

The numbers:

We left Misawa went on 22 to Shichinohe then rode 394/103/394 over to 102 into Hirosaki. We then worked are way over to Anman falls where we had lunch. We backtracked to where we could head to Mt. Iwake and basically rode around the perimeter then headed back through Hirosaki getting back onto 102 and riding that all the way to Lake Towada. We followed the lake around to Oriase Gorge then took 102 Towada City then 10 back to Misawa.

Due to technical difficulties with my GPS my numbers are not exact, but here's what I have...

Distance traveled: 208+ Miles

Moving time: 6 hours 11 Mins

Moving average: 33.6 Mph

Max Elevation: 3259

Total ascent: 13497 Feet

And an all new top speed of 193 mph (that must have been right before I realized there was a white car with no lights on coming at me)

On the ride:

1. Although route 22 is probably the best road west from Misawa it's also apparently a construction route where we always seem to find dump trucks full of uncovered dirt; I'm thinking that being our road captain is a dirt boy this makes him feel more "at home".
2. The climb up Mt. Ishikuryama on 394 is so much better when it's not wet and covered with fog.
3. The weather was warm, humid, and overcast making it nice while we were moving but very hot sitting in Hirosaki city traffic; either that or Stumpy had some really foul smells coming up from his seat that he kept trying wave off.
4. Is it just me or does Bling mess with his carburetors at the most in-opportune moment?
5. The valley leading to Anman falls was fantastic. No one wanted to haul ass down a very good road to haul ass down because of the scenery.
6. WTF. Why is it that even though we have Gramps to translate menus for us we always order ramen or curry.
7. The rain gear worked this ride. Stumpy, Bling, Casper, and Jim put on their rain gear as we were getting gas headed toward Lake Towada and it didn't rain!
8. Note to self: Ending a day long ride with a trip into a Japanese festival may leave certain body parts aching.
9. Bling REALLY does not like wet roads with his new ride!
10. I'm not sure how it all happened but Casper's simple question about what the food at a food stand was led to Gramps talking about pounding rice, grown men bent over in tears laughing, ice cream on splattered on Gramps and my shirt, and Casper face looking like the end of porno scene.

Road Captain Jack again showed us some fantastic roads and provided a great overall ride. THANKS!

Mike

'98 Suzuki Bandit GSF1200S

Maroon (the fast color!)

Krazy Ed 2" mod with jetted carbs

K&N Filter

Hole Shot Slip-on

Hole Shot 5\* Timing Advance

Dyno'd 120 rwhp

GSXR Rear shock

Progressive fork springs

Bridgestone 010's

Galfer steel braided Brake lines  
Corbin Gunfighter & Lady seat  
Pro Gel Grips  
Garmin Etrex Vista GPS  
RAM mount for GPS  
Joe Rocket magnetic Tank Bag  
Nelson Rigg Deluxe Saddle bags  
Endless Smiles!