

SEPTEMBER WISCONSIN WINGS

In the past 2 weeks a lot of things have come down the pipeline about the Voyager Trike Kits. As an owner (one of over 9,000) I thought that I should make it known just how we feel about our kits.

I recently received an e-mail, via Virgil, from the State of Iowa stating that “any motorcycle modified to include four wheels or has a conversion kit attached to add two additional wheels is NOT legal in Iowa.” It goes on to say “I do not believe I have seen any of the Iowa Goldwings with this conversion, but I do know that some have been thinking about getting one, also those that are out of state will be stopped and cited.”

MYTH: The issue of roadside enforcement of vehicles that have been converted by Iowa citizens to more than three wheels or issuing citations to out-of-state riders with these conversions that are traveling through our state has never been discussed. It is doubtful that there would be any enforcement action. None of this is a value judgment on conversion kits. It is an explanation of what the current Iowa code definition is for a motorcycle. Laws are changed every single year.

Well after this is all said and done I received an e-mail from the manufacturers of the Voyagers and he said “MTC has been in contact with an Iowa state senator and his riding buddy has a Voyager and he would not be able to ride without it. The law will change in January.”

After I bought my first kit in 1996 I received a letter from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (it was not dated) but it said that the additional stabilizer wheels would be legal to operate in Wisconsin by either a resident or a nonresident. The wheels are a portable piece of equipment, which may be added or removed from the vehicle. The wheels are not an integral part of the vehicle structure and therefore would not change the definition of the vehicle. The vehicle would still be registered as a motorcycle. The driver would be required to have a motorcycle operator’s license.

This answers questions about the legality of the Voyager Kit and the Tow-Pak.

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