

Adventurers! Dawn of a new era! Today is the day a **YAMAHA** comes into the fold... **TW-200**



What is this fatty-tired thing? The #1 novice + go-anywhere bike in existence! A very small bike, just 30" seat-height. Notoriously difficult to procure (because #1 choice of RV'rs in America) I was lucky to find one (fairly priced!) at...



Credit-where-credit-due: Given my "line of work" (moto-journalist) one would think "procuring bikes" easy. Not so. I am expert in \*what I want\* but living middle-of-nowhere **Inyokern** ("epicenter of dirt-riding universe") makes "shopping" difficult at best. SVC salesman Jeff handled the entire transaction over the phone awesome!



Due to TW smallness, I used my bumper-carrier...



...and you can see the bike carries "inside the width of the side-mirrors" which makes transport a snap.

Sales manager Chuck [sales1@simivalleycycles.com](mailto:sales1@simivalleycycles.com) took me from remote-shopper-to-TW-owner in under 24 hours. Can't beat that!

SVC is also a Triumph dealer, and this swoozy Speed Triple...



...the bike-for-me should I (heaven forbid!) return to street riding.

Heading home Oops! needed air as the bumper-load was 300-lbs (the hydraulic-lift/carrier is very heavy)... Note my tire "dented at the bottom" but easy-fix (40psi)...



Heading home, you'd think "typical L.A. traffic" but nooooo...



...just over the hill is **Palmdale** and these are the people doing a very-longish commute to "affordable housing". Ugh!

Below the new-found short-cut of Garlock Cutoff (road)...



...and the ridgeline (and beyond) is mostly unexplored. However...



...the above "easy road" is actually the exit from **Last Chance**

**Canyon.** Art & I were lost/frozen up there last winter, after dark. Lucky for us, the moon came up, giving enough light to inch our way out. If no moon, the vultures would still be burping-up-gringo's :-)

Here's somebody who "missed selling at the top"... Hmmm...



- 1) "Off road riding" (dead-center of 3,000 sq/miles of BLM land)
- 2) I called. There are NO "old gold mines" on this property
- 3) Parking & Storage? Help me out, I'm missing something here...
- 4) All this for \$2500/acre (nobody ever lists price by "total cost") but since I did the math **\$97,500** such a deal!
- 5) The view (below) is (long telephoto shot) Randsburg...



Without telephoto, Randsburg "dots on the horizon" :-)

Here's where I am (below) with my place (Inyokern) at the top...



...and everything inside the road-boundary is BLM land "open to dirt-bikes". Wow! Friday I'll do a bit of putting-around on the TW. I really must do some "break in" before a monster-trip. Stay tuned!

Thanks for reading along!

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