



**GRAND TOUR**  
**Committee Chair**  
**Henry Heideman**

## 2015 Year End Grand Tour Report

Greetings Red Knights and Happy New Year!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Grand Tour this year.

2015 saw our first significant decline in numbers of Grand Tour participants. Participation fell by roughly 30% across the board, in numbers of participants and total number of Tours completed. 350 members from 64 Chapters, 4 Members-at-Large and 34 guests completed 535 Tours this year.

Completed tours include.....  
Grand Tour.....91  
Red Knight Tour.....81  
Fire House Tour.....69  
12 Stations Tour.....246  
Alphabet Tour.....48

Our numbers are down in part because no Grand Tour ride was held at Americade this year but rather another ride that was well attended.

We also have 41 new Grand Tour Masters (same as 2014). We now have a total of 166 Grand Tour Masters, 7 of whom have completed all 5 Tours twice and 3 who have completed them 3 times.

On July 17<sup>th</sup> Minnesota Chapter 4 with a member from Manitoba Chapter 1, a member from Minnesota Chapter 7 and 15 guests completed a 12 Station Tour and constituted our largest group of the year with 38 participants. Also of note – David and Nancy Skerry of New Hampshire Chapter 4 rode a 12 Stations Tour in July using only stations beginning with the letter W.

Our Committee members in Australia/New Zealand and Europe have been doing a fine job and have taken a load of work from me. I wish to thank Roger Van Kollenburg of Australia Chapter 5 and Stefan Thalhamer an MAL from Germany for all the help.

In 2015 I spent a total of 145 hours on Grand Tour administration which works out to 12 hours and 5 minutes per month.

Please, stay tuned in, we may have a new Tour for you y next summer.

Respectfully Submitted  
Henry Heideman  
Grand Tour Committee Chair



MN 4 & 7 and MB 1 on a 12 Stations Tour



Nancy & David Skerry's 12 Stations 'W' Tour