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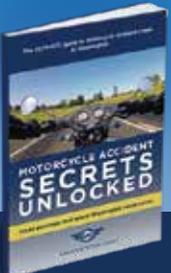
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HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR NEXT

ROAD TRIP

By Bryan Hall

Road trips!

Personally, I live for road trips, I could take one at the drop of a hat (wait... who's hat? What kind of hat? Is it an old baseball cap or... oh never mind).

Road trips take many forms, and whether you're doing an overnigher or a two-week (or longer) trek, the question is: How do you plan it?

In most cases, I start with a ride idea: where do I want to go? I have taken trips that had no ride plan, I just saddled up and rode, but for most people, those are pretty rare. Google maps and paper maps are my go-to for things like this, I love seeing what roads will take me where, and what is there along the way that I can see? Once I know the route, now it's time to figure out the rest.

I typically use motels for lodging when I go traveling, and I almost always look for "motor court" style motels in smaller towns. One, I can park my bike in front of my room, and two, they are usually privately or family-owned and cost way less than the Best Western down the street. I have had really nice (older but super clean and comfortable) motel rooms for \$50 a night.

Camping is always an option as well. Since sleeping on the hard ground is not an option anymore for my broken body, I don't do more than one or two camping excursions per year. For those occasions, however, I have a queen-size air mattress that fits in my saddlebag, and a tent and sleeping bag that straps to the back of my bike. Once the route is established, then you can look for your choice of lodging: motels, campgrounds, hostels, Airbnb, etc.

The next step is kind of important: clothing. I've heard that law enforcement frowns on riding naked. A one or two-day run is easy enough, but if your ride plan is a week or longer, there's a challenge. I like to travel light, but also have to pack for any kind of weather. I have started out under gorgeous blue skies and 80 degrees, only to run for shelter when thunder and hail showed up hours later.

A brother and I just returned from a two week, 4,000 mile trip through the desert Southwest, and we each packed enough clothes for about 5 days. Many motels (and some campgrounds) have guest laundry facilities, or you can find a laundromat. Yes, those can be gross, but the idea is to knock



some of the dirt, grime and smell out of those old jeans and socks.

On this last trip, I had one pair of jeans (which I wore), 4 pair of socks, underwear, a sweatshirt, a pair of shorts and four t-shirts/tank tops. Of course, my riding gear was along as well: chaps, jacket, gloves, raingear, etc. We booked a house on Airbnb for a couple of days in one town that had a washer and dryer, so getting our stuff clean was much easier. Even on a multi-week trip, we planned on doing laundry every 4 or 5 days. T-shirts, socks, and underwear take up very little room, and let's face it: you can wear a t-shirt and socks for more than a day at a time.

Of course, what type of clothing you take depends on where you decide to go. For us, heading into Arizona and New Mexico in June meant light t-shirts and tank tops. Going down the Oregon Coast and Redwoods in June, or over the Rockies in Montana usually calls for heavier shirts and jackets.

Finally, look at the distance between your stops. Riding Interstate superslabs of concrete and asphalt make it easy to rack up 500 miles a day, but where's the fun in that? I typically look to do about 250-300 miles a day, riding secondary highways and back roads. In many parts of the Northwest, gas stations can be scarce: more than once I've had to sweat whether I would make it to the next open gas station. Just because Google maps shows a "town," doesn't mean there is anything there.

For example, there is virtually no gas between Winnemucca and Fernley along I-80 in Nevada (I speak from experience... I should have topped off in Winnemucca). A few years ago, in Denio, NV I had to double back 30 miles to find a two-pump station that was open. On this last trip, my brother and I each carried an "emergency" gallon of gas in the saddlebag, just in case. Hey, even if you don't need it, you may come across someone who does, and we can all use the "karma points" for being a good Samaritan.

Finally, if you need advice on how to plan for your trip, reach out to me. I'm always willing to help other riders with their ride plans. (kong@hiwayflyer.com)

The old adage, "It's not the destination, but the journey" is so true when you're on the road. Enjoy the sights, smells, bugs in your face, and temperature changes. Plan your days to stop and smell the roses, or go see the world's largest gum wrapper, or take that side road to a little known scenic overlook. Your spirit will thank you, your heart will soar, and your mind will have trouble comprehending the beauty of the world around you.

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AUGUST EVENTS

ANACORTES ART FESTIVAL AUG 3 - 5

Anacortes Art Festival has 270 juried art booths, fine art demonstrations, culinary art, food, and kids activities. Free except for the running events.

Visit the www.anacortesartsfestival.com/ for more details.

HURRICANE RIDGE BIKE RIDE AUG 5

Bike 24 to 41 miles car-free to the amazing mile-high summit in the Olympic Mountains during Ride the Hurricane in Port Angeles.

Visit <http://www.portangeles.org/pages/RideTheHurricane/>.

LOGGING FESTIVAL AUG 9 - 12

Morton Loggers Jubilee in historic Morton includes lawn mower races Friday, bed races Sat. 11 a.m., a parade Sat. 11:30 a.m., a logging show Saturday & Sunday, a flea market, music, and vendors.

Visit www.discoverlewiscounty.com/event/76th-morton-loggers-jubilee.

CIDER FESTIVAL AUG 12

Taste hard ciders, meet the makers, and eat appetizers at Snohomish Hard Cider Festival at Thomas Family Farm for age 21+.

Visit www.snohomishciderfest.com/ for details.

CHALK ART AUG 17 - 19

Watch 14 chalk artists transform Redmond Town Center into pastel masterpieces at Pacific NW Chalk Fest, with live music and kids' activities. Free.

Visit www.facebook.com/events/132125457494480 for details.

RAILROAD FESTIVAL AUG 17 - 19

Snoqualmie Railroad Days draws 10,000 people for train rides, a pancake breakfast Sat. 7 to 11 a.m., a parade Sat. 11 a.m., a car show Sun., kids' entertainment, music, arts & crafts, beer and wine garden and food. Free admission.

Visit <http://www.railroaddays.com> for details.

HOT SAUCE FESTIVAL AUG 18

Seattle Hot Sauce Fest promises hot sauce tastings, food trucks, a beer garden, lawn games, activities for kids, and a movie at dusk in Ballard Commons Park.

Visit www.facebook.com/events/129415714489259 for details.

SNOQUALMIE BIKE FESTIVAL AUG 24 - 26

Gigantic Bicycle Festival has live music, hand-built bicycles, visual & performance art, guest speakers, Friday films, Saturday 50 & 100 mile rides, and shorter Sunday rides at Centennial Fields Park.

Visit www.giganticbicyclefestival.org for details.

Shelly's RECIPE CORNER

THAI PEANUT CHICKEN CRUNCH SLAW SALAD

Slaw Salad Ingredients

- 2 c. coleslaw mix
- 2 c. broccoli slaw
- 1 c. matchstick carrots
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped
- ½ red bell pepper, chopped
- ½ c. cilantro, chopped
- 1 ½ c. rotisserie chicken, shredded
- 2 cucumbers, seeded & chopped
- 1 c. Thai Peanut Sauce
- ½ c. chopped peanuts

Thai Peanut Sauce Ingredients

- ¾ c. light coconut milk
- ½ c. peanut butter
- 2 Tbsp. sesame oil
- ¼ c. fresh lime juice
- 2 Tbsp. soy sauce
- 3-4 Thai chili peppers, seeded, deveined & chopped -OR- 1½ tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 Tbsp. rice wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. honey
- ¼ tsp. ground ginger



Recipe and photo courtesy of thecreativebite.com

Directions for Slaw Salad:

Toss all of the vegetables and chicken in a large bowl. Toss with the Thai Peanut Sauce and lime juice until everything is well coated. Top with peanuts and serve immediately.

Directions for Thai Peanut Sauce:

Place all of the ingredients in a blender and puree for 60 seconds or until smooth. Store refrigerated for up to one week.



Northwest Harley Davidson is welcoming back the **Fitz Army** and the **Metal Mulisha Team** for another FMX Freestyle show on **Sunday, August 12th**.

Last year well over 2,000 people passed through to see this fantastic show. There will be live music, a beer garden, bikes, vendors and more! This year the event will be benefiting the Big Sisters and Big Brothers of Southwestern Washington. The MML Team will be there... stop by our booth to say hi and enter to win some cool prizes!

To find out more about this event visit nwharley.com/events.



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Congrats!

We would like to congratulate Richard on his one year anniversary at Max Meyers Law!

For those of you who have had the pleasure of working with Richard, you know just how patient, kind and wonderful he really is.

Thank you for all you do for the team!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY RICHARD!!

BIG BAD BIKE SHOW at Northwest Harley Davidson



There was a great turn out at the annual **Big Bad Bike Show** at Northwest Harley Davidson in Lacey, WA in June.

The weather was beautiful and it was fun to check out all the cool bikes entered in the contest. There were a lot of friendly faces who stopped by to say hi and enter our Seahawks Pre-Season tickets and VISA gift card giveaways.



Winners will be drawn and announced July 31st... stay tuned!



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