

The Sprinter

In late 2007 we purchased a nearly new '06 Pleasureway conversion of a Sprinter van sight unseen. We flew to St. Louis, wrote a check, and headed home. A stop at a Wal-Mart in Illinois to buy the camping necessities and we were on our way. Ours is a 20th Anniversary Edition badged as a Mercedes-Benz by the previous owner. It's got the original five cylinder turbo which provides excellent performance and over 20 mpg on diesel fuel. In 2010 we spent six weeks on the road covering 9500 miles as we traveled to the northwest and back. Since then we have accumulated over 50,000 enjoyable miles, most while towing a trailer with one or two bikes aboard. As we get older we're finding this is the best way to enjoy the good riding/scenic places without dealing with the boring, often hot, sometimes wet, "getting there".



Yes, that's Devil's Tower , WY in the background, made famous in the Encounters of the Third Kind movie. The bike is our old MZ Baghira (a terrific and underappreciated motorcycle) on the Baxley trailer which has served us well for over a decade.



Here's the Sprinter and our then newly acquired 2013 Moto Guzzi V7 Special. We bought the bike in Newport News, VA and spent a few days camped in a nearby state park while commuting to the various local historic parks on the Guzzi.

November 2014 update: After seven enjoyable years and trips ranging as far as Maine and Alaska, we have sold the Sprinter. Our friends and fellow MSTAs the Wells have taken it back to Texas. I hope they get as much enjoyment from it as we did.