

# Ride Report

## Indiana Chapter "O", Evansville, IN.

### Guest Escort Ride

by Dennis Bible

I was contacted by Kathy Friedman of IN, Chapter "O" of Evansville, IN., about September 16th. They ride to Maggie Valley about this time every year to spend a week or so riding in our beautiful mountains! Kathy asked if "we would meet them at the Twin Dragons Chinese Buffet in Brevard, NC on Wednesday, 9/25, for lunch. Then would we like to lead them on a site seeing ride after lunch". We've done this several times in the past and Chapter IN-O is always a pleasure to ride with! We like to eat at that restaurant several times a year and this was as good an excuse as any!

Our Chapter members met at the Young Harris CITGO Station for an 08:30 departure. We headed out east on SR 76, then took the shortcut thru Persimmon Valley to Dillard, GA. There we connected with Route 106 for the climb up the mountain to Highlands, NC., where we picked up SR 64 to Brevard, NC.

We met the Indiana Chapter at the restaurant right at the appointed time of 11:30 AM for lunch. Following lunch we led out west to Lake Toxaway where we picked up curvy and winding Route 281 through the mountains to Route 107, then to SR 74 to Bryson City. Rolling through Bryson City, we found the "Road To Nowhere" and rode the 8 miles to the parking lot at the tunnel. Several of us grabbed our flashlights and walked thru the 1,200' tunnel to the far end where the road ends about 100 yards past the tunnel exit. There's quite a story about how this road was never completed to fulfill its original purpose and there are a lot of Swain county residents that still hold very hard feelings against the Government for what they consider a betrayal of a promise!

After the tunnel walk, everyone had get-home-itis, so we bid our Indiana friends a fond farewell as they headed for Maggie Valley, and we headed for home. We'll probably hear from them again next year so start thinking of where we could take them next year!

4 GA-J bikes/trikes, 7 members, about 14 IN-O bikes trikes and 25 members, 250 miles and 10 hours!

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