

GOD'S HIGHWAY



Randal & Lisa Tebeau

My wife and I just returned from a 5800 mile, three week trip on the bike. We traveled from Georgia to the state of Washington and back with many other states thrown in between. We

covered all kinds of terrain from thick green forests, gorgeous farm land, dry dusty plains, hot deserts, wide open ranges and majestic mountains. Just a couple of observations; One, I am convinced that Illinois is just one big field full of corn and soybeans and Two, road construction is a major producer of jobs for many parts of the country.

We have traveled out west several times and know that there can be all kinds of weather variables. It can be hot, cold, raining, dry, humid, stormy, windy, snowing, and pretty much anything else that you can think of in the weather category. With all of this in mind our plans were made and we packed as much as we

could to cover all the bases. On this trip we were actually looking forward to the cooler weather that you typically find in the areas where we would be traveling. Well wouldn't you know it, this past July was one of the hottest on record in almost all the places we passed through. So, no cooler weather this time!

We made sure we drank plenty of fluids while riding to stay hydrated and keep us from becoming like one of those dried carcasses on the side of the road. I believe one of the greatest inventions ever made which allow you to do this are the CamelBak hydration packs that you see on the backs of hikers and bicyclists. Yep, just fill that baby up with ice and water or Gatorade if you prefer, strap it on and you can now ride safely and drink to your hearts content, just remember to refill at each gas stop. We also wear protective gear that covers your entire body and each time I have a new appreciation for my Grandfather's advice of staying covered on a hot sunny day. When you really think about it, you are in the shade and the wind flowing (as long as you are moving) over the perspiration trapped in your clothing helps keep you cooler. While there is only so much you can do on a bike in 100+ temps following these simple plans made it much better than if we had not planned at all.

There are many riders who just go

with the flow and don't make a lot of plans and I can appreciate those trips where you just take off and go, but there is a lot of wisdom in the old scout motto which says "Be Prepared" especially when it comes to taking a big trip. Even if you never get it completely right because of the surprises which are sure to come, being prepared for a big trip is much better than just winging it in most instances. The same is true in this thing called life.

While making plans for this life is important even with the uncertainty of the outcome, the most important plans you can make are for your eternal life. One day, you will pass away from this earth and slip into eternity. Have you made your plans for the big trip? The good news is that you can be prepared and you can be certain of the outcome. The choice is between Heaven and Hell; the deal is that you must make that decision while you are still alive here on earth. You can prepare and receive Heaven by asking Jesus into your life today. If you don't chose Jesus you will get hell. Are you prepared for the Big Trip?

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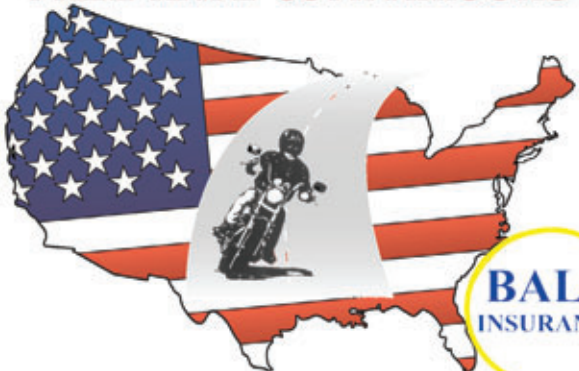
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Ducati is recalling certain model year 2011 Diavel motorcycles manufactured from May 18, 2010, through June 13, 2011. The side stand was manufactured with insufficient material in the pivot area. This could result in the possible bending and breakage of the side stand in the pivot area allowing the motorcycle to fall over possibly resulting in injury to the rider or others near the motorcycle. Ducati will notify owners, and authorized dealers will replace the side stand and pivot bolt free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during August 2011. Owners may contact Ducati at 1-800-231-6696 or go to their website at www.ducati.com.

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's vehicle safety hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>