



Rudy's BBQ - San Antonio Texas - Texas Hill Country Tour

Dear Friends,
I have said enough about 2010 in prior newsletter and we are looking forward to all the great rides we have planned for 2011. Before I start writing about 2011 I want to let everyone see our mission statement to know what we are about, how we run our operation and what you as a Tour On 2, Inc customer can expect when you ride with us.

Mission Statement:

To provide a safe and enjoyable motorcycle riding experience!

While our mission statement is short and to the point it really speaks volumes as to what Tour On 2, Inc. provides when you ride with us. Safety is our first priority. We begin all our rides with a safety presentation. We want everyone to understand how we are going to ride and the hand signals we are going to use. It also allows me to better understand the rider capabilities or limitations so I can make adjustments to ensure that everyone is comfortable in riding in our group. We limit our group size to 10-12 bikes to keep things manageable. Should we have more bikes we will break into two smaller groups and we will have lead and sweep riders for both groups. This year we will have a support vehicle on some of our rides that will carry the luggage we would carry on our bikes. While it makes our daily packing

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easier it also helps eliminate the additional weight on our motorcycles that can effect the handling of our motorcycles. Pam and I both are CPR and First Aid certified and all our support staff is too. I know it has kept some people from riding with us but our strict "no drinking" policy is there for everyone's safety. After we are through riding for the day you are welcome to indulge yourself with an adult beverage.

We pride ourselves on making your ride, one of the most enjoyable riding experiences of your life. We do this in several ways; 1) we keep our riding days to around 250 miles to limit fatigue, 2) we study maps, books and other resource materials to find the best roads to ride, 3) we ride to places that most only dream about or read about in magazines. and 4) we do everything practical to ensure that everyone has a great time. We will continue to create a ride video after each tour. I sent this year's video to my mother and father in Arkansas for them to watch. Mom's only comment was that how happy everyone looked. The smiles on people's faces are the same on day 1 as the last day of their tour except they are more tan and more relaxed looking. We do all the work so you can just relax, ride and have a good time. If you would like a copy of our 2010 ride videos please stop by our booth at any of the motorcycle shows and ask for one. If you cannot get to one of the shows send us an email with your address and we will send you one free of charge.

Our first ride is scheduled for March 25 in Arizona for Arizona Bike Week. This will be my 7th year making this trip and it is a great way to start the riding season. I am sure I will not be able to wait until late March and I will need to ride again the Texas Hill Country for additional tour research. I know 2011 is going to be a great riding year and I hope you take the opportunity to ride with us.

Finally, I will be looking for articles or riding tips written by our fans to include in our monthly newsletter. I also welcome any suggestions you may have for future newsletters. I cannot guarantee that they will get published but it would be worth a "Get Away For A Day" ride if I do use your article or suggestion. The prize would be a guided day ride that would include breakfast and lunch. We will start awarding the prize starting with our April Newsletter. Send your articles, ideas or suggestions to: touon2@aol.com

Ride Safe,
Ride Safe! Bill and Pam Gade



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February 5**

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February 11-13**

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**Arizona Bike Week -
March 25 - April 3***

**Texas Hill Country – April
10-17***

**Las Vegas/Utah – April
30- May 7***

**US RT 66 – May 14-28
(Starts in Chicago
and ends in Santa Monica,
Ca.)**

**Ladies Only Tour!
June 3-5 ****

**Great Lakes Tour – June
18-25**

**Illinois RT 66 Tour – July
2-4 ****

**Upper Mississippi River
Tour
July 8 – 10 ****

**Door County Wisconsin
July 15 – 17 ****

**71st Sturgis Rally August
5 – 13**

**Door County Wisconsin
August 26 – 28 ****

**Blue Ridge Parkway/Tail
of the Dragon
September 3 – 10**

**Ozark Mountain Tour –
September 18 - 25**

**Upper Mississippi River
Tour
September 30 – October 2

*** This is a Ship-Fly-Ride**

Safe Riding Tip - Riding In The Rain

If you ride a motorcycle you will eventually get wet! I can remember one ride with friends where a new rider completely "freaked out" when we got caught in the rain. Rain is something none of us like but if we have the right gear we can make it tolerable. The first half hour of rain is the most dangerous. Oils and road debris that is in the road washes up to the surface and make the road very slick. If it has not rained in several weeks you will see a foamy substance on the road surface which in my opinion is the signal to get off the road and take a break. A steady rain of 30-60 minutes should help wash this "stuff" off the road making it safer to ride.

If it looks like rain is inevitable find a safe spot off the road to put on your gear before the rain starts. I like to think putting on rain gear before it rains sometimes keeps it from raining but that is not always the case. Buy good rain gear that includes boot covers and gloves. If you want to save a little money buy rubber gloves from a store like Home Depot. Buy them large enough to fit over your leather riding gloves.

When it starts raining most riders have difficulty seeing because the rain on their glasses obscures their vision. I look over my windshield so rain on my glasses can be a real issue. Wear riding glasses or goggles that keep the water from getting on the inside of the lenses. You will also need to treat your lenses to keep them from fogging.

You will need to adjust your riding style in the rain. You will need to allow for longer stopping distance. If you are riding with a group increase your spacing between riders. Your 2 or 3 second spacing may now need to be 4 or 6 seconds. If you are riding on twisting road you will need ride less aggressively. The contact patch on our tires is reduced when turning and when the pavement is wet we need the most traction possible. Make sure your tires have proper tread depth per the manufacturer's recommendations. The guideline I follow for the tires on my motorcycles is to change my rear tire at ~10K miles and the front tire at ~20K miles. Tire replacement for your motorcycle may vary for your depending on the type of tire, size of the motorcycle, your riding style, and if you carry a passenger. If you have any doubts have your dealer check the tread depth and follow their recommendations.

Anti-lock braking system and traction control systems available now on some motorcycles really helps when wet pavement makes traction less than 100%. I have never rode a motorcycle with traction control but I have driven cars with traction control and it really helps in the operation of the vehicle when the pavement is slick. I am sure a motorcycle with traction control will be standard on many bikes in the future. I know a motorcycle with traction control will be in my future.

Lastly, the best way to deal with rain or bad weather is to avoid it whenever possible. Weeks before a tour I will begin watching the extended weather forecast and look for future weather projections that could affect our ride. As we get closer to our actual ride date, I will decide if I need to make changes to the route to avoid potential weather problems. On one 6-day I completely reversed the week's route to avoid projected bad weather. While this change in itinerary required me to change our hotel reservations and daily routes it was definitely the right thing to do. I will also look at weather radar the evening before and the morning of every ride. On more than one occasion I have adjusted a route for that day to avoid bad weather. I now have a smart phone that allows me to watch weather radar during the riding day. When necessary I try to plan my rest stops or lunch to avoid the rain.

If you are prepared for the rain with your clothing, eye protection, motorcycle, and have looked at weather forecast you will be fine should it start to rain on your ride!

Ride Safe!
Bill

**Tour and only requires 5
vacation days**

****3-Day Tours include
Meals and Lodging**

Featured Tour On 2, Customer



**Name: Roger B
From: Illinois**

Occupation: Insurance Agent

Comment: "I did the Arizona/Utah trip. I got to see places I had dreamed of seeing, Bill and Pam are great hosts, good company and lots of fun. I would not hesitate to tell friends to go on this trip. I may go again!"

Motorcycle Transport Service:

Interested in going to Daytona Bike Week in early March? Talk with Mark Gall at Haulin Hogs Transport about shipping your motorcycle to Daytona . Each year he offers some great rates on this and other events.

We use Haulin Hogs Transport for our Ship Fly and Ride tours. You can reach Mark at: 630-800-8337 or at his web site at:
www.

haulinhogstransport.com



If you are interested in going to Arizona Bike week in late March don't wait too long. The truck is already over half full!

Featured Ride - 3-Day Tour - Ladies Only! - June 1 2011

As you know there is a real push in the motorcycle industry to get more women riding. Many women rode before they had their children and are now getting back into riding. Many women are getting into riding because they no longer want to ride on the back of a motorcycle; they want to ride on their own! From talking and riding with women riders many feel intimidated when riding with large groups or riding with more experienced riders. Many just do not want to ride with men and prefer to ride with their girlfriends. If you fall into any of the above mentioned this tour was created for you.

This tour starts on Friday at 8:00 AM at a restaurant in the western suburbs of Chicago. Over breakfast we will get acquainted with the other riders in our group. After breakfast, we will have a briefing on the day's ride and on the safe riding practices we will be using during the weekend. We will specifically cover safe riding techniques and group riding hand signals. This should be completed before 9:00 AM so we can begin our weekend adventure.

After we leave the restaurant will head NW on some very nice rural Illinois roads. We will stop for a pit stop about an hour after breakfast. After our pit stop we will discuss the group riding practices and make any adjustments in the group if necessary. We want to ensure that everyone understands the group riding techniques and be comfortable using them.

We will ride another two hours and then stop for lunch. Lunch will be at one of my favorite places to stop, near Savanna. Lunch should take around an hour and will stop gas before we venture northward.

As in the morning we will stop in about an hour for a pit stop. We will continue north for a few hours before stopping for the night. Time permitting we will stop at a local Wisconsin winery before we reach our hotel. Sorry no sampling but you can buy a bottle to take with to the hotel. After everyone checks into the hotel and unload the bikes we will head to Spring Green for dinner. After we return to the hotel and the bikes are parked for the night you can relax with a dip in the pool, the hot tub or with a glass of wine.

Saturday will start out with breakfast at 8:00 AM, a safety briefing and an overview of the day's ride. KSU at 9:00 AM and we will head NW over some great West Central Wisconsin roads. Without our bikes loaded with luggage you can really enjoy the twisting rural roads. We will take our morning break near the Mississippi River.

After our break we will continue south to Prairie du Chien where we will take the bridge across the Mississippi River. We will follow the Mississippi River North to La Crosse, WI. We will eat lunch in La Crosse. After lunch will continue south along the River. We will take an afternoon "bio-break" in about an hour. We will continue SE back to the hotel in Spring Green. It will be a great riding day covering over 260 miles and 3 states (Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota).

Sunday will follow the same format as the prior two days with breakfast at 8:00 AM and KSU at 9:00 AM. Our first stop and break will be at a motorcycle-clothing outlet! Make sure you leave a little room in your saddlebags if you decide to shop. I have allocated an hour in the schedule for a pit stop, gas and shopping; I hope that is enough time. We will continue south into Northern Illinois where we will have lunch near the town of Lena. After lunch will continue SE to Byron for a break before the final leg of the trip. We will arrive back in the western suburbs of Chicago around 5:00 PM.

This is a great weekend's ride because of all the great roads we ride. For you newer riders don't be concerned about the difficulty of the ride. While there are twists and turns they are not difficult and we will take our time riding through them. This ride will be good practice for riding more difficult roads. This is a "Ladies Only Tour" and Pam will be your tour guide. I will be her chauffeur and I will wear my pink leathers for the weekend. As will all our tours space is very limited so please book early to save your spot.

Ladies Only! - Tour Photos



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