

What to Bring and what to wear?

I find it easier to let you know what I typically bring instead of telling what you should bring. I recommend that everyone go to: www.accuweather.com the week prior to the trip to see what the weather trends are and look at the advanced weather projections. While most tours are conducted during the spring or summer but that does not rule out it being cold. So here we go:

- Helmet Nevada, Indiana and Michigan require helmets!
- Gloves (Heavy, Light, fingerless, glove liners)
- Rain Suit, Gloves and boot covers
- Chaps
- Leather Jacket (I wear a leather perforated jacket and wear an insulated liner under it when it is cool.)
- 1-Pair of Light weight long underwear
- Heavy Weight Polypropylene Long sleeve shirt
- 1-Long sleeve T-Shirt
- 2-Short Sleeve T-Shirts
- 2-Sleeveless Shirts
- Underwear
- Socks
- Bathing suit
- Flip Flop Shoes (for after the ride)
- Ball cap or fleece cap
- Riding Boots
- 1-Extra pair of Jeans
- Polar Fleece vest.
- Bandanas
- Toiletries as needed
- Sun Screen

Tools (my Tools and Rain gear fit in my left Saddlebag. You do not need to bring tools):

- Tools Kit
- Electrical Tape
- Flash light
- Leatherman Tool
- Cable Ties

- Set of Spark Plugs
- Quart of oil
- Funnel
- Air compressor
- Air Pump for Air Shocks
- Tire repair kit
- Tire "Fix a flat"
- First Aid Kit
- Cargo Net/Bungee Cords

My clothes fit in the right side saddle bag. When Pam rides with me, she has the tour pack and the bag on top of the tour pack. There will also be a first aid kit, Lap top computer and a handgun in one of these bags. All the tools and rain gear fit in the left saddle bag

The tendency is to pack too much. Pack different clothes that can be worn a layers when it gets cold. It will be cool most mornings, so you can remove layers as the temperatures rise. We will be stopping at motorcycle shops so leave room for souvenirs or additional clothing. When all our leather comes off and we do not have room in our luggage, I use the cargo net to stow our leather on top on the tour pack. Nevada is a helmet state so make sure you have a helmet to wear while we are there. Finally, make sure you bring your cameras (still and video) and plenty of memory cards.

As I mentioned before I strongly suggest that you monitor accuweather.com during the coming weeks to see the weather patterns. You can plan your packing around what the weather forecasts are. While this may sound like a lot of things to pack it really is not! Make sure you include a great attitude and be ready to have a good time.