

Adventurers! A very exciting day... Which began here...



OK, "not exciting so far". BTW that's my Suzuki GSX-1100G in the background. I drive it extremely seldom because street-riding (at least in Los Angeles) scares the heck out of me ☹️.

Connecting the trailer, I towed to Marina Suzuki (approx a 10-minute drive)...

This is a family-owned shop, and the owner/saleslady/mechanics did a terrific job for me.

Here's the shop (very small)...



And... Here's my new bike! **Suzuki DR-650** which has the Suzuki "lowering kit" installed, and which will be even-lower when my "gel seat" arrives. This bike is my first "dual sport" bike, meaning capable of carrying camping-gear (etc) on the highway or on dirt.



I am very impressed w/the quality of this bike. The paint = beautiful, "quality touches" everywhere. Trailer-up!



I specifically ordered Continental TKC-80 tires for this bike. Big-blocky, this tire has a terrific reputation...



Trailing home, I unloaded and skillfully maneuvered the bike to a nice-safe-spot, in front of the TV, in the company of Mr.450R.



Shopping back at Marina Suzuki, I came upon the **No-Toil** line of oil/cleaner for foam air filters...



This was an important discovery. Moto-buddy Al clue'd me in on this stuff, all water-based ☺ which makes cleaning foam air filters a snap (generally, this is a horridly-dirty if not outright dangerous job requiring gasoline as the cleaning agent).

I have hi-tech foam filters arriving soon, for both the Kawasaki's. I'll report on the No-Toil effectiveness in another story.

Dilemma: The Death Valley Rally is mid-February. I have a two-bike trailer. I have 3 "prepped and ready to go" bikes, each unique.

*What to do? Which 2 bikes to take?*

Inputs welcomed ☺ ☺ ☺...

Enjoy the day...

***Paul P.***

PS>> DR-650, Lowering Kit, Gel Seat, TKC-80 tires, aftermarket springs F/R, labor, = (out-the-door) **\$6500** a good deal I think...