Roman the Country for the Boys & Girls Clubs

Roman Morales is heading out on a 3-month motorcycle trek. His intention is to raise donations to provide equipment to kids willing to try new sports. Roman is a young man full of enthusiasm and passion who is excited to share his enjoyment of skateboarding and basketball with the kids of the Boys & Girls Clubs around the country.

Roman decided to do this ride because he has been skateboarding for 20+ years & has been playing basketball since he was a kid. His goal is to get youngsters their first board and/or b'ball ... because these items give kids commonality. They can be an icebreaker for making friends OR an activity that they can do by themselves. Either is cool.

He chose the BGC because he believes in their mission; liking that this organization gives kids something positive to do after school. From the BGC website "... providing youth with a safe, constructive, supportive environment when they are not at home or at school, where they can have fun with peers and be guided by trained youth development professionals."

When asked what inspired him to do this, he replied that he didn't want to have a 'woulda coulda shoulda' type regret later in life if he didn't go for it & try. He's already been doing this on a local level, so now he's challenging himself to go nationwide... and hoping that others will follow along on his journey via social media and make donations to help him reach his goal.

He clarified in our interview that all donations raised are going to the Bask-8Ball program; with no portion supporting his trip.

He is well regarded enough at his work at a local telecomm company for them to agree to a three month leave of absence, and he is very appreciative.

His plan includes networking with local sporting goods shops along his route to purchase the boards & balls; so that his fundraising for the kids also supports local small businesses. Very neat.

The name of his non-profit is Bask-8Ball. The K8 in basK8ball refers to K-8, meaning this program is for the kids. The website is <u>Bask8Ball.net</u> or <u>RomanTheCountry.com</u>. Donations can be made through the website and his social media links are there as well.

He's riding a 2018 Street Bob FXBB which he purchased from Superstition HD. Brina from SHD commented, "Superstition Harley Davidson is proud to be Roman's home dealer and happy he is part of our family. We are excited to watch him throughout his journey!"

His ride will involve camping on the road plus staying with friends along the way.

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This trip has been in the planning stages for about a year. Now he is very excited for it to be HERE. Roman launches on Wednesday May 4th. We wish him safe travels and a successful journey.

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