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THE BLANK'S CHRISTMAS MIRACLE THAT CHANGED THEIR RIDE

By Jon & Mary Blank, Minnesota



Did you ever make a crazy, impetuous, spur-of-the-moment decision? How did it turn out?

Our spur-of-the-moment moment came last Christmastime. Mary and I had finally retired and we needed to look forward to our new-found freedom. We spontaneously decided to fulfill a long held dream and see the USA from the seats of our spanking new 2016 Indian roadster trike.

We divided the country up into quadrants and decided to start with the Western states in the summer. We'd leave our cozy Minnesota home to ride through that beautiful and varied part of the country for a month.

In the following days we excitedly made our dream gain substance by starting to make firm plans to do it. We poured over road maps and seasonal weather maps and began to make lists of what we'd need for our trip.

One possible deal killer haunted us big time - summer riding through the Southwestern region we were mapping out would be daunting. Discouragingly high temperatures and possible heavy rains gave us strong second thoughts about the practical nature of our plan. Death Valley was one of our planned destinations and the name alone lost its romance to the reality of its name.

I've owned several Harleys and others over the years, but this was my first Indian. I quickly learned that this trike was every bit as hot as any Harley.

We knew we couldn't change the ambient temperature, but we'd heard a lot of great things about Love Jugs, the motorcycle cooling fans, from many friends who had successfully installed them on their Harleys. If we could eliminate the excess engine heat that our Indian generated we'd need those Jugs as a vital and essential component of our trip.

We contacted Steve of Hammerhead Engineering, the company that makes Love Jugs. To our disappointment we were told that the air cooling fans were only available for Harley-Davidson motorcycles. The good news, Steve told us, was that Hammerhead was developing a product for our Indian. Although it would take many months, we put our faith in the rave reviews from our buddies as well as the facts and figures on the information packed www.love-jugs.com web site. Therefore we became the first to order this new product and waited for delivery.

FLASH FORWARD

On July 23, 2016 Mary and I headed out on our black Indian Road Master trike with its trailer weighted heavily for our long journey that would take us through much of the Western United States. Starting in Minnesota, we headed out to Rapid City, SD and from there on to Cody WY. We knew it would soon be hot throughout the balance of our travels so we were hopeful that having the Love Jugs on our trike would greatly increase its performance. As it turned out, we would not be disappointed.

Once we had climbed over the Big Horn Mountains and were heading into Cody, the temperature hit a toasty 101 degrees. This was our first taste of the heat we would “enjoy” for the duration of our trip. The Love Jugs were quietly humming right along keeping our engine and its oil cool and us more comfortable. Mary was getting impressed and, as you know, a happy wife makes a happy life.

Our travels continued throughout Wyoming, then across Idaho and Oregon to the Pacific coast. The scenery was breathtaking as we moved along the coast highway down into northern California. Temperatures cooled slightly as we made our way through the giant Redwoods! Then it was on to Central California. As we neared Redding, CA the heat topped out at 108 degrees, but the Love Jugs continued to keep us and our trike engine cool. M a r y a n d I were both becoming more and more convinced that our Love Jugs were a brilliant investment.

As we moved on in our adventure through Central California and Sequoia National Park the roads and heat continued to test us and our machine. We were on switchbacks at a maximum speed on 5-10 MPH for miles. If that wasn't enough, we made the trek across Death Valley. At 9:00 a.m. it was 109 degrees and by the time we left that park the temperature had reached 115! The temperature cooled to a mere 110 degrees by the time we ventured into Las Vegas. Our trike continued to purr like a kitten. Throughout our entire trip the strong air stream that the fans aimed at our cylinders definitely made an incredible difference from what our trip would have been like without them.

From Las Vegas we continued through Southern Utah visiting several more National Parks. The oppressive heat continued but it still was no match for our Indian Road Master Trike outfitted with Love Jugs.

OUR TRIP'S CONCLUSION - AND OUR CONCLUSIONS

Our four-week tour of the western states finally came to an end as we returned home to Minnesota. It is our conviction that having the Love Jugs on our Indian Road Master trike was a major factor in alleviating any overheating issues given the extreme temperatures we faced. The cost of the Love Jugs was a small investment to insure safe, cool traveling.

This is our story. We have not been paid for it. We didn't set out to be ginny-pigs. We are just happy to have this opportunity to pass our personal experience on to you, our riding brothers and sisters, so you can know that Love Jugs is the undisputed answer to your hot Harley or Indian. Actually, without planning for it, we ended up being serious field testers. After all, we rode 7000 miles through burning sun and hard rain; serious mountains and scorching desert; long stretches of highway and long delays in city traffic. All the while our Love Jugs kept our engine cool and performed flawlessly.

Our ride was infinitely more comfortable, we didn't need to pull up one single time because of the engine heat. Mary can't stop telling our friends and anyone who will listen about how her Love Jugs saved her enjoyment of our trip. Because the excess heat was eliminated, our engine ran more powerfully, even pulling our heavy load over mountains and across deserts. Engine ping was non-existent. Oil temps remained cool and I can't even estimate the wear and tear that our Love Jugs saved on our engine.

Believe me now or believe me later - Love Jugs are the best gift I ever gave any of my motorcycles over the years.



1) Death Valley CA



2) Yellowstone National Park WY



3) entering Death Valley



4) Great Salt Lake UT



5) Yosemite National Park CA



10) Arches National Park UT



6) Yosemite National Park CA



7) Monument Valley UT (photo is backward)



11) Big Horn Mountains WY



8) Las Vegas NV



9) Great Salt Lake UT



12) Las Vegas NV



13) Moab UT



14) Moab UT



15) Death Valley CA



16) Monument Valley UT

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