

Mississippi On My Behind Ride

The Fisher Report

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The ride started off with some rather dubious weather in the Northport -Coker with a big downpour. This didn't dampen the spirits of the hearty cyclist. There were about 15 riders. Some where of the faster shorter distance group and some others were of the medium good pace metric century variety. And then there were the long haulers. Those gallant men whose purpose is to show America and the greater Tuscaloosa area and surrounding counties, they have what it takes to go the distance. Hill. Grit, determination, stamina, tenacity and three extra bananas and a bottle of Advil. To have the ability to carry on conversation while being out of breath after a big hill.

The ride itself has more crooks and turns than a oak tree. DA hills, da hills, da hills and mo hills. Da dogs, Da dogs, Da dogs and mo dogs. Did I mention the hills. This ride is a good ride, plenty of rolling roads and the traffic wasn't to bad. We had to get on US 82 a couple of times. It wasn't too bad. We made stops in Ehcola , Gordo, Reform, and Mississippi and finally Coker.The weather turns out fine ,a mixture of sun and clouds, but very humid. The ride has a lot downhillling along with the hills. Did I mention the hills. Another reason this ride is good is Dave Casebeer. Stay behind this man and you will be fine. Pass him and he gets well, he doesn't like it.

This man knows the route very well and cares very much for the riders in the group. It you get in trouble, he is right to help .If you lag behind, he will double back and check on you .We rode and rode and rode and pedaled some. Did I mention the hills? We finally got back at 5 P.M. and all the sensible folks had gone home. All in all the 114 miles we did was long and challenging and flat wore my behind out. I tell you I would do again, just for the thrill of it and to say I did the MOMB.