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**Subject:** Re: Ride to South America  
**Date:** March 16, 2015 at 8:13 AM  
**To:** Carlos Nagel cnagel6@cox.net

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Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device  
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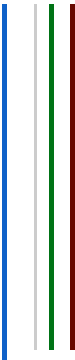
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Hi Brian, thanks for the reply.

Here is a shipping/forwarder to consider. Contact name is Gaston. You may get in touch with him and reference my name as I have already contacted him a couple of times.

<http://advrider.com/forums/showthread.php?t=741582>

So far, if it wasn't for my wife's nagging I would absolutely have no problem riding through central America and meet with the rest of the Riders in Cartagena... I'm still working on her!

For consideration: Please remember that we have a house in Cochabamba, Bolivia that we could use as a staging place. If someone needs to head back home to the USA, once in Machu Pichu, we could ride the Titicaca Lake shore's, pass La Paz, and down the Andes to Cochabamba. We could stay there for as long as we want/need, store and repair the bikes, etc... thereafter we could reconvene and continue the journey.

SAFETY should be our first priority, lets not consider this a Dakar race. I'm with you, I'm planning to soak-up the local culture, the food, the sightseeing throughout every leg of the journey as this will be the lifetime trip for me.

Other: Have any of you watch the movie "the motorcycle diaries"? (<http://www.rogerebert.com/reviews/the-motorcycle-diaries-2004>)... have you heard of Che Guevara? if you haven't, you may want to watch it as we will be riding many of the roads these folks did. I met Che Guevara by pure coincidence during the mardy grass festivity in 1967, in Oruro, Bolivia..... details later! .... also, Che Guevara was killed in a school house in Higueras, Bolivia... very close to the farm where my wife Gina used to live at.

Enjoy your Holidays. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year..!

On Dec 11, 2014, at 1:34 PM, Brian Kunzelmann <[bpkunzelmann@gmail.com](mailto:bpkunzelmann@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hey all,

First, I want to say thank you to Carlos for spearheading this trip. Also, thank you to Brian for inviting us to all meet in NY.

I am retired like Carlos will be soon. I would love to ride through Central America to see some of the amazing historical and cultural things places there. But, I understand some of the constraints we have for time and it may be that Central America is something we do as a separate trip at another time.

Does someone have a preference where to ship from? NY? FL

I just sent an e-mail to MSC shipping who has offices in Cartagena to see if they have any advice about container shipping motorcycles and which US port would be best to ship from.

I have time as I am retired so I look forward to exploring as much as possible and not just rocketing through. I am good with a Departure date anytime that provides us with the greatest opportunity to have the driest weather. I ride a 2008 BMW R 1200 GSA. I got it last year in Feb with 46K on it. I now have 131K on it having traveled extensively around the US some through Canada and Alaska.

I have done a good bit of tent camping and am comfortable camping anywhere.

I look forward to hearing other people's thoughts and meeting everyone. I only know of Carlos through Jimmy Hile who I met and stayed with this summer on my way from ME to KS. I know Harsha when I met him as I was riding from GA to NY to see my son-in-law graduate from Law School.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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FYI... attached are a couple of recent e-mails. **Please reply to all.**

Brian Gravely invited us to a pre-ride in the NY Adirondacks early next fall for a "get to know each other" type reunion... I think that's a great idea. Thanks Brian.

### **Where do we start the journey? where are we aiming to go?**

- I gather that most everyone is aiming to ship the bikes to Cartagena, Colombia rather than ride through central America.... I'm ok with that... **(Comments ??)**
- I'm open to any side trips, however this will extend the journey. The side trip to Machu-Pichu is a must.
- will go south as long as the ride schedule permits (or the weather permits).
- Those who need to return to USA ahead of the group must make arrangements on their own.
- Others may decide to continue longer. I'm ok with that.. **(comments ??)**

### **How long are we traveling?**

- Carlos: I will be retired, I can go for as long it takes... I hear 5 weeks? .. I'm ok with that.. **(comments ??)**
- Brian G:
- Brian K:
- Harsha:

**Departure date:** I don't think we should go before **November –December 2015**. We must aim to the lowest rainfall throughout the country/journey and hit the high Andes passes on the dry months.

- **please look at the circled and highlighted rainfall amounts.** December –January looks good
- Summer in the southern hemisphere is January-April

, we want to stay in the yellow, orange or light blues... stay away from the dark blues! .. **(comments ??)**

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### **When can you go?**

- Carlos: Any time after I retire! After October? November? .. (comments ??)
- Brian G:
- Brian K:
- Harsha:

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### **Type of bikes:**

- Must strive to get common denominator among all bikes if by all means possible (spare parts, repair manuals, etc) .
- Dual sports are the best.
- Will follow the Pan-American Highway North to South, but will take side trips, some on dirt and sand roads.
- Two up is fine, but the load will be very heavy, especially on dirt and sand roads.

### **Passports, Visas and bike documents:**

- No need for visas if you have a US passport, they will stamp a temporary 30 day entry to the country @ the entry point.
- With other (non USA) passports you need to call the each of the consulates and request information or a visa ahead of time.
- Some countries may require a fee, others not.

### **Hotels, hostels, bread & b' fasts? -**

- will stay away from motels... in south America "motels" are for "quick" dates only... you get charged by the hour!
- hostels and BB's are fine.
- It is a good idea to take a tent and a good/warm sleeping bag in case we need to camp by roadside.
- We will learn as we go of what our needs would be, but a mini camp cook stove and a pot would be handy in case of an emergency.

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