up on chores around the house...later that night, Ken returned...and later came Bill and Linda.

The next morning...it was time to leave and head north...first stop...Lake City, Florida where we needed to meet Lee G and Lee L. Lee L's mother welcomed us with food and coffee and her usual big hug!



Lee G just had to work on something so he worked on Lee L's mother's car...



But Lee G was happy!

Then we were off.



Back roads for a while and then some highway so we could get some not so dry pecans for Lee G! We rode some great back roads all the way to Manchester, Tennessee where we spent the night. We grabbed a hotel and then walked to a roadhouse for dinner...peanut shells on the floor...cold beer...it was great. We tried to fix Ken up with our waitress...but...oh well...it didn't work out.

Up the next morning scheduled to leave at 7am and who would have ever guessed it...Lee L was ready to go 15 minutes early...so we actually left early. Saw pink elephants...



and rode without rain all the way to within 80 miles of home...where we put the suits on and had some slight showers...not much but some...and then we all headed our separate ways home.

One last picture at our last stop together riding home...difficult to do if you are trying to also be in the picture!!!



Great ride, great fun, great food and drinks, great people! Thanks everyone...especially to Cindy! Wish we all could have been there!

Kindest Regards,

Jim