

June 22,2021

Ride for the Legends: Brinlee, Emma and MacKenzie

Day Two plus:

Good evening All:

As you can see my pockets are filling up with inspiration. Today we added Brinlee and made some miles and met some wonderful people.

Knowing that we had a long day coming at us I was up at 4:15 AM after a rather shaky night featuring a few serious cramps, the kind that you stand up for a try to squeeze out between moans and prayers LOL. How do you spell "HYDRATE". I am my own worst enemy!

I had taken some time to pack most of the truck last night, so after a Jimmy Dean for breakfast I cleared out and got the bike ready and set out just after 05:00. Good thing I did as the temperature was perfect, the skies were clear and the wind was just starting to head into its 17 to 27 kmph forecast out of the West. Very little traffic as normal people are just getting into a deep sleep and those that were driving around were heading in their trucks for the Tim's in Lloydminster.

I can say that it was a mixed bag today for road conditions with beauty shoulders on 17 South for the first 10 kms., then I turned West on RR 619 West for 21 kms., which was chip seal but really decent then I turned South on 897 for 36 kms the first 10 of which were very good but then it was like I entered a third world county as I was dodging craters and especially on the way down to the Battle River as I had to stand on the bike so that I didn't get beat to death!! However it was really scenic and what a long down and up! If they ever repair or restore that section I would love to ride it again. Donna caught up with me just about at the top of the climb out of there with Tim's treats and I had a break. I have to say that things didn't get any better between there and Wainwright on Hwy 14 for road conditions and straight into the wind didn't help. Let's say that I had to call ahead to advise that I was going to be late arriving. Jack Gallager came out to find us on the bike but we had turned off the road for ten minutes for a pit stop and he missed us. He did catch up just before Wainwright on his Harley Davidson and led us to the Phoenix Gas Co-op downtown.

So arriving at the Phoenix shop was the highlight of the day for sure. Mark Hughes and his wife Denise along side Board Chair Aime Rajotte and Jack Gallager, Director GAI and FedGas. Gas were set up to welcome us into Wainwright. They had a table set up with food and drinks which Denise forced upon a shy Donna to take along with us, THANK YOU!! Mark took the time to invite Zach, from the Star Chronicle to take some photos and do an interview. Couldn't have enjoyed it more so thank you to all.

We then rode out, me on the bike and Donna in the truck and made our way South towards Consort as the wind spooled up and the heat came on to 30C.

We are now settled in at the hotel and I am looking forward to a decent meal and repacking the truck plus a 30 km ride if possible before I shut it down for a 04:30 start tomorrow as the wind is going to blow 18 to 39 N.W. before it increases as the day progresses and we are going S.W. Alternately so its going to be interesting. Have a good night.

Len

# Ride for Legends

**DAY 2: TUESDAY, JUNE 22**  
Cycling 191 kms in honour of ...

## Brinlee



Brinlee is 18 months old and was diagnosed with stage 4 Neuroblastoma on October 30, 2020 and is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

She loves playing peekaboo, giving high fives and cuddling with her big sisters and mom.

*"The Kids with Cancer Society has helped us in more ways that I can count making our journey bearable. I cannot express my gratitude for the Society, and I know it could not have been possible without public donations. Thank you to all the members turning our negative diagnosis into a beautiful experience." – Brinlee's Family*

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# Ride for the Legends: Day 2, County of Vermilion River (June 21, 2021)





# Ride for the Legends: Day 3, Phoenix Gas Co-op (June 22, 2021)

