

Wisconsin , Upper Michigan & the Big Mac bridge trip

After the Southern Lakes Rally at Elkhorn, WI . We kept going north & camped at Hartman Creek St. Park, where the pine trees are TALL & beautiful. Next place was Porcupine Mt. St. Park where we had a lot right on Lake Superior & woke up to 39° in the morning. Mind you this was in June. Glad we had our little heater. There was a sign about the 'Lake in the Clouds', naturally this sounded interesting & the climb up all those steps was also. But there it was 500 feet above Lake Superior. Beautiful ! From here we headed east & there is no road that is not breath- taking for beauty. We went as far north as the road would allow to Copper Harbor. Now I could say I had been as far north as that place AND .. as far south as Padre Island Texas.

Tahquamenon Falls is worth the trip, however we did not stay at the St. Park that night . We wanted to get closer to the Bridge to cross that in the morning. From there we left the bikes parked in a lot to go to Mackinac Island where motor vehicles are not allowed. Nothing was disturbed for our all day trip to the Island. That was the way things were in Michigan then. I'll bet the same goes for now as I came from Michigan.

Our next stop would be to visit my husband's family in Alpena, & we followed the shore line south along Lake Huron. They were fascinated by our trip & looked at all our gear. My husband showed them how my tank bag had a map pocket on top & it would just snap on & off. Unfortunately , it didn't get snapped back on as tight as it should have & while we are riding south on US 27 it starts to flapping. No problem, we will find a place somewhere to pull off & correct that. About the same time that happened my mic bounced off the holder & was dragging on the ground.(I did not have a helmet mic at that time.) All this while we are riding in the center lane with heavy traffic. Did you ever have a bee stick in your helmet strap? Yes, that happened at the same time. I am working my way to the right side , must have been quite a sight to see. Clawing at my helmet, sparks coming from the mic on the pavement & not able to radio that I'm getting off.....My husband keeps right on southbound. I get my troubles corrected get back on the highway , & I see my husband headed north. Must have just missed me. This all happened somewhere between Bay City & Flint . I have had enough excitement on US 27 so I exit at 69 west bound , find a rest area & stop for a while thinking he would be coming along soon. While we were still in the U.P. I had bought some smoked white fish, one of my favorites & now was as good a time as any to eat that. My husband didn't come by so I took some back roads south to get to Hillsdale where we were staying with his mother. It was getting late & very hard for me to say ' I didn't know where my husband was '. He soon arrived & all ended well. Did I forget to mention Michigan is a state I know very well. I was a Rodeo girl there long before I was a motorcyclist. I don't panic or get lost. The next day we are headed back to Illinois & back to work both wearing raccoon eyes & suntans.

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