

## Tim's 2010 Victory Vision 8-Ball Review

Recently I wrote a review of the new Victory Cross Roads Motorcycle. I liked it a lot but those of you that know me know I absolutely love the Visions: The Tours, the Streets, the Premiums with the nice accessories and the Standards without. I find them fascinating, exciting, and most of all pure magic to ride. The proverbial "Magic Carpet".

You sit in the bike as much as you sit on it and it responds to input as if you are connected somehow. It may look futuristic or modern and a lot of customers tell me it is like something George Jetson would own. Well it may be modern and high tech but it is definitely from here and now, the age of Stealth Bombers and Space Shuttles.

Just when you think riding is as fun as it is ever going to be and you're thinking you're twenty five again, Victory introduces something new. If the Tour Vision looks like the Jetsons or Star Trek then the **Vision 8 Ball** is definitely James Bond. It is sleek, stripped of non essentials and ready for the next mission. In its all black, stealth packaging this Vision sits a full two inches lower thanks to a one inch shorter seat and a shorter rear shock. This places you lower in the bike and lowers the stance so that it corners even harder than normal. From the first ride I knew this was going to be my favorite and I'm not a fan of all black bikes. The Visions are Cadillacs but the **8 Ball** is a 2010 CST-V.



The **8-Ball Vision** can benefit from a few of the usual must have accessories like the lower wind deflectors and heel toe shifter and the electronic cruise is nice but generally the rest is not essential for serious enthusiasts. When I first saw it last year at the dealer show I was unsure who it was supposed to appeal to. Then I rode it; they made it for riders that like bikes that handle well , go fast, can cover long distances easily and require very little attention.....they made it for me. And of course, for James.