



“ARMANDO VASQUEZ”

Years of experience:

I began riding motorcycles around 1974. My first bike was a RD 250 Yamaha, a street bike that became my work commuter between Antioch and Martinez. It was a 20 mile read each way. About 2 years later I upgraded to Honda CB 450, then upgraded again to a full dress CB750. By then I not only commuted to Martinez but also traveled daily to Richmond and Alameda for school.

Places traveled:

I took my first long trip around 1980, when I picked up my brother and we went to Happy Camp at the northern border of California and Oregon. About an 800 mile round trip.

Because of my work, I did not always have a chance to ride and my commute was only about 1.5 miles I sold the CB750. I did not begin to ride again until 2003, when I bought 1985 Goldwing to see if I still would enjoy riding. It turned out that I still found it fun and my wife enjoyed being my co-rider. Naturally my goal became to buy a new Goldwing. After going through some tough times in 2010 I saw this black 2008 Goldwing with all the Bells and whistles, including an airbag. I have been from California to Washington, to South Carolina to Texas, to Cincinnati, Ohio to Texas to California, to Washington, Madison Wisconsin to Texas to California to Washington to California and from to California and from Texas to California and back.

Funny Story:

There are no funny stories, but my best trip was to Wisconsin to Texas and back to Washington with my son. A true dream come true.