

## Lloyd's 2016 Recap

Well, thanks to you and a band of loyal donors, we raised \$3002 for the fight against MS. Thanks so much for your contribution towards the effort.

I had to get up at about 4:30 Sunday morning to make the train into NYC for the 7:00 start for the ride. Was very glad it was not raining, but wished it was not so windy (more on wind later).

At Penn Station, I was approached by a three guys who were doing the ride, one of who had totally flat tires. Talk about planning for a ride. Lucky for him, I had a mini-pump and he had strong arms and we got him on his way.

I got to the start line for the ride and while waiting for my buddy for the ride (Alan Bernstein, the gent who got me back on a bike), was approached by another person whose seat was too high. Lucky for him, I had an Allen wrench that fit his seat post and he was able to lower the seat. Will admit to being a bit befuddled at the casualness some approach the ride.

Alan and I started the ride at the very front of the pack (with probably 5,000 or so people at our backs) and headed south down the West Side Highway, through the Battery Tunnel (with much hooting and hollering), up the FDR to the park at the northern tip of Manhattan. After a bathroom break, it was back on the bikes and back to the West Side Highway. And into a very stiff wind – riding into a 25 mph wind will sap your energy, even if it is only for 10 miles. We plugged along and made it back to the start, not too much worse for the wear. I had tickets for two free beers in the beer garden, but having been to an Oktoberfest the night before, and seeing how it was only 10:30 a.m., I passed the tickets to a woman standing in line for beer and hoped she enjoyed them.

We both collected a variety of swag for the ride, including a top fundraiser tee shirt (given to those who raise more than \$1000). I have been giving my tee shirt to my highest donor. That was again my sister Deb (yeah, Deb!), who said before the ride that she would pass on the shirt. Next up was my son Geoffrey, who may have been motivated to donate heavily by my discussions of it being cheaper than rent . . .

Our fundraising of \$3002 puts us at 81 on the fundraising list. Since many people continue to fund raise after the event (which I don't, but if anyone is motivated . . .), we will undoubtedly fall down the fundraiser list before they close it for the ride. Nevertheless, I greatly appreciated the support shown by everyone and the MS Society appreciates it even more. I plan on doing it again next year and hope you will join me again in the fundraising efforts.

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