

Impromptu Southwest Wisconsin Ride 6/23-6/24/12

Participants included: Bill & Linda Hay, Ron & Tracy Dougherty, John Shimkus, and Lee Grunwald

Our route from Aurora was due west to Mt. Carroll, then north through JoDaviess County with a brief stop in New Diggings, WI. Our next stop was in Potosi, WI at the historic Potosi Brewery where we had lunch on their beautiful outdoor patio. After a brief tour of their museum we were back on the road. My route from Potosi to Prairie Du Chien was intent on hugging the Mississippi as much as possible, and we soon found ourselves on a narrow gravel road lined with limestone cliffs from Glen Haven to Bagley. Our pace was slow and everyone enjoyed the road, however I believe I owe John's brand new bike a wash. If we had come across along a bikini bike wash, I would have pulled in.

Our overnight stay was in Soldiers Grove, WI, at the County Gardens Motel & Lounge. We had a great meal and played cards on their outdoor patio. This is when John, Ron & Tracy were taught the classic Lee Grunwald card game of Golf, and then thoroughly fleeced by their instructor. By the time the second game was completed the bar was shut down for the evening!

Our return home included a stop in Monroe, WI at a cheese store and lunch at historic Baumgartner's on the square in downtown Monroe.

Bill Hay