

Member Spotlight

Brent and Sue Lyon

My story starts in California. I grew up in San Jose, where I started riding when I was in my early teen. I got a street license when I was 15 ½ and was riding a 100cc enduro. My father had always ridden motorcycles, so I guess it was in my blood. The earliest bike I remember was a BSA. My bikes started getting bigger, Honda 350, Yamaha 500, and my first touring bike was a Yamaha XS Eleven that I rode in college.

I enlisted in the Air Force after high school. I did some night classes, but got off active duty early to attend college and get my commission. I went to pilot training and off to northern Maine for my first assignment flying KC-135 in-flight refueling. I did ride much in my early flying career, too busy, and too far north for a California boy. When I got assigned down to Altus, Oklahoma, I figured it was warm enough to start riding again, so I started looking for a bike. My Dad had moved on to Gold Wings in the late 70's and his second one, a 1986 was for sale. We worked a deal and I got my first Wing. I didn't do much recreational riding, just back and forth to work. My wife, Sue, was not interested in riding what we referred to as the Old Wing. It was reliable, but not real pretty.

I finished my Air Force career and moved on to hauling freight for FedEx. I decided it was time to get a newer bike. I got an '08 last summer, and I am really starting to enjoy some recreational riding.

Susan was born and raised in the Toronto, Ontario. She worked in banking including collections for Master Card (luckily she didn't know me before we met). She put herself through nursing school and was unable to get employment in Canada. She wanted to move to a small town someplace warm. She ended up in Del Rio, TX. That's where we met and married. We moved to New Braunfels in 2000 and have enjoyed it ever since. We will be joining you on more rides as time permits.

