

HIGH MILEAGE

Congratulations to our High Mileage riders!

Rich Westcott #40472 **500,000 miles**

Over my past 100,000 miles, I mostly rode my 2005 R 1200 RT, with the most memorable ride most definitely the trip I took to Alaska in 2018!

When I travel, I prefer to go alone and stay off of the interstates. That trip to Alaska was 10,300 miles of smiles! That same year, I was able to take second place in the BMW MOA Annual Mileage contest and have been in the top 25 in the yearly contest five times now!

I own a 2004 R 1150 Rockster that I have ridden to 49 states. It's got 324,000 miles on it and runs great—it's my hot rod! I also own a 1965 R 50/2 with a sidecar and last but not least, a 1957 R 26!

Mike Meredith #65695 **400,000 miles**

I began riding motorcycles in the early 1980s. Prior to buying a 1990 K 100 LT in 1994, I owned several bikes from other manufacturers, but those motorcycles didn't inspire me to ride the miles that the BMW did. Since retiring for the last time in 2009 and becoming an old guy with more time to ride, I have ridden a '97 R 1100 RT, an '02 R 1150 GS, a '10 F 800 ST and an '09 R 1200 R these last 100,000 miles. All of these machines have been kept running in fine condition by the super BMW mechanic Andy Main and the crew at Big Sky Motorsports in Missoula, Montana.

1,600,000 miles

Richard Konen

800,000 miles

Leland Prothe

600,000 miles

Raymond Tuggle, Jr.

500,000 miles

Kelly Clark
Dean Mickelson
Rich Westcott

400,000 miles

Mike Meredith
Michael Shannon

300,000 miles

Rhys Blair
Richard Moore
Phillip Thick
Jayne Thompson

200,000 miles

Randall Beecham
Fred Niblock
Kurt Niemetscheck
David W. Peterson
Fighter Stein

100,000 miles

Greg DeWit
Greg Gibson
Scott Henderson
Steven Kesinger
Steven Marsolek
Gene Pollock
Thom Rieck
Christine Sjoberg
Michael Sjoberg
Christopher Valverde



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Washington, and headed south towards the next check point at San Ysidro, California, which I reached on June 7. After taking the required pictures and necessary paperwork, I was on my way again, heading to the check point at Key West, Florida, which I reached on June 14. Then I continued north to the final checkpoint at Madawaska, Maine and the Four Corners Park.

I reached Madawaska on June 19th, fourteen days and 7,659 miles later to complete my Four Corners Tour. By the time I returned home, my ride covered more than 10,000 miles, 25 states and 67 National Monuments and National Historic sites. Since this ride, I have completed three SCMA Three Flag Classic events, completed the SCMA's California Mission Tour, earned three IBA awards for rides, and completed the Minnesota State Parks Passport Club Tour, the Wisconsin Rustic Roads Tour, and Three Tour of Honor events.

In all, my bike now has over 145,000 miles on her. She owes me nothing, and I owe a lifetime of enjoyment to her. She is priceless, but the one that is most priceless to me is my wife Barb, as without her allowing my time away, none of this would have been possible. Thank you.

In closing, I can only share the saying I have lived and worked by, and that I have placed on my paver in the Madawaska Maine Four Corners Park: "LIFE IS GOOD TODAY"

Gene Pollock #20616 100,000 miles

My interest in BMW motorcycles began when my father brought home a 1969 R 69US in about 1971. Oh, what a beautiful machine. It was black with white stripes and it sounded like a sewing machine at idle, so quiet and smooth—much better than the UJM bikes I had been riding. Dad let me ride the bike in 1973 and I was sold!

After a few more years of riding other brands, I decided to get a



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BMW. On August 16, 1979, I put a deposit down on a 1978 R 100/7 from Corsetti's Cycle Sales in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. The price out the door was \$5,080.58, which at the time was a lot of money for a 24-year-old kid! Thus, began my addiction.

By April of 1980, I had ridden 5,000 miles, and I heard about a group called the BMW MOA who were having a rally in Prineville, Oregon. So, I quit my job and rode west to see what this rally stuff was all about. Man, what a great time! The town opened its doors to the 3,000-4,000 BMW riders who came in from all over the country and from other places, too!

After returning home, I decided I was going to ride this bike 100,000 miles and get the award I had heard about at the rally. I joined the BMW MOA in late 1980 and as time passed, Dad and I attended many local and national rallies.

About 1984, Corsetti's closed and from then on, I have done all my own mechanical work. Bob's BMW, Capital Cycle and more recently Mathias Cycle have been my sources for parts.

In 1992, I took my six year old son to the Du Quoin, Illinois, rally. Chris had a great time; I think he caught the moto touring bug, and we have traveled together for years.

I think the most memorable rally was in 1998 in Missoula, Montana. Chris and I rode and camped from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Missoula and back—a great 5,000 miles and two and a half weeks! As time went on, family and work took most of my time, but I still managed to ride a few thousand miles and get in a few rallies each year.

The adventure to get to 100,000 miles took a bit longer than planned, but it has been incredible! Over the years I have ridden the "roads less traveled" and met many other like-minded people. It has been fabulous. Thanks to BMW, my R 100/7 has been reliable and easy to maintain.

This is not the end of my addiction. Now that I am retired, I plan on riding this moto for many years and miles to come.



Thom Rieck