

Cruiserz,

The Ride:

Our Saturday ride started at McD's but didn't get on the road until about 10:45. The riders were Stumpy, Bling, Huck, Taeko Boy, Casper, with Huck's friend and our savior driving the Koushin's truck and J9 driving her van due to the rain. We took our standard route down 10 to 20 and the connecting back roads heading southwest to route 4 then jumped onto 454 at Gonohe. This is where it got a little confusing. Based on Wile E.'s directions we drove all the way to the last rest area before the Corn Stop where we determined we had missed the turn for the rally. Since we there and stopped and knew it could be a long day searching for the camp site we decided to have some ice cream, after all, we live to ride and ride to eat ice cream! Truck driver Joe had mentioned he had seen a Red Hot Sign but wasn't sure where so we began a multi-staged run up and down 454 and some of the roads surrounding Shingo. At one point I broke off and made a quick run down a twisted road that will be revisited on a future ride. After the 5th call to Wile E. we determined where we needed to go and found the camp site. It rained the whole ride and most of us were wet when we hit camp. The return trip Sunday was pretty uneventful, except for Huck doing some exploring with Truck Driver Joe giving chase.

The Numbers (2 day total):

Distance Traveled: 78 Miles
Moving Time: 2 hours 38 Mins
Moving Average: not real fast
Max Elevation: 1220 feet
Total Ascent: 4272 Feet

On the ride:

1. Wile E's direction were to go 10 minutes down 454 and look for the turn; actually it was only about 2 minutes down the road which leads to one of two conclusions:
 - A. It may actually have been 10 minutes if Wile E. was leading instead of Stumpy, or
 - B. Wile E's measurement perception is longer than what is actual. A 5 to 1 ratio would make for considerable bragging rights!
2. Manhole covers are scary as hell when wet.
3. Bling's fat tire throws fat water.
4. Is there such a thing as motorcycle rain gear that actually keeps you dry?
5. When your looking for a motorcycle rally one of the clues you need to look for is other motorcycles.
6. The bad directions actually made for a decent ride. I won't say great ride because wet roads kind of suck.

Rally/ Meeting minutes to follow.

Mike "Gnat" Underwood
Koushin's Cruiserz MC Misawa Chapter Secretary
'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!