

Member Spotlight

Ken & Connie Jordan

The story of Kenny and Connie began the summer of 1962 when Kenny was 15 and I was 14. A friend invited Kenny to my house to meet me. From the beginning, I knew he was mine. Kenny would come to see me on his Allstate motor scooter and I always knew when he was coming. It was louder than a Harley and I could hear him a mile away.

When Kenny turned 16 and was old enough to get his driver's license, he bought a 1955 BSA 500. This is what we used for dates until he could afford a car. This was just the first of several motorcycles he had. He would let me drive his bikes, but he always had to ride along as a passenger because my legs couldn't reach the ground and his did.

We went through high school together, graduated and Kenny began working for the Southern Pacific Railroad in August 1965. After completing basic training at Fort Polk, LA, we were married in April 1966. Two and a half years later, we started our family. We had two daughters and when they began wanting to ride the motorcycle, we decided it best to get rid of the bike. They're married and have terrific husbands and have blessed us with five healthy grandchildren -- 4 boys and 1 girl.

Kenny retired from the Union Pacific Railroad in 2004 after 39 years of service (Southern Pacific had been bought out by the UP). To occupy his time, he became more involved in archery. He's been the champion in his class at several tournaments and has won so many trophies and plaques, we ran out of room on walls, etc. to display them. We have recently boxed the majority of these awards.

In December 2004, Kenny brought home "our" brand new 2005 Gold Wing 1800 which almost caused a divorce. You see, I almost lost Kenny in 2002 because of health problems and I was scared to death a motorcycle would be the end of him. I swore to him that if I ever had the chance, I'd run over the bike with my car. Needless to say, he kept it locked in the garage, out of my way. We didn't ride two-up until several months later. As it turned out, the Gold Wing was somewhat of a blessing. He had something to keep him busy while I was still working a 40 hour plus week as the Workman's Compensation Manager for CCC Group, Inc. We've since ridden together for many miles -- 50,000 plus with no accidents-- and plan to continue doing so.

We joined GWRRA and Chapter U in 2006 and truly enjoy the many new friends we've made. We look forward to the group rides and meetings. We're always amazed at how friendly bikers are whether they know you or not, anywhere you go.

I recently retired in February 2008 after working for CCC Group for 24 years and now we'll have more time to ride together. Everyone asks if we'll travel more now and the answer is: We hope to. We've never been to the northeastern area of the U.S. and are making plans to see Niagara Falls this year.

One more thing-- Since December 2006, a 2007 Honda Shadow 750 sits next to the Gold Wing in our garage. This is my bike (which I let Kenny keep clean). GO FIGURE!

Safe riding everyone.

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