

# IBA JAX 2025 BB1500 Best of Florida



Ride materials provided to you include this Instructions Document, a set of waypoints files, and a Verification form for you to record info about you and details for each Stop (odo & time). Please print the Verification form, then fill in Stop details, either along the way, or when you return to the hotel. A filled-in form will expedite the Verification process.

This document identifies and describes all of the ride's required Stops. Included for each Stop is the following information: Stop #, name or title, street address or intersection, coordinates, *requirements in italics*, description, and an example photo.

To become a certified finisher of this ride, you must:

- start at one of the acceptable gas stations near the host hotel
- visit all Stops in numerical order (ascending or descending)
- meet the requirements of all Stops (photo, receipt, item, as specified)
- finish at one of the acceptable gas stations near the host hotel
- complete the final Stop's requirements before (36 hours = BB1500, 30 hours = BB Silver, 24 hours = Bun Burner Gold) since your ride start
- ride at least 1,500 miles start to finish, based on your odometer

Unless otherwise noted, Stops are available anytime, and times are in the local time zone.

While planning routes in BaseCamp or Google Maps, we occasionally find that it is difficult to determine the absolute “shortest” or “quickest” route to visit all the Stops. However, on this ride, you will find that the shortest and quickest routes yield nearly identical mileage and time. You may choose any route for your ride.

The quickest route is about 1,526 miles, and this is what your certificate will state. Choosing “quickest” in your routing preferences should come close to the example route depicted above. This example route is about 88.0% or 1,342 miles on Interstate highways, about 9.3% (142 miles) on toll roads, and about 2.7% (42 miles) on other roads. The “quickest” route will follow Florida’s wonderful toll road system for at least part of the ride, so using a Sun Pass or compatible device could be advantageous.

For an early morning start, considering sunrise and sunset, riding in the counter-clockwise direction could be advantageous. However you may choose to ride in either direction.

Do not start the ride until you have verified that this document includes all pages. Each page is numbered. This is your responsibility.

In an emergency, or for assistance during the ride, or to notify us that you will not complete the ride, please call: **Michael Kneebone 773-909-9219**

Good luck! Donna & Jim Fousek, Co-Rallymasters

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### **Acceptable gas stations in Jacksonville near the host hotel, for start & end receipts:**

- (1) Sunoco at 30.1860, -81.6287, 10550 San Jose Blvd (0.3 road miles north)
- (2) Speedway at 30.1933, -81.6239, 10141 San Jose Blvd, (0.8 road miles north)
- (3) Shell at 30.2044, -81.6168, 9551 San Jose Blvd, (1.7 road miles north)
- (4) GATE at 30.2051, -81.6176, 9540 San Jose Blvd, (1.7 road miles north)

### **Starting information:**

Near host hotel, Ramada Hotel and Conference Center  
3130 Hartley Rd, Jacksonville, Florida  
30.1824, -81.6273

### **Stop 1:** Official ride start

*Obtain a receipt from one of the acceptable gas stations near the host hotel. Take a photo of your starting receipt and odometer before you begin riding. Receipt info & odometer must be legible in the photo.*



There is no official group start. You may start your ride at a date and time of your choice, but you must start your ride at one of the acceptable gas stations near the host hotel. Your ride officially starts at the station receipt’s date and time, and at your odometer reading there.

## **Stop 2:** Florida Welcome Center

501 State Rd 8, I-10 East, Pensacola, Florida  
30.5438, -87.3509

[Previously featured in the 2023 “Snow Bird” BB1500]

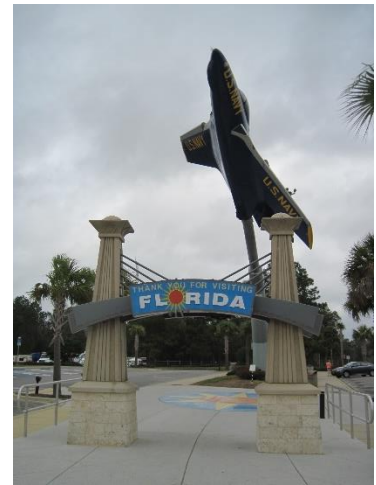
*Take a photo of the large jet “flying” overhead. If weather conditions do not permit this, get a photo of the base of the jet stand.*

On your trip as a snowbird in Florida your first stop is at the FL visitor center.

Do not forget to get a free cup of orange or grapefruit juice while you are there. You may also want to grab a free FL map and some tourist information brochures from the vast selection they have on hand. "The Official Florida Welcome Center (I-10) is more than a rest stop, it's a one-stop resource for planning your Florida vacation. Certified Florida Information Specialists are happy to assist you with your travel planning needs, from directions, to destinations, to up-to-date road conditions. Take a rest and relax in the air-conditioned lobby. They also have on-site covered picnic tables and outdoor space for you to stretch your legs. Security on-site nightly 8:00PM-6:00AM.

Please note, this visitor center is only accessible from the east bound lanes of I-10. You will be coming to it headed west. This means you must continue all the way to the next exit which is ~13 miles west of the travel center. Exit I-10, #53 and re-enter I-10 east bound. Ride the 13 miles back to the visitor center. Please do not be tempted to use the emergency turn-around or cross over as these are for emergency vehicles only. Not only is this frowned on by the local authorities but the ride to the exit and back is part of the BBG ride. You would only be cheating yourself and as all riders will probably be in this area at about the same time there is a good chance one of them will see you and I am sure we would have heard about it. Some Rally Masters may also position a ride staff member at the turn-around point and take a photo of every motorcycle that goes onto the expressway entrance ramp. If there is no photo of your MC passing this point, **“bonus denied”** . Not that we would do that ☺. Consider this good training if you plan to ride any competitive long distance riding events, as it is not uncommon for a rally master to make you ride past something only to U-turn and have to ride right by it again. These types of things help to build character. Just be glad this is not at the end of the ride when your will power is weaker and your desire to finish may increase the temptation.

**Do not let your GPS tempt you on secondary roads east. You will be short on mileage and time, as all those routes pass through small towns with many stoplights on slow roads.**



**Stop 3:** Burnt Store Isles

301 Monaco Dr, Punta Gorda, Florida  
26.8985, -82.0310

[Previously featured in the 2021 BB1500 “Anchors Aweigh”]

*Take a photo of the anchor in the median.*

Designed and constructed by William F. Richards.



Note There is plenty of parking in the Walgreens lot located very near the anchor --this is a private parking lot, please be respectful and/or make a purchase at the store.

**Stop 4:** Florida Health Department

11865 SW 26<sup>th</sup> St, Miami, Florida  
25.7478, -80.3865

[Previously featured in the 2023 “Snow Bird” BB1500]

*Take a photo of the Florida Health Department sign at this location.*



In the 2023 Snowbird ride we had you visit The Villages and there were stories about high rates of STD's. You may not have visited The Villages but with an over abundance of caution we are having you visit a public health department prior to returning to the IBA Pizza party There was a story that started in the early 2000's that the Villages had the highest VD rate in the county. We will let you do your own research to get to the real truth of this rumor.



### **Stop 5:** Surfer Girl statue

Located just east of City Hall across 2<sup>nd</sup> St N, in Latham Plaza  
City Hall address is 11 3<sup>rd</sup> St N, Jacksonville Beach, FL  
30.2899, -81.3906

[Previously featured in the 2019 “Life’s a Beach” BB1500 and  
SS1000]

*Take a photo of the Surfer Girl statue in the Plaza.*

Jacksonville Beach – frequent start or end of the IBA 50CC.



### **Stop 6:** Ending odometer

Complete your ride by obtaining a receipt from one of the acceptable gas stations (listed on page 2) near the host hotel. Using the same station as for the starting receipt may provide time stamp consistency. Check the receipt to ensure that it includes a Jacksonville location and the CORRECT time.

*Take a photo of your ending receipt and odometer at the end of your ride. Receipt info and odometer must be legible in the photo.*



### **Finish Check-In:** Ride Verification

Host hotel: Ramada Hotel and Conference Center  
3130 Hartley Rd, Jacksonville, Florida  
30.1824, -81.6273

We will verify your ride. Bring your photos (camera or phone) and any other related items required to document your ride. You do not need to print the photos; we will view them on the camera or phone display. Also bring your **filled-in** Verification form, which was included in the ride materials provided to you.

**At the event,** Verification is available:

Friday, March 7, 2025, 10:00AM-2:00PM

In the Verification room, to the right of the front desk, through the double doors.

**Otherwise,** an application for ride certification must be submitted to IBA in the usual manner.