



## TOUR ON 2: January 2012 eNewsletter



**Grand Canyon 2011 - We are going there 3 times in 2012 on 3 different tours in the Southwest. You have time to reserve your place on one of these tours and get your picture taken at the Grand Canyon!**

### Dear Riding Friends,

January in the Midwest has started out rather mild and I have had the opportunity to ride almost 500 miles this month. My goal is to ride 1000 miles this month but the snow that is falling right now will probably keep me from my goal. If you have been on our web site we are making changes and do not have everything for 2012 finished and loaded on our web site. If you are looking for something in particular and cannot find it send me an email or give me a call.

You can see from our schedule we will have our show booth at the Chicago Motorcycle Show in Tinley Park Illinois on January 3 and 4. Opie from the "Sons Of Arnachy" TV series will be at the show. If you come out to see Opie make sure you stop by our booth for a free DVD. Here is the link to their web site:

<http://www.chicagomotorcycleswap.com/index.php>

Advance tickets at a reduced price are available on their web site. Our booth space is 179 and is right behind the J&P Cycles Booth. This is a sold out show for vendors so I expect it to be a good turn out!

We are also going to be at the International Motorcycle Show at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont. Our booth number has not yet been assigned but will appear in the show directory. Advanced and reduced price tickets are available online at: <http://www.motorcycleshows.com/chicago> We will have our new brochure and free DVDs in our booth. Please stop by to pick up one or just stop by and say Hi!

We have taken a major step forward in our talks with HD. The issues we had with the contract appear to have been resolved and we are waiting to see the final contract. This will give us more exposure to the global market and will help us grow and be able to offer more and exciting motorcycle tours.

Have you tried to book airfare lately? The higher cost of fuel and new regulations on airlines has really reduced the number of flights and driven up the cost of a plane ticket. Because of this we are no longer going to include airfare in our fly and ride tours. All tours that include airfare will be reduced by \$400/person effective immediately and you will be responsible in booking your airfare. On our fly and ride tours we will provide you our flight itinerary if you wish to coordinate with us. We will also provide you a suggested arrival and departure times for all our tours so you can make your own airfare arrangements.



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### 2012 Schedule

**Chicago Motorcycle Show  
and Swap Meet  
Tinley Park Convention  
Center February 3-4**

**International Motorcycle  
Show - Rosemont -  
Donald E. Stephens  
Convention Center  
Feb. 10-12**

**AZ Bike Week 3/23-  
31**

**Az/LV/Utah 3/23 -  
4/3**

**LV/Utah/Az 4/25 -  
5/2**

**RT 66 5/11-27**

**Rocky Mts- National  
Parks Tour 6/1-16  
Great Lakes 7/6-21**

**Door County 7/27-29**

**Sturgis  
and Yellowstone NP  
8/2-19**

**Rocky Mts- National  
Parks Tour 9/7-23**

**Blue Ridge to New  
Orleans 10/5-15**

**Fall Colors 10/19-21**

**Self Guided  
Tours\***

**Pacific Coast Highway**

**Easy Rider Tour**

**Ozark Mountains**

**Texas Hill Country**

We are still trying to learn the tools associated with using Constant Contact for our newsletter. Let us know what you think and what you would like to see in the future? Finally, we have just completed and printed our new brochure. To receive a copy just [click here](#) and download a copy for yourself, stop by our booth or pick one up at a motorcycle shop in the Chicago area. If you would like a "bunch" of brochures send me an email with your address and I will mail them to you. Ride Safe!  
Pam and Bill



### Safe Riding Tip - Riding with the Leader of the Pack

I met TJ Hayes, author of, **Riding with the Leader of the Pack**, several years ago at the Biker Betterment Conference. I learned from TJ that his company did all the work for the The American Legion Riders ([www.legion.org/riders](http://www.legion.org/riders)) to organize the very large rides around the country. If you are not familiar with these rides they are typically multi week tours with thousands of riders. They created all the routes, route sheets, lodging and much more. What he did for the American Legion Riders is what we do at Tour On 2, Inc. but on a much larger scale. We discussed the problems with safe group riding with large groups. He told me that he had written a safe group riding book. He explained that he took a different approach to convey his message where he teaches safe group riding in a story with some very interesting characters. He sent me an autographed copy of the book and it was the kind of book that you cannot put down until you are finished. He has since written another book about the main character "Big Lou" that I have to buy. Many safe riding books are written in a very sterile and boring manner. Riding with the Leader of the Pack is anything but boring. [Click Here](#) for a short introduction to of the book, TJ Hayes, and where it can be purchased. I recommend his books for all riders to learn how to organize group rides and how to be more safe when riding as a group. It is not very often when you can be entertained and learn at the same time and this is what TJ has accomplished with his book; I know you will enjoy it very much.

TJ is still actively involved with the American Legion Riders and currently serves as Vice Chairman of The American Legion National Commanders Riders Advisory Committee. They are planning a great ride (Niagara Falls to Indy) with a riders expo in Indianapolis this August. The riders expo is intended to promote riding skills development and encourage life-long learning. The idea is to put a different twist on the traditional rally concept, to make skills development fun. It will all be part of The American Legion National Convention and they expect at least a thousand participants. For more information check out their web site.

### Ride of the Month

I tell our customers that our Las Vegas/Utah/Arizona Tour could be the best tour we offer. It is our second tour of the year and the scenery, roads and riding is unmatched. The dates for the tour this year Wednesday April 25 to May 2. We take advantage of the opportunity to have Mark Gall, Haulin Hogs Transport, to ship our bikes to Las Vegas. He will be transporting bikes there for the Laughlin River Run Rally which helps reduce the cost of transporting our bikes to and from Las Vegas. Those attending the rally will head south out of Las Vegas but we will head north and east into the Valley of Fire before heading into Utah.

\* self guided tours include, lodging, motorcycle rental, tour book, GPS files and more. Self guided tours can be booked on your schedule not ours!

### Featured Customers of the Month



" Dear Bill and Pam, Bobbie and I want to thank you for a Great Trip to Sturgis. You took care of all of the details so we could focus on the riding and the scenery. This was our third trip to Sturgis and it was by far the BEST. We saw sights we have not seen previously and had a sense of security traveling with you and Pam. We would highly recommend traveling with Bill and Pam, owners of Tour On 2, Inc.

Thank You! "  
Dennis and Bobbie

### Centramatic Wheel Balancer Update!

Several month ago I told you about Centramatic Wheel balancers for your Harley Davidson or Honda Goldwing. I can now tell now I have them on my 2009 HD Ultra Classic for over 5,000 miles and they truly work. Because of the success Centramatic has had, wheel balancers are being manufactured for other makes and models. Since I ride over 20,000 miles each year on my motorcycles, I will be installing Centramatic wheel balancers on all of my motorcycles. [Click here](#) to read a recent article about Centramatic motorcycle wheel balancers.

### Ride Song

Many of you have watched my 2009 Sturgis video on YouTube ([click here to watch video](#)) and have

Here are just a few of the sights we will see on this tour:

- Zion National Park
- Bryce Canyon National Park
- Capitol Reef National Park
- Grans Staircase - Escalante National Monument
- Grand Canyon National Park
- Natural Bridges National Monument
- Glen Canyon National Recreation Area
- Monument Valley
- 4-Corners Monument
- RT 66
- Hoover Dan and the New Bridge
- Las Vegas Strip

If you would would like to rent a motorcycle for this tour we can make those arrangements for you. [Click Here](#) to see our detail tour description and pricing. This tour is for riders that love beautiful scenery and challenging roads. We recommend this tour for experienced riders and passengers. There will be a support vehicle to carry luggage and passengers if necessary. We are already taking bookings for this tour. Space limited so reserve your place today.



### 10 Things My Motorcycle Has Taught Me - by - Barry Caraway [www.cyclerrides.com](http://www.cyclerrides.com)

Every couple of years I like to share with you the things I have learned about riding over the past few years and strive to not make those mistakes again. Here are my "Top 10" that come to mind that you might have experienced yourself, and will probably recall from this newsletter the next time they happen to you.

1. **Putting on rain gear.** If it looks like rain, smells like rain, and there is rain on the pavement, it is probably raining. It is now officially PAST time to put your rain gear on. Put rain gear on PRIOR to all of the obvious signs.

**Lesson:** Error to putting on rain gear too soon. It only takes a couple of times of getting drenched to learn this one.

2. **Learn that "E" on the gas gauge actually does mean empty.** It does not stand for "E-ternity of Gas". I sometimes tend to get those confused. Figuring out how far past the "E" you can ride is useful in the game to see how far you can go on a tank of gas. To win the game you are able to ride into the gas station and actually put more gas in the tank than it holds. Losing the game involves a call to AAA from the side of the road. My record is now 5.3 gallons in a 5 gallon tank. **Lesson:** Walk 3 miles for gas in 100 degrees and you won't make that mistake again.

3. **Estimating time to ride to destination.** Getting it through my head that 350 miles of riding through mountain passes and twisties is

asked me about the song and the artist singing. I was given permission to use the song by a friend from HS that wrote and produced the song. It wasn't until just recently that I learned the song's singer, Jan James, had performed at one of the dealer events during the Harley Davidson 100th anniversary. [Click here](#) to buy the song and a review of the song. Enjoy!

### Want to Ride With Me This Winter?

Want to ride a motorcycle this winter? I am working with MotoCaribe Motorcycle Tours in the Dominican Republic. The dates for the tour are 3/4-11 and includes everything but Alcohol and souvenirs. You will ride 650 VStorms over the island with a mixture beaches, mountain riding, paved (80%) and unpaved (20%) unpaved. With a climate similar to Hawaii it will be a great place to ride. Prices are reduced over regular rates; \$1975 single and \$1900 for a single. Passengers or riders in the support vehicle are \$1245 (s) or \$1195 (d). For more information give me a call or visit their web site at: [www.motocaribe.com](http://www.motocaribe.com). A good blog to watch is from a group that took this tour several years ago. [Click Here to watch](#) Join me on this tour; it will be a great time.

Bill



going to take considerably longer than 350 miles on a Montana freeway. One of my more famous quotes on a trip; "It is only 350 miles, we should be there by 3pm." I am reminded of this quote at 5pm by Mrs. C. when we are still 100 miles away.

**Lesson:** Learn it. Always OVER estimate how long it will take.

4. **Be sure bike is in neutral when starting.** After 35 plus years of riding, this one still tends to get me every once in a while. Nothing much worse than going to your bike at a bike night, thinking it is in neutral and pushing the start button to find out that you were wrong. However, it is quite entertaining for all of the people that saw you make this common rookie mistake. Pull in the clutch or make sure it is in neutral before pushing the start button.

**Lesson:** Don't be the subject of the jokes for the rest of the day.

5. **Confirm that the kickstand is secure before dismounting.** I had this happen in Ouray, CO. a few years ago. I put the kickstand down on the severely sloped main St. a little too straight up. The wind was blowing pretty good and when I got about 4 steps away from the bike I heard a big crash. It had blown over. Fortunately no serious damage to levers, etc. and I was able to ride it. **Lesson:** Make sure that bike is stable on kickstand.

6. **Directions.** No matter how much I like my GPS and no matter how many times it has saved me, road signs still trump the GPS. If you know you are supposed to be on I-70 West and the sign clearly says I-70 West, go with the sign. **Lesson:** Know what you know.

7. **Eating regularly.** I am the kind of guy that will eat a big breakfast and be good until we stop for dinner. My thought is that stopping to eat is "Burning Daylight". Not everyone shares my thoughts on this. Much easier on yourself to stop and get your spouse some food when she is ready for it. Generally the only source of real discussion on our trips. **Lesson:** Keep your wife well fed. Makes for a more enjoyable ride.

8. **Be aware of under dressing.** Realize that standing still in the sun with a short sleeve t-shirt on in 60 degree weather does not feel the same as riding 70 mph in the same temperature and attire. Over dressing will never be a problem for me. **Lesson:** Learn how to "Layer" properly. It is easier to deal with too many clothes on than it is to freeze for 100 miles. Error to over dressing.

9. **Make sure saddlebag lids are latched before riding.** Not only do you lose your personal belongings out of the bags, it can be perceived as an amateur move. It is very embarrassing when the guy in the minivan pulls up next to you and points to your saddlebag lid flapping in the breeze. **Lesson:** Can be very expensive if your leather jacket flies out.

10. **Stop taking off with kickstand down.** Rookie mistake #1. It is embarrassing to have someone point at your kickstand when you are riding to find that it is still down. It also makes left turns much more challenging. Page 12 in the riders manual advises against this activity. Never can figure out how I forget this. Usually stems from being distracted just as you take your bike off of the side stand. **Lesson:** Dangerous. Stop doing it.

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