

Metro Jay's 'Operation Oregon...'

In our travels, we met a rider in Baker City, OR. While we'll be talking about Baker City another time, this fellow deserves his own space to share a bit of his story.

When we met Jay Galloway, he was on his way to Sturgis... not an unusual destination for motorfolk in the summer. What made his trek noteworthy is his mode of transportation and his route to get there.

Jay is a 62-year old retired Marine. He started his journey in Kentucky on June 30. The tour, dubbed 'Operation Oregon & Back' was a cross-country loop from his home, to the Coast, and back... timed to fit a Sturgis layover.

When we met him he had traveled 4000 mile so far. His ride? A 2017 Metropolitan step-through 50cc scooter. Yes, you heard right ☺ A new friend along the way christened the scooter 'Wander', adding the moniker to the front fender.

Wander reaches a max of 35mph... 39 going downhill ☺ They averaged about 122 miles per day. While he's

traveled many miles by motorcycle, Jay noted that riding at this pace allowed him to REALLY see the countryside he was traveling through; stopping whenever he wanted for photos & points of interest. His route took him on all types of roadways.... local highway where possible, superslab when needed. At times, he would ride on the shoulder to prevent affecting traffic or getting run over.

He did indeed make it to Hulett WY & Sturgis SD... With Wander parked right alongside his full-sized cousins, Jay collected his 'I Rode Mine' patches.

As noted above, this is just a bit of his story. Jay journaled his travels on his FB page, www.facebook.com/jay.galloway.16 which allowed friends & family to know how he was doing, plus people he met along the way could track his progress as well.

Call him adventurous, crazy, ballsy, all of the above.... It was certainly a trip of a lifetime!

He has made it home, safe & sound... having rolled 7231 miles, through 16 states, in 59 days.

The map on the right side of his seat is filled in... In conversation Jay mentioned that there's room on the other side for another section of map. Maybe another road trip is on the horizon for Jay & Wander?

Safe travels ~ wherever the road takes you two next,

Betsy & Bruce

