

Adventurers! A sad day! I must depart Jawbone!

Last night, I "slept like a log". Totally whipped from back-to-back 100+ mile days. But still...

Even though today was check-out day, and I "had to get back to L.A." (if only to beat the forecast horrific post-holiday traffic)...

I had to ride ☺ ☺ ☺ !

The day was perfect. 66F and sunny at 10am, no-wind. As I checked out... My departing thoughts were...



Hell hole! Hell hole! Flee for your life! (Details on request)

I was determined to make the "loop" that all riders dream of. Not out-and-in (boring on the way back). In 3 days, I had made-loops, but really like "number-9" i.e. a "loop on top of an out-and-in". Furthermore, I wanted to make the loop from downtown scenic Mojave, meaning no-commute via bike or trailer to the launch-point. A challenge! Map in-hand, off I went to a launch point across the street from motel-row...



Neato. A long dirt-road heading west, into the wind-farm.

The plan was to head for the wind-turbines, then turn north to intercept the powerline road...

Pretty neat eh? I wonder how many "investors" have lost \$-zillions on "green energy"?



Because this is a very short story, I shot the above (and below) pics at higher resolution, "for effect". Note "...if the wind don't blow, the vanes don't turn". No profit today!

Viewed "in real life" the wind-farms are truly ugly. And *huge*. No picture that I could shoot does justice to the immensity of the wind farms populating the Mojave desert...



I connected to the powerline-road... A great ride!



As I approached Jawbone (15 miles away, following the above road) I knew I had to head "up" (and go north) to find the so-far-elusive "Aqueduct road" leading back to Mojave.

Up I went! The road near the horizon is Rt.14, and you can just barely see the powerlines I'd been following that parallel the highway...



When I started climbing, I could see the aqueduct to the east. A "giant pipe".

But... If this was the Aqueduct Road, where was the pipe?

Ah-ha! The pipe is only for steep climbs/descents...

See the "smooth cement road" in the below pic?



That's the top of the aqueduct! I'm way-high in altitude, but the down-slope of the aqueduct is shallow, so the aqueduct is a simple "cement box" and (if you want) you can drive on it (I did!).

During the previous 3 days, my problem was getting through the Rt.14 & Rt.58 interchange. Try as I may, no-luck. But "backing in to the solution" via following the aqueduct, I made it under the highway interchange...



Arriving at my trailer, the total miles for the day was 30, total dirt-miles was 29. **Yes!** 😊 😊 😊

I had succeeded in making an "all-dirt-loop" starting/ending within a half-mile of motel-row in Mojave. And although today I had time for only 30 miles, the "loop" (no roads re-traced) could have easily been 100+ miles.

Mojave is 2.5 hours from Los Angeles, close enough to trailer-up (depart L.A. @ 9am), ride 100+ dirt-miles, and check-in to a Mojave motel by sunset.

WooHoo!

Below is my final pic, the same spot from which I departed...



The bike was flawless. In four days of kick-starting the bike, 99% of the time it was a 1-kick-starter and only once did it need 3 kicks to start. The RaceTech suspension is a Riders Dream 😊.

Next week, the bike gets a new chain, a trip-computer, re-jetted carburetor, and performance-exhaust/silencer. During this time I'll ride the 450R (assuming I actually have any time).

The second weekend in December will be the last Dual Sport ride of 2007 (see flyer below).

Which bike will I use? KDX-200? KLR-450R? Stay tuned!

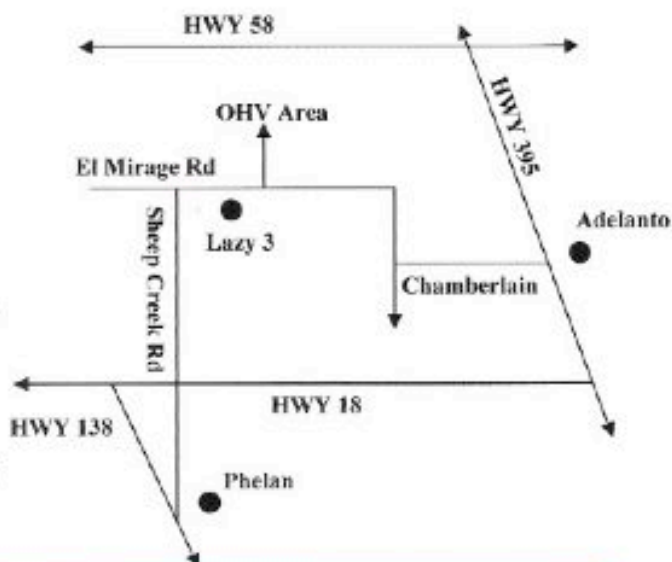
Thanks for reading along... *Paul P.* 😊

A Dual Sport Ride
Lost Coyotes
 Presents
A Dash to the Inscriptions
 Dec 9, 2007



- Entry \$30 - No Pre-entry
- Start/Finish next to the Lazy 3
 4659 El Mirage Blvd El Mirage, Ca
- Lazy 3 Hrs: Sat till 9 p.m.; Sun open at 6 a.m.
- Camping at Lazy 3; No Open Fires—No Hook-ups
- Sign Ups Sat 3—5 p.m.; Sun. 6 - 8:00 A.M.
- All riders must enter the course no later than 8 a.m. Sunday

- Tortoise habitat throughout entire ride—
 35 MPH Max
- Approx. 120 miles in length
- Longest section without gas is 52 miles
- Gas-food at Hinkley and Kramer Junction



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