

**General Topics :: Anybody else a biker, too? Cruised the Blue Ridge Pkwy****Anybody else a biker, too? Cruised the Blue Ridge Pkwy - posted by mloaks, on: 2005/6/28 10:43**

Shalom,

Rode 1532 miles in 5 days. Visited my brother's murder site in Blair, TN.

Met a Preacher on a SilverWing Honda on Mt Mitchell in NC; his prayers were a help at a later singing gig re Thomas the doubting disciple!

10 best list re 2005 bike trip:

10. Best fried chicken, onion rings and string beans I ever ate in Jax, VA on the last day.
9. Got a bit sunburned on Mt Mitchell, NC, although we saw snow in a shady ditch on Mt Balsam earlier.
8. First ride in my life on a Harley big twin hog, and my turn was on the Low Rider with the windshield when it got chilly going up Mt Mitchell.
7. No sore butt from my Sabre after 1523 miles in 5 days! A fairing would be nice and my hands got sore, but no complaints considering my finances and her age. VA is a buggy state, TN the roughest roads.
6. Mostly friendly people the whole trip. Made up for the lame motels.
5. Fragrance of the fir trees and other flora above 5000' in the Smokies and the NC portions of the Blue Ridge Parkway.
4. We dodged all the rain that mattered. What great weather! Taking refuge from the big storm with my niece and nephew in TN was fun.
3. I was allowed to ride the Harley Davidson V-Rod for nearly 40 miles down from Mt Mitchell until I said goodbye to everyone and split off to head north; simply the finest vehicle of any type that I have ever driven.
2. No accidents or mishaps for me or my fellow travelers, and with all the miles covered, and all the folks who had not rode for awhile, and with all the challenging curves and new places, that is a blessing only surpassed by.
1. Being reunited with my dear old friends for one of the happiest times of my life. I will always be in their debt.

**Re: Anybody else a biker, too? Cruised the Blue Ridge Pkwy, on: 2005/6/28 11:02**

I'm not a biker, but you may have passed me on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Asheville, NC. I drive on a 5 mile portion of it every day between Rt 191 (on the French Broad River) over to Rt 25. I go up to Mount Mitchell a lot to go rock climbing, and my house is within 10 miles of Mount Pisgah... where you get a beautiful view of Cold Mountain.

I hope you enjoyed our little scenic part of the world!

Krispy

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**Re: - posted by mloaks, on: 2005/6/28 11:16**

I did.  
I think what I have seen of Appalachia in NC and VA is prettier than what I had growing up in Oak Ridge, TN.  
God put beauty everywhere, tho, so I am blessed.  
And His providence and mercy sustained me in NC, and it has everywhere; I just do not always accept it... :-x

**Re:, on: 2005/6/28 11:34**

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LOL

(Only people from around here will understand the inside humor...)

Krispy

**Oak Ridge - posted by mloaks, on: 2005/6/28 11:47**

:-P  
My youngest glows a bit, but he is from San Diego!  
Yeah, like a Simpson's fish...

When young, I used our town's involvement in Nuclear arms to help deceive myself when I fell away from the church, digging myself an even deeper hole to be Saved from!

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**Re: Oak Ridge, on: 2005/6/28 13:43**

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Not sure I'm for swearing oaths... but that sounds great.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2005/6/28 13:51**

My girlfriend and I went to Lake Lure this past Saturday just outside of Ashville, and we saw a lot of bikers at one point... perhaps some of them were you? Small world.

**Re:, on: 2005/6/28 13:57**

There is a biker bar/restaraunt there in Lake Lure right across the street from the beach front. Thats probably what you'r e talking about, KingJimmy? It's called Margaritaville Grill & Cantina. They have some great food there.

There used to be an incredible BBQ place a mile up the road from Lake Lure, in Chimney Rock called The Cajun Pig. Live bluegrass music, and the absolute best BBQ anywhere. You could even get BBQ lamb. Last year an arson burned the place to the ground. I hear they are gonna rebuild soon tho.

You from around here, KingJimmy?

Krispy

**Re:, on: 2005/6/28 13:58**

I just saw on your profile you're from the Charlotte area, correct? Huntersville?

I hope you went to Lake Lure on Saturday... the weather was miserable on Sunday.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2005/6/28 14:18**

Yes, my girlfriend and I noticed Margaritaville. We immediately thought of a friend of ours who is a big Jimmy Buffet fan. The Bikers didn't look like your typical black leather/chain type bikers, looked a little more sophisticated. But, being that the entire Lake Lure/Chimney Rock town is a giant tourist trap, that didn't come as too big a shocker.

The BBQ place sounds great. We ate at a BBQ place in Hickory called FireBonz, some pretty good stuff. My girlfriend and I went to Chimney Rock last November, but I'm not sure I recall that place. The only food place I distinctly recall from Chimney Rock was a fish-camp place I believe was named after your handle :)

Perhaps they will rebuild. I hope so. My girlfriend and I love that Chimney Rock area, it was where we first decided to start dating officially. We hope to get back up there one more time this year. I'd like to go on one of the dinner cruises they offer. When we were at Lake Lure this Saturday we thought it would be pretty cool should we get married one day that this would become a frequent vacation spot. I came across some nice little private log cabins on through the Lake Lure web site that looks like they'd make for a nice little honeymoon place.

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**Re:, on: 2005/6/28 15:59**

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My sister and her husband live not far from the Charlotte airport... just off of Billy Graham. She works in Gastonia, he works in Concord. Small world, eh? I've been thru Huntersville. I get to Charlotte for Panthers games at least twice a year, and we took in a Bobcats game too... they actually won that one!

Lake Lure... yea, it's upscale. You wont see Hell's Angels hanging out there. Most of those bikers were probably lawyers and doctors. LOL

We love LL... we rent a boat there once a year and spend a day on the water. In late August it's like bath water, man. It's great.

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Chimney Rock is a cool little town. Good ice cream joint right there on the main drag. The BBQ place was right across from it. I don't remember when it burned, sometime last year or so... probably before you went there in Nov. It was a HUGE log cabin looking place... you would not have missed it.

Krispy