

Dragons Tails Continued 10

Cheryl comments matter-of-factly, "She's fine - she's making jokes!" I know nothing is broken, but I hurt like hell!!

Soon I am strapped onto a backboard, got a neckbrace on and am carted off in an ambulance. As they are closing the doors a first responder says to one of the EMT's "You're going to like her. She's a hoot!"

Once inside and on the road, more questions and a bit of conversation. He asks me to hold up a finger for him, for the pulse-ox. I playfully flip him the bird and ask if that one will do. He laughs and comments that I still have my sense of humor.

We get to the hospital and proceed to get CT scan, xrays etc. Four hours and some pain meds later we are on our way again. Rick's brother made the hour and a half drive and brought a trailer for the bike and came and got us. Pain meds soon kick in good and I am laying in the back seat of the truck, not feeling much pain and very tired.

We get home and I hit the hot tub, under careful supervision, of course. An hour in there and I feel pretty good. Off to bed.

The next day I am off visiting old friends in the area and doing some shopping. Feeling pretty good but the wreck flashes through my mind more often than I would like. I ask Rick to check the weather and if it's all clear, ask if we can go for a ride the following day. He says sure, and asks if I'm up for it. I know it will be a bit stressful but I also know if I don't get back on that horse soon, I may never do it.

Weather looks good the following day and we head out. Not going to far - about 15 miles to a Mom and Pop place for lunch. Yep, white knuckling it all the way for me. Rick knows these roads, he grew up here. I'm not so familiar with them anymore AND I can't see over his head to know what's coming. He's taking it easy and I try to relax and enjoy the ride. We eat, ride home again and I feel the initial fear has been erased. Pain? Hot tub sessions every day until I head back to WI seem to do the trick - no pain meds needed!

I count my blessings and look forward to riding the Dragon's Tail again another time. Next time I'm hoping the rubber stays on the pavement.



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