

Hello Adventurers! A fine day it is! Today is...

Delivery day for my new Bike!



And here it is... The Kawasaki KLX-450R...



...a beauty eh?

In 2006, this bike's predecessor was the KX-450 moto-cross ("closed course" racer). For 2007, it re-emerged as the KLX-450R "enduro" (cross-country racer). Not street legal. The issue then, in order to

have (for daily-use!) what Cycle World magazine called "...perhaps the best enduro-bike ever..." I decided to do-what-must-be-done and get it street-certified. Which is how I ended up at Heber Motorsports in Heber City UT (30-min drive south of Park City, 40-min drive east of Salt Lake City).



Neat "company car" eh?

For street-legalization, the bike needed...

- 1) Approved hi/lo beam headlights
- 2) Turn signals
- 3) Brake light
- 4) Clutch start-lockout (cannot start w/o clutch pulled)
- 5) License plate light
- 6) Approved tires
- 7) Horn
- 8) Rearview mirror
- 9) Approved kill-switch
- 10) UT inspection by an "authorized dealer" (Heber Motorsports)
- 11) \$1,000 in parts/labor**
- 12) [No doubt I forgot something] but most of all...

Someone who knows what they're doing...



Eric at Heber Motorsports! He is the man!

Well, off-I went... Oops...

- A) I ran out of gas when the bike (low on fuel) started to sputter and I accidentally switched to "off" (instead of "reserve")
- B) Parked by the side of the road, actually over the right-edge of the road-boundary line, an 18-wheeler came roaring past and ***blew the bike over!***
- C) Deer-hunters stopped, helped me right the bike, and push-started me. Awesome! Thanks guys!
- D) Filled-up at the local station (1.6 gallons in a 2.1 gallon tank, so now I know how much gas remains when I switch to "Reserve")

- E) Rode home, and in getting off the bike I tripped, and the bike fell-over ☹ Bummer! Twice in 20 minutes! **Not a scratch on the bike**
- F) Eric then replaced my broken brake-lever with a super-duper-impossible-to-break-part (\$95. Worth it).

Friday I'll explore local areas (all on-road, to get "break-in" miles).

Here's a pic of my mini-blinkers (so cool!)



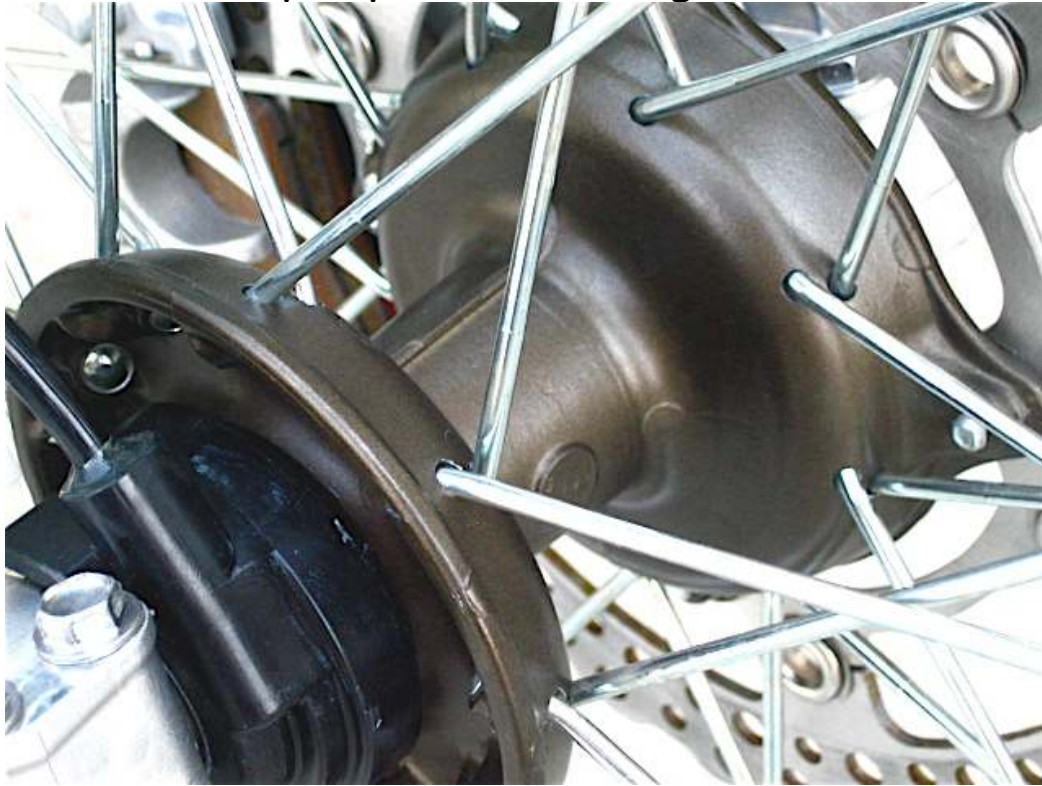
And the bike has 2 digital-trip-meters (needed for competition, and which work only when the engine is running).



Nice lines, eh?



This is a very sophisticated/light hub...



And top-quality suspension/brakes...



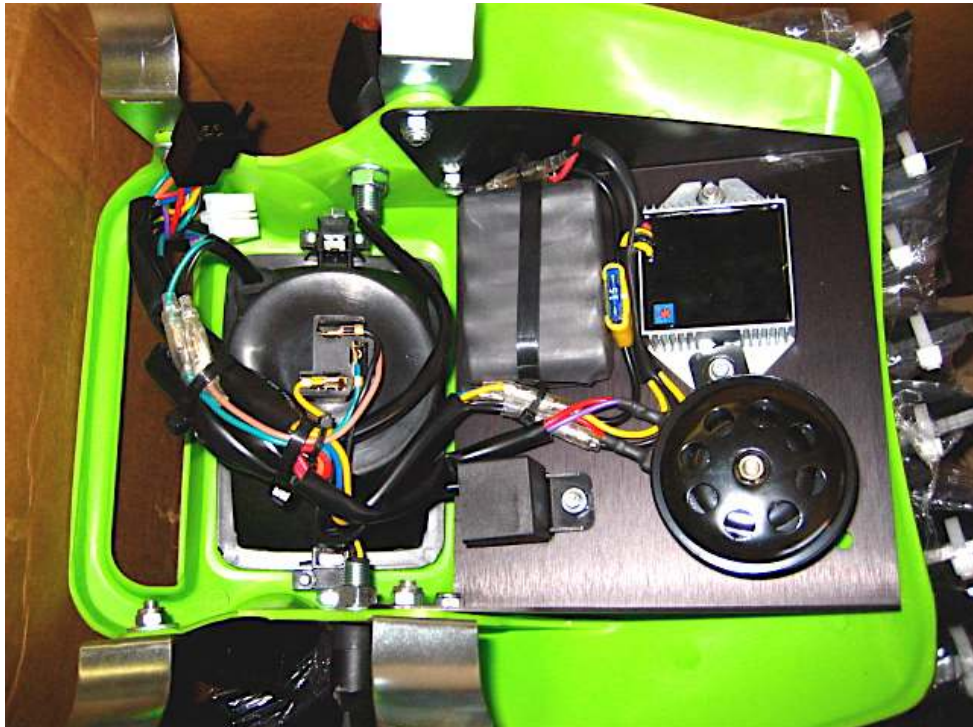
...and this bike is light at just **280-lbs ready-to-go w/electric-start!**

Below is the lights/signal controller (not included on the stock bike)...



Below is a shot of the electronics mounted behind the headlight.

None of this is on the stock bike, all is needed for street-certification...



Victory! My temporary-plate, but nonetheless I am *street-legal!*



The metal plate arrives in a couple of weeks. WooHoo!

Patriotic shot! Couldn't resist!



And, for those of you who were wondering, YES this may-indeed be the only street-legal KLR-450R in the country, and YES the future holds "low-key competition" although at first I will be doing the "fun-runs" like the 3-day, 300-mile (all cross-country) Sierra Safari...

www.dickallenssierrasafari.com/7.html (ignore the horrid spelling).

And yes 100 miles/day is a looong way, which is why I ride every day to build riding-stamina. If I can't use my motorcycle, I use my bicycle ☺

All tied down for the night...



Holiday Inn Express has the best WiFi that I have ever encountered 😊
The WiFi is both max-power and max-speed on my MacBook laptop 😊
The freebie-breakfast is serve-yourself and quite varied ("something for everybody"). Super-quiet. **For \$85/night, terrific!**

Tomorrow (Friday) my Navy pilot-friend Art is riding his BMW down from Boise (a 7-hr ride). Heber UT is exactly on his way home to Denver, and we will stay here for 2 days and ride dirt-bikes. WooHoo!

***** Chow time! *****

Real-adventurers need Real Food. Here's dinner...

That's right... Health food!

- 1) Carrot juice
- 2) Potato (in micro-wrap)
- 3) Steak \$6-lb on-sale (micro 3-min, flip/micro 1-min, medium-rare!). "Your results may vary" 😊



Also I bought a tub of butter, "salt substitute", plasticware.

Truly awesome results, for half-price of a restaurant!

Yum-mee! Microwave meal in 10 minutes!



Is this a great country, or what?

That's all for today, Art arrives tomorrow, riding begins the next morning!

Stay tuned for more Adventure and...

Thanks for reading along!

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