

January 2021 Client Corner: Check it off the Bucket List

Many of us have a bucket list, and on that list is a trip we dream of when we allow our minds to wander. It takes us to something or somewhere that we have always wanted to do. In the best of times pulling off your bucket list trip is a challenge. Planning and executing such a trip during a pandemic can seem to be downright impossible! Our friend and client Gary Tucker was not going to let the Corona Virus affect the trip that he had been planning pre pandemic where the travel spanned multiple states and many days to take place during the pandemic.

Riding motorcycles is a hobby that Gary and his family have done for a long time. Often times Carol will join Gary on rides, riding on the back of the motorcycle as they explored New England, the upper Midwest, and West coast, and an epic ride down the coast of Italy. Whether in the dirt or on the road, Gary has a bike to match the terrain. This trip would be on his BMW R1200 RT and cover more than 5,600 miles of the Northwest states over twenty days.

The planning for this trip was critical. Being on the road for this extended period of time could create many different scenarios that would need to be considered; delays due to weather, mechanical issues, closures due to the pandemic, and much more. Using Garmin mapping software Gary was able to plan the route, estimate daily ride time, and plan for each night's destination. Using Expedia, he was able to make reservations in each stop on the route.



Although touring by motorcycle is often a solo endeavor, it is good to have friends along for the ride. No matter the amount of planning, a trip of this magnitude can create its challenges. Having friends with you to help navigate possible challenges, and even better yet, to share in the epic memories, sounds like a much better time. The problem was, would anyone pull the trigger to join Gary on the trip of a lifetime?

Turns out he has friends that would do exactly that! Six different riders joined for parts of the trip, while Gary was the only rider to complete the full route up the coast of California, across Idaho to Wyoming, Montana, and nearly reaching the Canadian border. The sights, the sounds, and the feel of the twisty roads, all provided for a

“bucket list” trip they had envisioned but couldn’t imagine they would be able to pull off in 2020. We look forward to reading the full story that Gary is currently putting to paper. Not to mention the thousands of beautiful pictures he captured along the way.

“Our great country has an endless supply of God’s wonders. I encourage you to take that trip that you’ve been thinking if, and if you’ve never been to Yellowstone, add it to the list!” – Gary Tucker



We thank Gary for sharing his story with us and our hope is that we will all be able to plan our future “bucket list” adventures soon!

Happy New Year to you all and make it a wonderful 2021!

