



### ABC's TOURING AMEA 2013

The words live to ride describes the enigma of 62 year old Corrie Van Rensburg residing in Pretoria, South Africa who won the 2013 ABC's Touring Challenge.

Corrie's love of riding the open roads comes a long way since 1970. Whilst visiting in Orlando in 2009 he for the first time ever laid eyes on a Harley Davidson at the Dealership in Lakeland FL. Test drove the Ultra Classic Electra Glide and it was a done deal and after travelling 32 states the cycle was packed and shipped to South Africa. From there, on frequent family visits in the U.S.A., is a golden opportunity to dust off his second Harley a Street Glide and take to the open road.

Interestingly Corrie has completed the 49 states twice on his own prior to realising that there is an annual challenge, once he entered re- travelling the routes became more of an adventure. Meeting fellow H.O.G. members, sometimes joining up with travelling groups, and forming friendships along the ride.

As the ABC's of Touring include a multitude of states, towns and cities Corrie cited that he most loved riding in Canada keeping in mind that the awesome routes and sceneries are not confined to one area but each and every stretch of your journey have the most unique and unforgettable places. Linger longer at some stops is not uncommon, you just feel peaceful and at home and can easily delay continuing on route for a couple of days as long as you keep in mind that you make it to Sturgis or Laconia that is the only fire under your seat to get you going again. Of course the opportunity was taken as part of the touring challenge to visit Harley Davidson Motor company facilities; to visit the factory in York, PA where his trusted Electra Glide had been built was truly a memorable moment.

When asked if Corrie experienced any difficulties on tour he smiled shyly and quoted "Rain, lots of rain at times two to three days on end, and that would be the time when you book into a hotel. On the lighter side - Bear spray something you have to carry with you all the time at Yellow Stone National Park, there's lots of bears, you see quite a few but luckily I haven't met any up close as yet. I love to camp, kitted with my little tent, bare necessities and tin food there is no need to book into hotels if you have all this beauty around. I have met fellow travellers and showed them how to really live outdoors instead of behind brick walls, this of course was a total new experience for them adding an exciting thrill to their journey. The most memorable moment would be sitting under the never setting sun, passed the Arctic Circle at 2:00 in the morning, light enveloping you and realising that you should go to sleep as its night time".

A next time round? Sure, Corrie travelled Western Canada up to Winnipeg and as a new challenge would want to tackle the Eastern Provinces, including Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. When it comes to planning there is absolutly

none, no months of pre booking places to stay, no stressing to get to the next point, not even a watch to tell the time. Therefore it is living and loving it, you take the day as it comes and that is what it is all about. People do not realise how much they miss out on enjoying these moments without modern clutter around.

His accumulation of 181 points to be appointed the winner brought him to the big question as to what would be done with the €500.00 prize money received. Naturally the best way to make use of the funds would be to sponsor the fee towards Life Membership, a rocker that will be worthwhile having and proudly worn.

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