

IRONBUTT 2013

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Your mind is focused and you're ready to go
You know it's back to Pittsburgh, then Sacramento
All the points in between are a big unknown
That's only known to the King on the bonus points throne

You think to yourself, King Bonus, I'll go wherever you say
I will set my mind & GPS to find my way
Going through your head is which bonuses you should take
And will you make it to the checkpoint if you take a sleep break

And where oh where will the big bonuses be?
Alaska, Key West, Halifax, or the sizzling Mojave?
The t-shirt shows a train, a plane, and a car
Whatever those clues mean, the big bonuses will be extremely far

But there's no time to guess, no time to waste
We'll hand you the flash drive and watch you race
Straight to your rooms to set a strategic route
The least mileage for the most points is what you'll compute

But really, that's not all this Ironbutt's about
It's about extreme endurance and overcoming self doubt
It's about proving you have what it takes to do the impossible
And that's not at all boastful, it's simply factual

As you start on this rally keep this in mind
There are many ways a winner is defined
A winner is not only the one with the highest points
A winner is anyone who can endure the long ride
and push through their own low points

It's time to get out there and do your best
Prove to yourself that you can pass this grueling test
Earn that self pride and return back safe & sound
An Ironbutt finisher always knows they're part of the toughest elite around

Good luck to all..be safe, be smart, be an Ironbutt!

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