

Cruiserz,

I'm going to do a little different ride report because today was an exceptional ride for me. When I asked Gramps about the roads he showed / found he shrugged it off like it was no big deal. Must be nice to live a charmed life!

Today's ride started off a little different at Micky D's. The weather report called for afternoon showers. I arrived first, I was hungry and didn't want to wait any longer, followed by Greg Beasley riding Stumpy's old Honda Rebel 250. Gramps showed up and we were BS'ing in the parking when low and behold J9 comes riding in. Of course we make the customary ribbing that's associated with J9 and rainy ride days and we all go inside so the others can eat. That's when Waldo showed up...in a van!

To steal the joke, maybe we need to rename him D9! It's now a little past 8:30 and there's nobody else showing. Bling's bike was heard firing up by the 800 area housing residence but he was nowhere to be found. Greg made a call and it seems that a certain manufacturer's starter went Stephen King and decided it was gonna start the bike whether Bling wanted it to or not, so it was a DOA for Bling. (Bling don't read any farther it'll just piss you off even more.)

Greg and J9 decided they didn't want to ride a regular Gramps ride and would return together. With that we set out for the east coast and followed it as close as possible, taking a bridge in Hachinohe I didn't even know existed and went through a lot of coastal communities. The pace was toned down because of the villages and the coastal scenery. The surf was up and there were surfers in small groups enjoying themselves (as J9 was enjoying them also.) The farther south we rode the heavier the fog got, eventually turning into a heavy mist. We stopped about 10 miles north of Kuji to put on warmer clothes and get a coffee. The fog was pretty heavy and the roads were getting wet so J9 and Greg decided that they would head back. [Greg announced that he was interested in joining Koushin's and because we had 3 patched members, he officially logged his first Wannabe ride.](#) I also found an atlas that had route numbers on most of the roads and 2000 yen later I was putting it in my saddle bag. Right across the street was a gas station so we filled up and I made sure to get a group photo before they left. That left Gramps and I to ride out the rest of the day.

Why is it that every time someone breaks off from the ride early they miss the best part of the ride?

The Riderz.

Gramps- Kawi Drifter 800
J9- Kawi Drifter 800
Gnat- Suzuki Bandit 1200S
Greg- Honda Rebel 250

Almost:

Bling- HD Dyna (possessed)
Waldo- Toyota Van (spending the day with his daughter)

More to come,
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