

Cruiserz,

The Riders:

Huckleberry	Honda Goldwing
Buzz	Honda CBR1000RR
Gnat	Suzuki Bandit 1200S
Wannabe Dave (Skoshi)	Suzuki Intruder 750
Wannabe Dennis (Hansel)	HD Soft tail

The Ride:

This first half of the ride was nearly identical to the first ride of the season. It was a beautiful sunny morning and the roads were clean and dry. The riding order was Huck, Me, Skoshi, Hansel, and Buzz. We headed out to 10 then jumped onto 20 headed southwest towards 4. About halfway to 4 Huck had to bow out but it was enough to get our Wannabe's an official ride. We headed south on 4 then as the road turned west at Nagawa-machi we jumped onto 33 going south. Once we were through Nagawa the road got twisted and I was having fun. The last time we went down this road there was snow melt and mud and it really limited the pace. Today there was no such limitation and within about 2 seconds I couldn't see the riders behind me anymore, not that I was looking! I stopped when there was a change in direction and would wait for everyone to catch up. We eventually ended up on 340 and then 395 to Kuji.

This is where the ride went a little different than the last time. Our goal was to hug the beach as much as possible. So we got off of 45. Twice...and drove around Kuji for a bit trying to find route 279 headed north. Eventually, we found it and took a side road down to the beach where it eventually dead-ended into a cliff but was a fantastic view. I offered Buzz the lead and I would play chase on the way back to Hach. On the way we stopped at the Taneichi beach and watched some insane boogie boarders get pummeled by the big surf. The sky's turned ominous and as we reached the Tanashashi beach area we got dumped on. I pulled over to put on my rain gear and lost the other three. After a bit of creative exploring I found them eating ice cream at shore side look out. After that we headed to Momochan's where Buzz and Skoshi were having their bikes looked at. I grabbed Hansel and headed back to Misawa, trying to find a more interesting way back than route 8/45. I didn't have much luck, but I got a pretty good ride in.

The Numbers:

Distance Traveled: 128 Miles
Total Moving Time: 4 hours 4 minutes
Max Speed: 65 Mph
Moving Average: 29.4
Max Elevation: 1016 Feet
Total Assent: 6936 Feet

On the ride:

1. I have to find a better route between the 20/4 intersection and Nagawa, Route 4 sucked in the past, sucked this day, and will suck in the future.
2. Skoshi and Hansel don't like to pass. This makes route 4 REALLY suck.
3. Buzz, you have enough parts on your brand new bike, just ride the thing!
4. Rain gear works a whole lot better if you put it on before it downpours. The water running in the top of my boot helped me decide that.
5. Rain gear has an amazing way of making it quit raining as soon as you get all of the gear on.
6. When waiting for the other to catch up, I had plenty of time to wonder just how bad it would suck to be on a brand new, 150+ horsepower, world class sport bike, on some really good twisty roads, stuck behind Skoshi and Hansel. Hmmm.
7. It was an amazing thing to look at such a large man on fairly small motorcycle riding in tandem with a small guy riding a fairly large motorcycle.

8. There is definitely a learned cohesive ability when riding with a group. It is very apparent when riding with the unlearned.
9. Some exits, especially off of 45, aren't exits at all. We'll call them turn around points and I mastered in turn around points this day.
10. All in all a good, albeit short ride. Mother Nature was just teasing in the morning.

Mike "Gnat" Underwood
Koushin's Cruiserz MC Misawa Chapter Photog
'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
Scottoiler Chain lubrication system
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!