June 23, 2021

Consort to Drumheller

Hi to ALL: Day three plus: My pocket full of inspiration now includes Daxton and with a very long day ahead it was a good thing to have his company.

Last night we went out and scoped the options and hwy. # 12 was recently repaired which means that whoever was paid to do the work, was paid by the pound or kilogram of material that they filled every crack with, as not only did they fill the crack (thank you) but they left a one inch hump designed to destroy the suspension on a vehicle or knock the teeth out of a cyclist. Unbelievable; how is that even possible? They need remedial work on road repair from the team up at Smoky Lake. Consequently, I chose a route directly South, # 886 and at 5 AM with a wind jacket and a vest on I started a zig zag through to Hwy 9 West all the way to Hanna and on towards Drumheller. This old road was really quite good and as I had it all to myself save for four or five vehicles, I could ride where it was the best surface.

I must have been lucky as although it was quite cool with dark overcast skies I didn't get rained on but Donna who left two hours behind me did.

Now little did I know that inside of the first 80 kms. we would meet up with the headless horseman (photo sent along) and just for entertainment 3 or 4 kms. of gravel. Road bikes don't do well on gravel LOL.

After Hanna as I was nearing Delia, Terri Huxley from the East Central Review happened along in her car and did an 'on the road' interview which was really enjoyable. She suggested that we go through her hometown of Delia and ride the Mother Mountain road and then head from Drumheller on the more quiet back road and that was the best thing about the ride today so thank you Terri.

I am remiss, we stoped and had ice cream in Delia which was a very good thing to do!

As it is going to rain most of the night and the sun doesn't show up until tomorrow afternoon supposedly, I am seriously contemplating heading out to ride thirty kms now so that I can meet up with Carol Callaghan and others at a reasonable time after my meeting tomorrow.

If you ride I think that you would love this area and I invite you to come down and check it out.

Len

Ride for Legends

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23 Cycling 168 kms in honour of ...



Daxton is a 5 1/2 year old warrior and was diagnosed in September 2019 with B-Cell Leukemia. Due to Daxton's complex treatment, he has spent months away from home.

Daxton's sister, Khloe, has been an incredible support for her brother, a reminder that a childhood cancer diagnosis impacts the entire family.

Here is Daxton with his Beaded Journey, one of the Society programs. He receives a bead each time he undergoes a



procedure or event like chemo, blood tests, scans, and even going to one of our events. Daxton's Beaded Journey is currently 40 feet long and continues to grow. A testimony to his strength and courage.







Ride for Legends

DAY 6: MONDAY, JUNE 28 Cycling 126 kms in memory of ...





Mackenzie was re-diagnosed with AML in 2017.

She enjoyed hanging out with her friends, eating sushi and watching scary movies. Her favourite TV series was Supernatural. She enjoyed Social Studies and art class. Her favourite colour was purple.

Mackenzie's passion was ballet and to help other kids. When Mackenzie grew up, she wanted to be an actress and also to travel the world to help people.

Mackenzie was a warrior who will be forever missed but never forgotten.







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