





Mark and I own three bikes between us: Rose, Val and Lilly. Our 2003 Honda Shadow Spirit (we call her Rose) was a first bike for both Mark and me. Mark rode a motorcycle in his twenties, but then stopped and didn't pick it up again until March 2006. That's when he bought Rose. I purchased Rose from Mark in July 2006 when he upgraded to a 1998 Honda Valkyrie. Since I bought Rose, I had to get my M1 license! Rose is a sweet ride, but by June 2007 I wanted something with a little more power. Mark scouted around and found a red and white 1997 Valkyrie in Redding CA so off we went to purchase her. I rode her home through the mountains and Yosemite National Park: an awesome ride! It was rounding one of those mountain cliffs on that massive bike that I said, "Whoa Lilly..." and thus the name stuck. My Valkyrie is Lilly and Mark's bike is Val.

Last summer (July-August 2008) Mark and I took a 16-day vacation and rode 3,300 miles from Riverside CA through Las Vegas, Flaming Gorge in Manila Utah, Mt. Rushmore and Sturgis, South Dakota and on to Yellowstone National Park (Wyoming/Idaho/Montana) and then back home through Las Vegas. While I ended up riding chase in my 2005 Toyota Tacoma truck (recovering from a hip injury at the time), Mark enjoyed riding Val the entire route. I enjoyed the trip just the same and was able to ride 2-up on occasion. Since my hip is now recovered, I'm looking forward to a long ride!



Our Valkyries: 1998 Blue and Cream Valkyrie pulling the trailer is Mark's. We rode 2-up to pick-up Lilly, my 1997 Red and White Valkyrie, from Redding CA. Lilly is photographed here in Yosemite National Park.