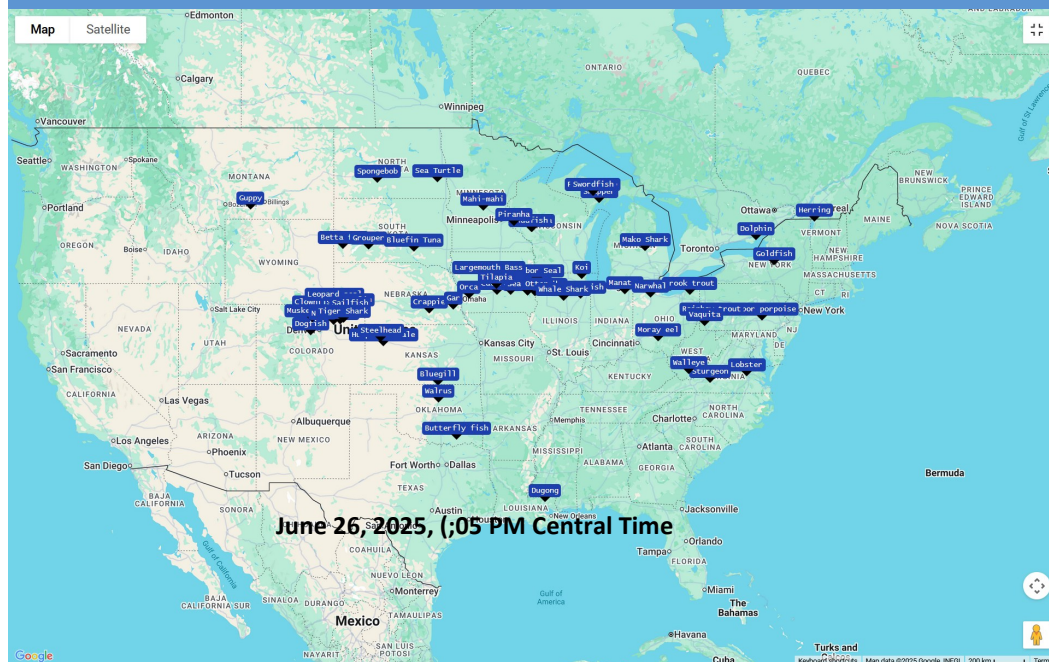


# The Iron Butt Daily

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## Notes from the Road

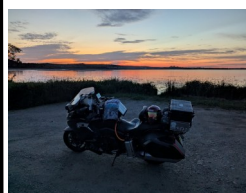
- **Jacob Wetzell** hit a deer outside of Boulder, CO. Jake is fine but the deer cracked and dented his fairing and front fender. The deer is much worse for the encounter. Jake credits the limited damage to Colorado deer being much smaller than those he sees at home



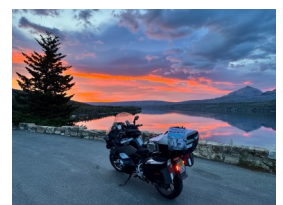
- One bonus asked the riders to pick up a poker chip from a casino in West Wendover, NV. **Stephen Johnson** went there and reports he was feeling lucky, so he put \$20 in a slot machine and turned it into \$2. "I thought it was kinda funny," he remarked.

## Closing the Loop

In order to be a finisher, riders need to "close the loop" on each leg they ride by completing a string of bonuses. Closing the loop and getting back to the finish before noon tomorrow ensures finisher status. Here are some photos taken by riders at the last bonus of their loop.



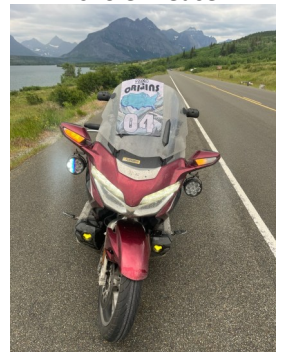
Anastasia Dudzinski



Nichole Meuse



Wade Chauncey



Mike Best



Stephen Johnson

## The Important Things in Life

The final audio bonus of the rally is: "Tell us why the picture submitted [with the audio bonus] makes going home after the rally your most important goal." The picture requirement states "Your rally flag is not required in the picture. You can obtain the picture by any means. It does not have to be taken today." Some submissions:



From **Alex Alpert**



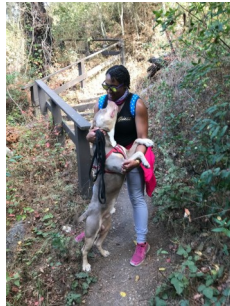
From **Craig Phillips**



From **Scott Durham**



From **the Wiltshires**



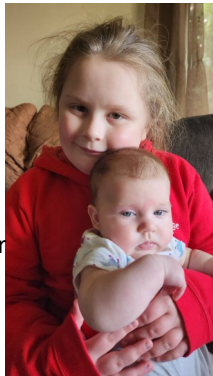
From **Matt Gerry**



From **Stephen Creamer**



From **Steve Gallant**



From  
**Keith Underdahl**



From **Tamica Wade**



From **Bradyn Crider**

- **Alex Alpert:** His dad, wife, and son. They'll be at the finish. "Having them at the finish will be special and I can't wait to see them."
- **Chris and Stella Wiltshire:** Elmo and their two other cats.
- **Matt Gerry:** Wife Chrissy and puppy Drago. "They rely on me, they love me, and I love both of them unconditionally. Every decision I make when I'm out and about without them is towards me getting back home safely. Thanks for the reminder."
- **Scott Durham:** "My wife of 35 years and my best friend. Wherever she is, is home."
- **Craig Phillips:** "I can't wait to get home to see my granddaughter and the rest of my family."
- **Keith Underdahl:** "The picture is of my granddaughters Blue and Val. Riding the Iron Butt Rally is a dream, but my life's dream has been to be the best grandpa ever. I'm really looking forward to going home and doing that."
- **Steve Gallant:** His wife. "what can I say? She's the love of my life, my biggest fan and supporter. She always tells me to go big or go home and not doubt myself. What more can you ask for? I love her and hope to see her soon."
- **Stephen Creamer:** His wife Yelena. "She brings me light and energy and spontaneity and wisdom and judgement and fun and tried really hard to draw the same out of me at the same time. I'm excited about going home and continuing to build is our relationship and the good times that come with it. So gotta stay safe."
- **Tamica Wade:** "Family is everything. Without them, where would we be? Who would we be? What would we be doing? Although my ride didn't go as planned, I'm still happy about the experience. I can talk about it with my son, my husband. Yeah, family means everything to me and getting back to them the way I left them is important."
- **Bradyn Crider:** "I need to make it home to them because I need them as much as they need me."



## More Important Things in Life



From **Brian Hallquist**



From **Nichole Meuse**



From **Brad Phelps**



From **Brian North**



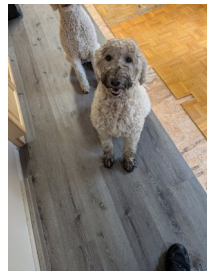
From **Jacob Wetzell**



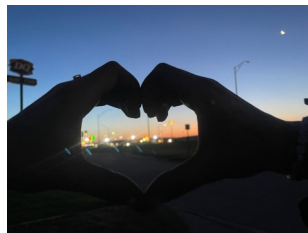
From **Martin Little**



From **Lionel Ramos**



From **Dan Stephans**



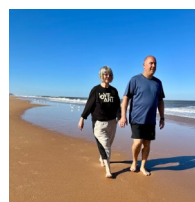
From **Del Meyer**



From **Joseph Schork**



From **Avraham Azrieli**



From **Eric Edelman**

- **Brian Hallquist:** "The one thing that takes all this rally pain away is my sweetheart who I have been married to for 46 years. She'll have a warm meal and she'll be waiting in the driveway when I get home. I can't wait to get home."
- **Lionel Ramos:** "My family. They're all important to me because they support me doing these long-distance kind of riding things and also they need me to help them as well. They're my family and it's all about family."
- **Nichole Meuse:** "My son. Caleb is definitely the one person I'm truly looking forward to getting home to."
- **Daniel Stephans:** "My dog Tippa telling me she's been a very good girl and she needs a bath. I miss them a whole bunch and I hope they miss me, too."
- **Brad Phelps:** "Damn, ~~tough one~~. Paul, man, you make me want to break up in tears. My family. My mom, my dad, my wife. Without their support, damn it, I wouldn't be here."
- **Del Meyer:** She was planning her wedding while preparing for the IBR. She's looking forward to getting back home and back to the planning, but riding the IBR was just the break she needed at just the right moment.
- **Joseph Schork:** "The lady in the picture has been my rock through 38 year. She's been supportive of everything, even this thing of eleven days of craziness."
- **Brian North:** looking forward to seeing my cats again. They're very special to me."
- **Jacob Wetzell:** "My family. My daughters are teenagers, so they don't have a ton of time for me. But they think I'm pretty cool and my parents always supported me and they feel very proud of my accomplishments. I can't wait to see them."
- **Avraham Azrieli:** "My family. It is the reason for everything."
- **Martin Little:** "My dogs. They make me very happy."
- **Eric Edelman:** "I'm going home because my wife is there and I want to go walk on the beach at our condo in Florida. And at this point, I don't want to be on a motorcycle too much longer."

## More Important Things in Life



From **Wade**



From **Herakles Boardman**



From **Mike Best**



From **Sjef Vanderaa**



From **Jim Hicks**



From **Anastasia**



From **Andy Hall**



From **Frankie Morris-Lamb**

- **Wade Chauncey:** "My beautiful wife Ashley and our little princess Phoebe. That's our dog, but don't tell her that because she doesn't think she's a dog. Ashley is my biggest supporter and biggest cheerleader. She's always been in my corner. She supports me and stands by me on all these long, crazy rides that I love doing. I want to make sure I do whatever it takes to get back to her. I can't wait to see them. Ashley's going to be here at the finish but Phoebe—she'll just have to wait until I get home."
- **Herakles Boardman:** "I'm just looking forward to some fresh blueberries that I planted that I planted those bushes two years ago. So I've been waiting for those blueberries for as long as I've been waiting for the Iron Butt Rally."
- **Mike Best:** "I want to get home and back to my 1946 Stimpson 108 airplane. It's important to get back home because my daughter is learning how to fly this summer and I'm going to teach her. It's a good way to spend time with the family."
- **Anastasia Dudzinski:** "My little family, because that's why I always go home no matter how far I ride or where I'm going or what I'm doing."
- **Sjef Vanderaa:** "The picture is of my motorcycle in Holland. If everything goes well, I'll have another month after the rally. We'll visit family there as well as go on a motorcycle trip there because you just cannot drive enough motorcycles."
- **Andy Hall:** "My wife and daughter. Look forward to getting back home with them. My daughter's going to college so she's only going to be around another month, so I look forward to seeing them."
- **Jim Hicks:** "My wife was my high school sweetheart. She's been married to me and taking care of me for 43+ years. In fact, she celebrated our anniversary during the rally while I was riding. She means everything to me and supports me in every way."
- **Frankie Morris-Lamb:** "My husband. I want to spend the rest of my life with him."



## More Important Things in Life



From **Rodney Woudema**



From **Bucky Dent**



From **Carlos Caycedo**



From **Art Garvin**



From **Michael Kozicki**



From **Thomas Bake**



From **Shareef AsSadiq**

- **Rodney Woudema:** "I have two kids and my girlfriend and two grandkids to go home to."
- **Bucky Dent:** "So many things to look forward to when I get home. But everybody needs a good nuzzle and a head nod, including the owner of the legs under that blanket."
- **Carlos Caycedo:** "This is my three year old son Fernando and he is my reason for living. Yesterday was actually his third birthday, so I feel pretty guilty for being out here. He's the reason I need to get home in one piece. I love him with all my heart."
- **Art Garvin:** "This is a picture of my only grandchild. He's my little buddy and my little sidekick. We do a lot together. I really miss him and look forward to seeing him."
- **Michael Kozicki:** "This is our home. Everything about it and everything inside of it makes going home my most important goal."
- **Thomas Bake:** "My wife and two daughters. They are the anchor of my life that allows me to do the things that I do. I look forward to going home and spending time with them."
- **Shareef AsSadiq:** "The people in the picture are my life. They are the reasons I want to go home."

## More Closing the Loop



**Brad Phelps**



**Daniel Stephans**



**John Coons**



**Joseph Schork**



**Alex Alpert**



**Brian North**



**Steve Gallant**



**Matt Gerry**



**Brian Hallquist**