

## Bob & Leo's Big Adventure 2010

**Day one:** Gone Biking! 18 days of motorcycle madness, Thunder Bay to Victoria then California then home. Today we made it to Winnipeg with some rain along the way Leo is keeping his title of "The Rain man".

**Day two** of the trip and we are in Moose Jaw Sask. The wind has been brutal, but we are still having a great time. Drumheller tomorrow.



**Day three:** We left Moose Jaw bright and early Sunday morning. The day started sunny but soon change to cloudy and cool. It stayed like this until noon, only a little rain. We went to the Royal Tyrell Museum and it was good. The ride up highway 56 was great, rolling hills, big sweepers for corners and great scenery. The smell of the crops was so thick you could taste it. What a great day.

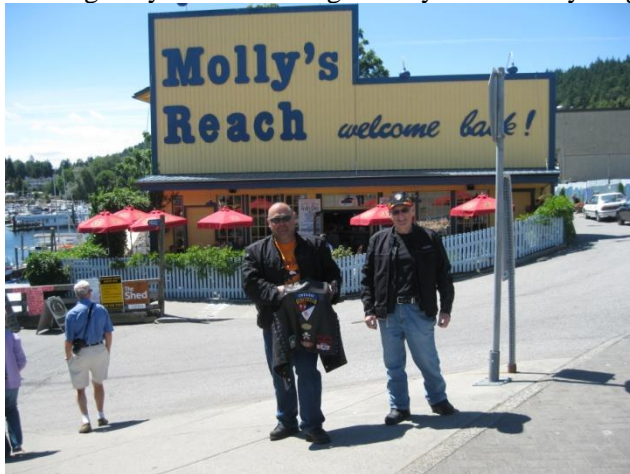


**Day four:** we made it to Merritt BC today. It started off shitty, cold and raining until Calgary, then more cold all morning and rain off and on until we got to Roger's Pass. By the time we hit Revelstoke we were down to T Shirts. Looking back I should have kept my pants on. From then on it was sunshine and +30c. We took Hwy 5a from Kamloops to Merritt, best ride of the day.

**Day five:** We are in Langley BC today and will be here until Saturday morning. We will be touring around the area and hanging out at my Mom's house. The ride in today was great. Lots of sunshine. The tunnels along Hwy 1 were way cool. A great place to "rap the pipes".



**Day seven:** Yesterday we rode around Langley in the morning and were visiting with family in the afternoon and night. Today we toured the Sunshine Coast. We had lunch at Molly's Reach and cruised B.C. Highway 101. It was a great day for motorcycling.



**Day eight:** This is our last night in Langley. In the morning we are taking the ferry to Victoria, for 2 days. Today we rode up to Whistler. Very busy place. People from all over the world are there hiking, camping, mountain biking etc. It was good ride but we hit rush hour on the way back. What took 20 minutes in the morning took 2 hours in the afternoon. It was as bad as Toronto's traffic.

**Day nine:** After 2 days on the ferry (not really) we are in Victoria. My brother Jamie met us near the terminal and took us on a little ride. We are going downtown tonight and touring around the Island tomorrow. So far it's been a great trip.



**Day ten:** Today my brother John went back to the mainland, something about having to work?? WTF?? My brother Jamie took us to the most southerly point on the Island, twisty roads and a cool ocean breeze made this a great ride. At the beach we stopped at the tide was coming in. It was cool to see how fast the water comes in. Really early tomorrow morning we catch the ferry to Port Angeles USA and start Highway 101.



**Day eleven:** We are in Newport OR tonight and it's freezing cold. 52 F. or about 11 C. Foggy and cold, salt mist from the ocean is covering my bike and face shield. The road, Hwy 101, is great. Fantastic scenery with ocean views and forests. The giant redwoods are coming tomorrow. Looking forward to it warming up. 90 F. in Reno today.



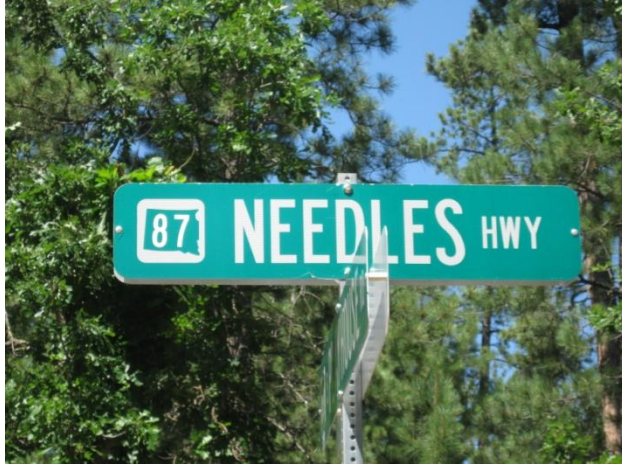
**Day twelve:** Cool again today but a totally awesome ride. The Oregon mountain tops were covered in fog so riding through them was wild. The road was clear but the sides and top were fog, like a fog tunnel. We crossed into California about 3 pm and rode through the giant redwood forest. Fantastic! We are in Fortuna now and will be heading for Reno in the morning.

**Day thirteen:** the ride today was great! We started off going through more of the giant redwoods, crossed the mountains and finished in the desert. The first half hour was cool and then it got hot, Redding CA, was in 100's at 13:00, they tell me it's normal and not really hot yet. Some of the mountain roads were steeper and sharper than Needles and Iron Mountain highways. We head for Salt Lake tomorrow.

**Day fourteen:** A long ride today, over 900 km. Hot and sunny most of the day, we had a little sprinkle about 14:30 but only for a few minutes, just a nice cool off. Good riding on Highway 50. Now I know why it's called the "Loneliest road in America". Not much on it, kinda like home but hotter. More of the sharp cornered mountain roads and long straight flat desert highways. A long day tomorrow too, SLC to Douglas WY 850 km'ish. Good thing I have a good saddle.

**Day fifteen:** All went well today. We rode the interstate to Rawlins then turned off it and to Casper and on to Douglas. Good riding though a little boring after the west coast and Rockies. We stopped at the only flaming Harley shop anywhere, "Flaming Gorge" Harley, Gorge not George. Flaming George was in an eighties band. The Black Hills and Sturgis on Saturday, then sadly the journey home.

**Day sixteen:** Today we rode the Black Hills. Drove through Custer park and Needles highway. Then we went to Sturgis for the afternoon, had a beer at the Knuckle, checked out the shops and are now in Rapid City. What did you do today SARA? Make cookies?



**Day seventeen:** It's almost over. Only the ride home left, about 9 hours tomorrow. Today was hot and sunny, really hot. By 9 am it was 81 F. Nothing exciting on the ride here, all of done on the interstate, kind of a boring way to go but it fast. Same thing tomorrow until the interstate ends at Duluth. Hopefully highway 61 will be cool.

**Day eighteen:** This is the end, we made it home. Cloudy and a bit of rain at the start of the day but mostly, it was nice. Lots of road construction around Duluth, avoid using 35. OK Sara, no more trip clips, for now. Anyone interested in a weekend cruise around MN on the Labour Day weekend?

OK, this is the last report on the bike trip. Total distance driven by me was 11,001 km. That is from leaving my house to returning to it. Looks like it's time to change the oil again, and take a good look at the tires, and get ready for the next big adventure.