

## Tink's Epic Journey, Entry 2

Dear Diary,

For the planning stages of this trip, we've gathered information from many sources. I went to the Triple A and to the American Motorcyclist Association web site, which I found many tips for traveling and lists of things to consider bringing. I also have a book from Harley Davidson that lists their dealerships on a map. Gee Diary, I wonder why they do that? ☺ I have contacted Rider Insurance and they are sending me an insurance card that lets the Canadian Officials know that yes indeed I am insured in Canada. Scarlet thought of that one! I also found out that if you have any DWI or similar driving trouble you are likely to have difficulty at the border. Just so we are clear...I have a clean record! Also, I would be stuck in my yard without Google Maps and Google Earth. Cool tools! I found the perfect travel bag from Twisted Throttle and a wonderful smaller bag for sundries from the local Harley Dealership. Scarlett liked it so much she got herself one even though it has Harley written all over it.



As you know Diary, I am a seasoned camper and fisherman and my Dad always taught me I had to carry what I packed...so I packed light. Undies, one pair of jeans, one dress, one bra, an electric jacket, about 8 tops, 2 skorts, ( hey, I am 50 remember) sneakers, sandals, tools, extra gloves, couple of fuses, camera...extra eye wear, toiletries, travel guitar, tin whistle and a flat iron. I will be wearing my swim suit and padded bicycle shorts under my mesh gear most days and carry my money, passport, registration and insurance, license, extra bike key, knife and phone in a hip bag. A Tinkerbell water bottle, trail mix and a Tom-Tom GPS round everything out. I have not listed everything...but everything weighs about 50 pounds I am guessing. Not too much, but just enough so that if I get to the top of a big hill with a stop sign and a right hand turn into a traffic flow...well, just enough to require help getting her back up on her stand. LOL! Ahhhhh...there shouldn't be too many of those though, I hope!!

We are also planning on meeting up with a couple of women from our national women's riding association, Sisters in Spirit. That will be so great to meet friendly women riders along our way and share our journey. We look forward to meeting new people no matter where we are and hope to promote safe, fun riding and be proud ambassadors for women in motorcycling.

Oh Diary...I am a blessed woman! I am blessed by three wonderful children, awesome non-riding friends, equally wonderful riding buddies, a super riding friend and companion for this Epic, but most of all, blessed with the greatest best friend and love a woman could ever hope to have in my husband, David. Thanks for letting me have an Epic Journey with you these last twenty years and for giving me the opportunity to ride this new Epic Journey for myself.

Ok Diary...until next time on the road!

Tink