

2016 EUREKA RIDE

A GSL-SRA Ride Report for June 4, 2016 by road captain, Carter Frazier



In a ride season that just hasn't been ride friendly, we were glad to finally get a successful ride on Saturday, June 4th.

As we all recall, our original option was to attend and participate in the MDA ride sponsored by Harley Davidson of Salt Lake. Well over a thousand bikes turn out every year for that event and we looked forward to the opportunity to introduce ourselves to other "SpYder" owners and perhaps pick up some new members to our young club. Unfortunately, the MDA ride event was changed to involve an over-night party in Wendover. For that reason, we voted at our meeting in early May to just stay on the Wasatch Front and ride the Eureka ride that was canceled due to snow in mid April.

Who would have guessed that we would have gone from rain, hail and cold wind three weeks ago to 90 plus degree weather in early June? It is obvious to all of us that rode to Eureka on Saturday that a high country ride option would have been a better option but that's ok. Other than extreme heat, it was a beautiful day to be out riding.

The riders coming in from Tooele and Davis County met at McDonalds in Bountiful in time to grab some coffee and get on the road at 10am. We rode south to the scheduled "launch" point for the ride

which was the Maverik C Store on the corner of Camp Williams Road and Redwood Road (14,4416 South Redwood).

We arrived at 10:45 to meet riders coming from other areas of the valley. By 11:15 we gave up and conceded that we were on our own. We held a pre-ride meeting, recorded our ride roster and launched the official ride at about 11:30. Ray volunteered to serve as my tail-gunner and did a great job. Leigh, KC and Pam dropped in. Other than a detour on Highway 68 for a Beet Digger's Event in Lee High, the ride went smooth at highway speeds. We arrived in Eureka at about 12:30 where we met Greg and Colleen. They took the back route from Tooele to Eureka!



Our next stop was the Miner's Café on the West end of town. The food as well as the service was great and I would definitely recommend the Café to anyone visiting Eureka. After lunch, we attempted to visit the Miners Museum. "Attempted" being the key word! On all previous rides to Eureka, the town was open for business and the local chamber of commerce was ready for visitors. Who would have guessed that they would be shut down on a sunny Saturday in early June? A sign prompted us to make an appointment with the mayor if I recall! *OK-THEN!* Unfortunately, the local chamber of commerce doesn't get the same high ratings that the Miner's Café got and we will likely opt for a different ride next year, but that's another story.

Taking things into our own hands, we had some fun, took a few pictures and met at our bikes for a ride plan to return home. Ray, Greg and Colleen opted to take the more direct route back to Tooele County while Pam, Leigh, KC and I back tracked to get home. Pam served as my tail-gunner on the return route and the ride went smooth. We stopped near Lee High to stretch under some shade trees at an Arctic Circle. The temperatures had reached 90 plus so the break was refreshing. I was back in Bountiful at about 4: pm.

