

Colorado Adventure! Next week, a reunion of Team Red Line at Breckenridge CO for a group-ride, over as many 2-mile-high passes as we can get to :-)

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When we say "Team Red Line", these are rides sponsored by the **Red Line Synthetic Oil Company** and their terrific product line...

<http://www.redlineoil.com/products.aspx>

Here's the deal: We use their products at a fast-rate. All of the Kawasaki & KTM 4-stroke bikes require an oil change every 300 miles, or "one severe event" e.g. 150 hard-miles at 100+ degrees in

dust. The 2-stroke bikes get 30-mpg at best and use oil mixed w/ the gas. Recreational riders use maybe a pint/week. Team Red Line uses 2-stroke oil by the gallon.

So: Riders (us) use/test/report on Red Line products, and Red Line provides us with (free to us) product. **Fantastic.**



This trip, we asked for oil, fuel system cleaner (we're getting hurt with "crap gas") and the usual hats/shirts which we seem to destroy at a prodigious rate :-)

**Red Line provided all** and so off we went on Warmup Day-1 (basing out of Art's home in Evergreen CO)...



KTM's loaded, we're off to meet Tom (BMW rider)...



...across incredibly beautiful terrain. Tom (below)...



...we believe to be the best "field mechanic" in the business. Don't leave home without him!

Below, passing through Central City, a historical "gambling town"...



...then up-up-up to 11,000' cold wooo....



Scenery! Nothing like this in Inyokern!



...and \*very harsh\* terrain...



...trees...



...and historical points...



When Art & Tom dressed in "full winter attire, I knew I was in trouble. California and Utah and Nevada (previous days) had all been 100+ degrees. Hot. Here in Colorado above 10,000' cold. I am cold.

Note: Art & Tom live here. "Know the game".

Fact: The "high-terrain riding season" is **six weeks long**. The areas shown are in-snow until mid-July. Only a "particularly warm" year will have snow-free passes after Labor Day. Note the snow here year-round...



...and...



Along the way, met riders, "traded stories". **I am cold.** Below a Colorado rider in a short-sleeve shirt. Maybe, really a CIA robot?



Fabulous lunch at a casino in Central City...



Old mines everywhere...



Also, you noted "really big pics". Sorry. I screwed-up the camera setting. Tomorrow I'll fix this. Below, for the first time I used suspenders to hold up my riding pants **huge comfort Improvement :-)**



A very successful day. My carburetor "jetting" for 10,000' was spot-on. I am getting acclimatized to the altitude. Wednesday another short familiarization ride, then to work tweaking Pigpen's Suzuki. Stay tuned!

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