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For many it's the ultimate full-dress touring bike. For Big Dave, however, Harley-Davidson's latest Ultra Limited Electra Glide was much more than that.

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