



I've been riding 35 years plus. I have owned 1996 Honda Aspencade 1200 (current bike), 1984 Honda Aspencade, 1983 Suzuki GS 1100 GL, 1985 Honda Magna 750, Kawasaki 440 LTD, 1978 Honda XL125, various dirt bikes and more.

Have ridden most of the United States. Took 2 "good-sized" trips this last year. One of them was 5580 miles in 13 days from Utopia, Texas. Trip included riding to Ozark Mountains in Missouri. Then over to Smokey Mountains and Blue Ridge Parkway. Then through Carolinas and down Atlantic coast to Key West, Florida. Then across Gulf coast back to Texas. Just in 2016, I rode through 25-30 States.

My favorites rides are: 1) Bear Tooth Pass outside of Red Lodge, Montana. 2)Spearfish Canyon Road in the Black Hills of South Dakota. 3) Hwy 16 over Little Big Horn Mountains (Buffalo to Ten Sleep, Wyoming). 4) Medicine Bow Peak with Lake Marie outside of Centennial, Wyoming. 5) Wind River Canyon (Wyoming) 6) Needles Highway in the Black Hills of South Dakota. I am blessed to ride these most every year.

Tips with and on the Bike: Ride as little interstate as possible. Generally, I look at maps ahead of time to find the most "scenic" rides. River Roads and Mountain Roads are my favorite.

On a ride from Las Vegas, Nevada to Utopia by way of Rapid City. South Dakota (only about 1500 miles out of the way). I planned a route to get me to Walden, Colorado to meet up with a friend from Laramie. After getting off the interstate and riding 2-lane state highway in Colorado, the road I was riding turned to gravel. Not just gravel, but "washboard" mountain road with switchbacks. I could have doubled back to the interstate, but that would have taken me at least 4 hours out of my way. I decided to "go for it". 29 miles later, I reached pavement again. I am no longer afraid of my friend Mike's mile-long rocky driveway that use to scare me.