

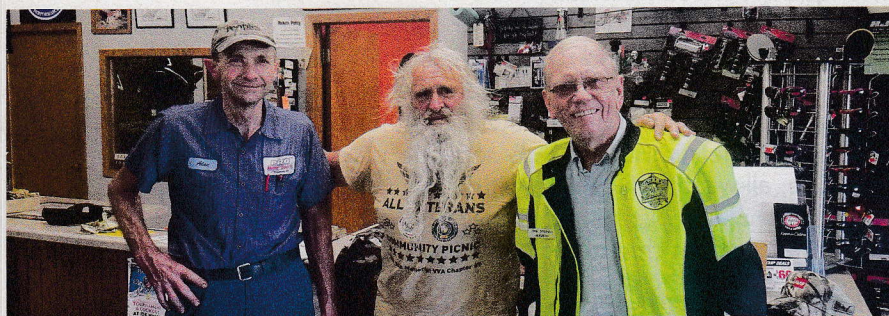
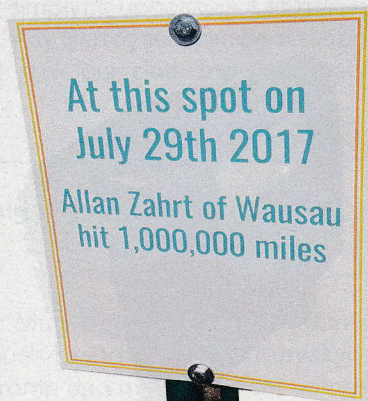
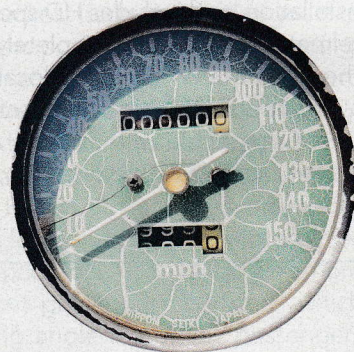
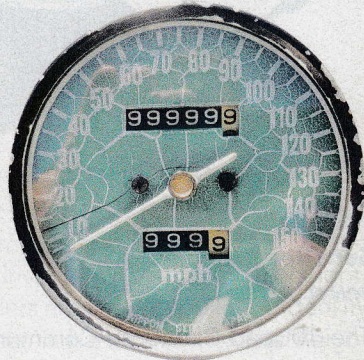
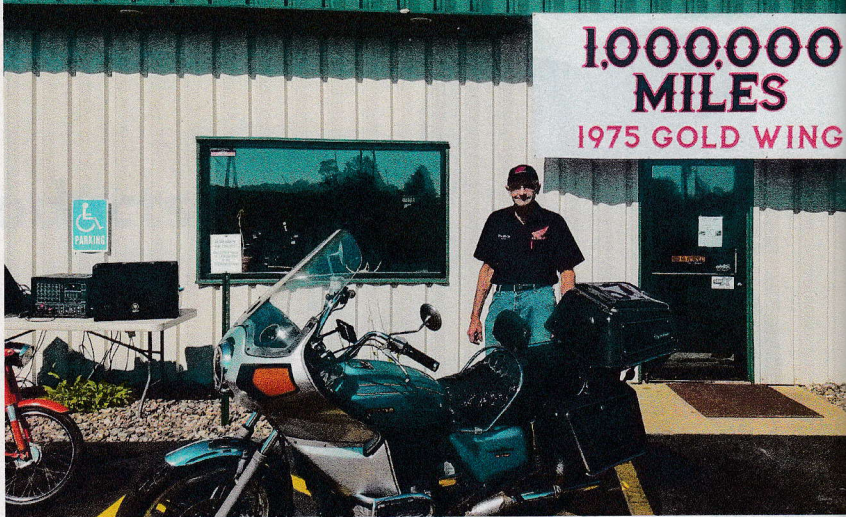
## NEWS

July 29, 2017 arose from its chilly slumber in Wausau, Wisconsin, to a crystal-clear blue sky, 41 years, one month, and two weeks from the day Allan Zahrt purchased his 1975 Candy Blue-Green GL1000. He said that after he rolled the odometer to 500,000, he thought that one million miles was possible. June 2017, I asked him if he had any big plans for when the Big Day arrived. "No, not really." So I suggested he try and turn it over at his shop, Pro Motorsports, and we could mark the spot with a sign. Al took the idea and turned it into a nice celebration complete with a tent, 1,000,000-mile banner, food and drinks and TV coverage. Present were friends, family and fellow high-mile junkies – the likes of Dave Zien (1,000,000 mile Harley), Don Wild (521,000 mile '93 Harley), Mike Judnic (497,000 mile '02 Wing), and Phil Steiner of Lima, Ohio (263,000 mile 2015 Wing), and in last place, yours truly (299,200 miles '02 Wing).

Al parked his faithful ole bike in front of the shop at 7 a.m. with 999,993.2 miles on the odometer. After everything was set up and WSAW-TV arrived, he invited us to go on a short ride. He knew that folks wanted odometer photos at all 9's. We reminded him not to overshoot the miles on the ride, and a simple, "Don't worry," sufficed. Sure enough, he led us perfectly on a 6.7 mile loop and rolled back to the shop at 999,999.9.

Several dozen photos later, Al mounted the trusty Wing for the final 528 feet around his parking lot. The crowd of about 100 clapped and cheered as the weary Nippon Seiki odometer rolled over to all zeros for the 10th time ... and he parked it right in front of the sign that marked this historic event.

The numbers are staggering: the equivalent of 40 trips around the world, 246 oil changes, 57 front tires and 76 rear tires. When asked if he'd give up the '75 for a free, new 2017 Wing, the answer was instantaneous – "No!" He clearly enjoys the GL1000 as much as the day he rode it home from the dealer back in 1976. Congratulations to Allan Zahrt for being the first person to put a million on one Gold Wing! For more, see June 2016, "Safe Mileage King," p. 48 and videos on YouTube: 1,000,000 mile Gold Wing and Allan Zahrt's Million Mile Gold Wing. ~submitted by Kenton Kloos



From left: Allan Zahrt, Dave Zien and Phil Steiner.

### October Wingy winner

Congratulations to Raymond Aube, of Canada, October's Where's Wingy Contest winner. Wingy is located on page 50 in the lower picture on the front of the saddlebag.