

MOUNTAIN VIEW WEEKEND

Mountain View, Arkansas

We could have not picked a better weekend to have made our trip to Mountain View, Arkansas. The weather was almost perfect for riding.

A group of our members met at the Arkansas Tourist Information Center north of Texarkana on Hwy 71 N a little before 9:00 AM Friday morning and we were on our way at 9:00 AM. The Cornetts, Dosseys, Drapers and Morrisons headed for Ashdown where we picked up the Roberts.

Everybody was told before we all met that Friday morning to be there with a full fuel tank, full stomach and an empty bladder because we were going to ride all the way to Hot Springs, the back way, before we stopped to refuel and a quick snack and restroom break.



We traveled north on Hwy 71 until we were able to turn onto AR 27 until we got to Glenwood where we took US 70 all the way into Hot Springs. After fuel stop and a quick restroom break we were on our way once again.

We rode US 270 until we hooked up with AR 227. We traveled AR 227 until we intersected with AR 192 which we traveled for a short time and then we got onto AR 7 at Blue Springs.

We rode the scenic AR 7 all the way to Russellville and arrived there at 1:00 PM and we ate our lunch at the best **Whataburger** in four states. If you ever have had the opportunity to stop in and have one of there burgers, you might want to the next time you are in Russellville.

After we ate lunch and got a restroom break, it was back on the road once again, around 2:00 p.m. It still made my mouth water every time I think about those burgers. Any way back to our ride.

We headed out of Russellville on AR 124 and then onto AR 105. At Hector we drop over onto AR 27 and we went all the until we intersected with AR 16. I got say this once again, the weather was FANTASTIC and the scenery was even better.

We rode AR 16 until we got to Clinton and we onto AR 9 on into **Mountain View** about 4:30 Friday afternoon.

It didn't take long for us to get our cabins, **The Pinewood Cabins**, and get settled in and get ready to go eat and enjoy one of our favorite restaurants, **ANGELERS White River Resort**, located in Mountain View.

After we ate and rode back to the cabins, we gathered on the porch and and talked for about an hour before we all went back to our own cabin for a good night sleep. Saturday was going to be a busy day, the women were going to spend the day shopping and the guys were going to spend the morning RIDING.....

Saturday morning around 7:00 a.m. we met in front of Rick and Vicki's cabin, Hal, Johnny, Rick and Tommy. Rick had put together this FANTASTIC route for us to ride. The weather was GREAT and we were ready to hit the roads.

After breakfast it was back on the road to continue the awesome ride. We left out from Mountain View on AR 14 to AR 58 and from there it was onto US 167, US 167 to US 62 all the way to Hardy, AR.



We decided to spend some time in Hardy and see what all we could find. If you have never been to Hardy, it's a nice town to visit. There were all kinds of gift and craft shops, I think we went into everyone of them too. There is also a B&B in Hardy, the **STONE HOUSE**, and we think that we are going to make that another weekend trip another time soon..

After spending about an hour looking and shopping we decided it was time to see some more beautiful scenery and ride. We left Hardy via US 62 and the again on US 167 to AR 56 at Ash Flat, AR. From there it was AR 56 to AR 9 to AR 5 at Allison.



We left from Allison on AR 5 and then took AR 341 out of Norfork. We stopped around lunch time and was able to find a place that served a great cheeseburger and fries. After lunch it was AR 341 to AR 14 at Fifty-six and then to AR 14 to AR 87 all the way to Mountain View.

That afternoon the guys caught up with the gals to do some shopping with them. After some shopping we decided to go back to our cabins and meet again around 6:00 AM at the **Dogwood Hollow Steakhouse**, located on the Square, for supper. We had to wait for a short time but it was well worth it.



After we all had finished eating, it was time for a big surprise for one member of our group. The surprise was for Johnny Morrison and it was the the big 5-0 Birthday and he was really surprised. The 50 candles, when all were lit, caused and temperature increase in the restaurant by at least 20 degrees.



After Johnny opened all of his "OVER THE HILL" gifts, we headed for the Square to be entertained buy the local talent who preformed all kinds of Bluegrass and Folk music. One member of our group decided to join in and display his talents as well, Go Rick Go !!!!!!!



It started getting late and as always, ALL GOOD THINGS must come to an end and this weekend was no exception. We returned to our cabins and made plans for the return trip.

The weather forecast for Sunday afternoon was thunderstorms and possible heavy rains, so we planned to leave early enough to avoid the bad weather.

Almost everyone arrived safely back to our homes and missed the rain but not Rick and Vicki. They had some business to take care of and got caught in the heavy rain before getting home safely.

This weekend trip was everything that we all had planned for and expected and MORE.... ***It Just Don't Get Any Better Than This.....***

