

Cruiserz,

"I Forgot"

Being it's the first ride of the season I'm including some pre-ride information.

Thursday: After 12,440 miles my chain was through. I took my new chain, sprockets, and an automatic chain lube system and headed to Casper's to do the work. I was able to take everything off my bike but needed a 24mm socket to put it back together (adjustable wrenches do work in a pinch...). During my hunt for a socket I was reminded of Bling Bling's promotion party and postponed the install.

Friday: I got back to Casper's around 3 p.m. (I had told him 8 a.m. but the party... well, you know) and managed to get the chain and sprockets on the bike. It was getting late and I didn't want to delve into the automatic oiler so I decided just to put it back together for the ride in the morning. This is when I realized I had left my bike key at home and I needed the key to unlock my seat so I could get to all of the reassembly parts that were in the seat tray where I wouldn't lose them. That's when Huckleberry and Prospect Joe showed up and talked us into dinner at My Place (alcohol free, of course) and since we weren't going to ride until 10 a.m. and it was only going to take me 30 minutes to put everything together, I could wait until the morning, say 8 a.m...

Saturday: I woke up at 9 a.m.; I rushed grabbing my gear and my old lady to drive me over to Casper's and just as we get to the gate I make her turn around to get my colors that were still hanging in the closet. I get to Casper's and get the bike together. Casper had already called Bling to let him know we were running behind, this is when I realized I didn't have my phone.

The Riders:

Bling Bling

Casper

Gnat

Jim Krills joined us for breakfast at McD's but couldn't ride due to other business

The Ride:

We all agreed that this was going to be a nice and easy day as we didn't want a repeat of the first ride incidents of last year. We headed out to 10 then jumped onto 20 headed southwest towards 4. There is a set of corners that are pretty fun right before you get to 4 that really woke that thing inside me up. Bling Bling was road captain today and I started "gnatting" him through these corners. We headed south on 4 then as the road turned west we jumped onto 33. Once we were through Nagawa the road got sick twisted and I was having a blast. Any one on the side of the road would have heard me giggling inside my helmet. The fun ended when the road turned into a river from melting snow; it was back to yellow plate pace.

We didn't follow 33 exactly but ended up finding some really good roads; if I only had my GPS to track where they were! We eventually ended up on 340 and then 395 to Kuji where we turned north on 45 and took this all the way back to Misawa. We stopped by Red Baron on the way just to have a look-see.

It was a chilly ride but all of us dressed for it so no one had any real problems with the cold. We made several stops and had a very pretty store clerk take pictures of some not so pretty bikers. This is when I wished I had my camera.

The Numbers: (sorry no GPS this time)

Distance Traveled: 110 Miles

Total Time: About 5 hours

On the ride:

1. Thursday night Bling Bling and I forgot our names!

2. Friday afternoon I forgot my key
3. On the ride I forgot my cell phone, GPS, camera, maps and earplugs
4. Call of the day went to Casper who said go straight at an intersection; the road was fantastic fun.
5. Bling Bling likes to wee wee a lot when he's cold.
6. 395 is a fun road with fast sweepers and beautiful scenery.
7. Route's 4 and 45 still suck. 45 being only slightly better due to the occasional glimpses of the ocean.
8. The ocean had pretty good size waves and it looked cold!
9. Casper and Bling Bling got a motorcycle history lesson at Red Baron whether they wanted it or not.
10. I forgot just how good it felt to be on a motorcycle. It was a good day!

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'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  
Vortex front and rear C5 gold sprockets  
RK GB530SXO X-RING Chain  
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!