

Iron Butt Association
2011 Three Flags Classic Mini Rally

2011 IBA 3 Flags Classic Mini Rally Information & Rally Packet

IMPORTANT NOTE: THIS IS THE PACKAGE RIDERS RECEIVED THAT ARE ENTERED IN THE OPTIONAL IBA mini-rally. For additional information, visit www.ironbutt.com/3flags

Your primary objective is to COMPLETE the 3 Flags Classic Rally! That means making each of the mandatory checkpoints in Hawthorne, Nevada; Bend, Oregon; Missoula, Montana; and of course the finish in Penticton, British Columbia, Canada, during the checkpoint windows.

This is going to be fun, we are just extending out the mileage a bit from the base checkpoint to checkpoint route and add in a few interesting spots to visit. No, it won't be easy, and it is going to take some work to earn this IBA certificate but it will be worth it.

NO special check in is required before the start of 3 Flags; everything you need is in this document. Questions should be directed to:

mkneebone@gmail.com

During the rally, if you have a question, please call me 24/7:

Michael Kneebone 773-909-9219

If you send me your cell number before the start, I'll put you on my priority call in list. That way, if I am on the phone with a non-rally rider, I will immediately exit that call and take yours. If I am with another rally rider, I will call back within seconds.

REQUIREMENTS TO EARN YOUR IBA CERTIFICATION

You may earn a bonus on any leg of the 3 Flags, so you may choose to ride past a bonus, go to the 3 Flags checkpoint and then back track to the bonus (we do not expect this to happen, but you can do it).

A camera is required. Photos from most smart phones (more than 2 megapixel with a reasonable sized display so we can actually see the photos) will be acceptable. Unless the bonus says otherwise, your rally flag must be in each photo, clearly showing the number. If you are new to rallying, please review the basics of using a rally flag at:

www.ironbutt.com/daytona/rallyflag101.html

Your rally flag will be distributed at the start when you check in for the 3 Flags. This rally will be the unveiling of the new Iron Butt Association ride flag and we are very excited about the design. For your planning purposes, the flags are portrait, 12" x 18" and will have your rider number clearly printed. There will be a grommet in each of the four corners so you'll want to bring carabiners or some other way to attach your flag for each photograph. Some riders use small bungee cords or large alligator clips - a trip to the local stationery or hardware store will provide you with lots of ideas of how to display your flag.

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There are going to be 3 possible levels of certification: BRONZE, SILVER and GOLD. Each etched metal certificate is going to be unique and custom-made to highlight your personal effort. The cost of the plaques alone is more than the entry fee you paid and being underwritten by the IBA as a special thank you to the SCMA and its members.

Overview: If this is your first shot at this, the basic theme is head north! Do the Death Valley and Mono Lake bonuses on the way to Hawthorne and get there on Friday night before the checkpoint closes. You want to bank your time and get ahead of the 3 Flags checkpoints. And don't bite off more than you can do; it is easy to pile on the miles in the comfort of your home, much harder to do so when actually riding! Collecting bonuses also eats into your riding time so give yourself enough time in your plan. This layout gives you the most flexibility by adding on a few challenges, get north and go for your IBA medal.

MAXIMIZE DAYLIGHT RIDING!

Consider getting to Fallon, Nevada, and stopping for the night – yes, on an IBA ride! Stop, get a few hours sleep and save your energy! The same goes for Bend; try to get there before dark on the first day it is open and then head toward the next bonus (probably Mt Saint Helens) and get a room. Save the back roads for the daylight hours! Do the same for Missoula. There are a lot of bonuses after that checkpoint so you have time to make your medal levels, minimizing the chance of missing a 3 Flags checkpoint.

Medal levels:

GOLD: 20,000 points

SILVER: 15,000 points

BRONZE: 10,000 points (minimum points to be a finisher)

You might be asking yourself: So how do I figure this out? If this is your first time hunting bonuses in a rally, the basic plan is to stick to the 3 Flags route as close as possible so you hit those checkpoints – like any rally, making the checkpoints is ALWAYS your first priority! You miss those, nothing else matters. Get to them early in the window. Yes, you can check the bonuses on the coast, but most riders would NOT go for them – they are too far away, they will put you toward the end of the checkpoint clock (always bad). Of course some riders enjoy living on the edge but we encourage you to ride within your limits.

WHAT TO AVOID! Avoid daylight hours only bonuses – they will mess with your mind trying to fight the setting sun to get a picture! They add an entire level of complication to your ride.

Note: Print out the following pages as your rally packet. You may make notes on it as you wish but be sure to enter your start and finish odometer readings!! You will need to bring this with you to get your rally scored.

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START OF 3 FLAGS ODOMETER READING: _____

Marble Canyon, Arizona area – 7,519 points – Available 24 hours
Navajo Bridge - US-89ALT over the Colorado River

N36 49.097 W111 37.994

Park your bike in the parking lot at either end of the bridge and walk half way across the pedestrian bridge – the Historic Navajo bridge. Hang your flag on the railing and take a photo of the new Navajo Bridge, which runs parallel to the Historic Bridge.

Come on, do you really want to ride all the way to Arizona on the first day of 3 Flags and get way behind the checkpoint ball out of the gate?! It is a long way to Navajo Bridge, think about it.

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Dantes View, Death Valley, California – 2,601 points – Available 24 hours

N36 13.221 W116 43.597

Take a picture of Death Valley from Dantes View

Yes, do it opposite of the other riders (if they are following the 3 Flags route) via Baker and avoid the traffic through Death Valley and wave hi to everyone as you cross paths ☺

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Panamint Springs, California – 403 points – Available 24 hours

N36 20.393 W117 28.124

Take a picture of your bike parked in front of the Panamint Springs Resort Restaurant

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Lee Vining, California – 577 points – Available 24 hours

N37 57.960 W119 07.254

Take a picture of Mono Lake from the Visitors Center parking lot. If it is dark, take a picture of the Visitors Center.

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Santa Barbara area, California – 977 points – Available 24 hours
5995 Stagecoach Road

N34 31.289 W119 50.421

Take a picture of Cold Spring Tavern (it is the old Stage coach stop)

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Big Sur, California – 2,920 points – Available daylight hours only
Bixby Creek Bridge

N36 22.356 W121 54.181

Park in the viewing area and take a photo of the historic bridge spanning Bixby Creek on CA-1 (you cannot miss it – look southeast it is there and obvious).

Ah, this is a dilemma! Do you go to Hawthorne first and then back track on the next leg to get the bridge or just go up the coast in the first place?! Decisions, decisions...

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Gerlach, Nevada – 2,707 points – Available 24 hours

N40 39.126 W119 21.235

Take a picture of Bruno's Country Club

Gerlach is very remote; while it does have 24 hour gas, it is NOT manned 24 hours, so if you have a problem there is no help available! It is not recommended that you do this bonus at night! Save it for day light hours.

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Gerlach, Nevada – 101 points – Available 24 hours (but do it during the day!)

N40 40.913 W119 21.652

Take a picture of the IBA memorial – requires very short walk or ride on dirt road! The memorial is a very special place and while you can get there in the dark, we don't recommend it unless you have auxiliary lighting.

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Crater Lake National Park, Oregon – 403 points – Available 24 hours

N42 56.747 W122 10.155

Take a picture of Crater Lake from any overlook in the park

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Mendocino, CA area – 6,012 points - Available daylight hours only
Point Cabrillo Light Station and Nature Preserve

N39 20.990 W123 48.781

Take a photo of the Light Station.

You want the Big Dog ride? This is it! You will park in the lot and walk approximately ½ mile to the station. This is an easy walk but, in the 2005 Iron Butt Rally, a rider tried to take the photo from the parking lot and now he is infamous. Don't be That Guy!

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Crescent City, CA – 4,025 points - Available daylight hours only
Battery Point Lighthouse

N41 44.787 W124 12.114

Walk down the path to the beach and take a photo of the Lighthouse. You do NOT have to cross the ocean floor to do this and your flag does not have to be in the picture.

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Randle, Washington – 3,228 points - Available Daylight hours only
Mt. Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument

N46 14.995 W122 08.181

Ride Forest Service Road 99 located inside Mt. Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument on the east side of the park and take a picture of the "Windy Ridge Viewpoint" sign. All roads are paved. Note: there is a steep stairway to this viewpoint. Do not attempt this if you have health problems

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Maryhill, Washington - 194 points- Available daylight hours
Stonehenge

N45 41.665 W120 48.349

Take a photo of Stonehenge

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Lolo, Montana - 796 points – Available 24 hours
The Lodge at Lolo Hot Springs

N46 43.480 W114 32.000

Take a photo of the Totem Pole at the main building.

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Yaak, Montana - Dirty Shame Saloon – 1,410 points OPEN: 8AM -9PM

N48 49.920 W115 42.484

Have your photo taken playing the piano

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Butte, Montana - Evel Knievel Grave – 2,582 points - Available 24 hours!

N45 57.801 W112 30.417

Take a photo of the tombstone.

The grave site of Robert "Evel" Knievel, Explorer, Motorcyclist, and Daredevil. As you enter the cemetery there is a sign and arrow pointing to the grave.

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Bear Tooth Pass state boundary, Montana – 6,258 points – Daylight Hours Only!

N45 00.177 W109 24.867

Take a photo of the "Welcome to Montana" sign on US-212

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Browning, Montana - 649 points – Available 24 hours
Big Lodge Espresso Teepee - US-2 & US-89

N48 33.338 W113 00.587

Take a photo of the Big Lodge Espresso Teepee building.

The Big Lodge Espresso stand is located in Browning and is shaped as an Indian teepee, albeit a very large one, and is painted white. It can be found at the “T” intersection of SE Boundary St, W Central Ave and NE Boundary St, in Browning.

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Cut Bank, Montana - 561 points – Available 24 hours
Talking Penguin Statue
1200 E Main St

N48 37.789 W112 19.015

Take a photo of the penguin statue.

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East Glacier Park, Montana - 574 points – Available 24 hours
MT-49, between 1st and 2nd Street

N48 26.891 W113 13.502

Take a photo of the Large Purple spoon.

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Logan Pass, Montana – 2,411 points – 24 hours

N48 41.795 W113 43.099

Take a photo of the "Logan Pass Continental Divide" sign.

Located at the Logan Pass Visitor Center

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Blaine, Washington – 4,503 points – 24 hours

N48 59.616 W122 44.784

Take a photo of the US Post Office in Blaine

END OF 3 FLAGS ODOMETER READING: _____

At the finish on Monday, September 5, 2011 *after 5 pm and before 9 pm* FIND JOE MANDEVILLE and/or ask for the IBA check in area. Check in will be very fast, a scorer will check your photos and record them on a score sheet, the results will be forwarded to us and confirmed back with you for your certification after you return home.

There is flexibility in scoring; the idea is to get you started bonus hunting to see if it is something you would like to try in a more formal Long Distance rally. Since the purpose here is to learn rally techniques, you will be instructed of any errors you have made but the scoring will be flexible.

SAVE YOUR PHOTOS! If you want to email them, feel free to do so:

Mkneebone@gmail.com

SMART PHONE USERS: Feel free to email photos as you take them to mkneebone@gmail.com so they are backed up!

As I said earlier, we are doing a custom plaque for this very special (if somewhat twisted) ride. You will first receive your paper certificate; please check it carefully. After you approve it, we will have your plaque made and send it to you. This beautiful memento will be a great reminder of your epic rally effort!

Have a great ride!!!

Mike