

RIDE REPORT: CAM SMITH'S CUSTOM TOUR



Cameron is a busy guy. He trains for and competes in Iron Man Marathons. In recent years, he has competed with a young friend who happens to have limited use of his body. Cameron tows him on a trailer for the bicycle portion, tows him on an inflatable raft for the swimming portion, and well, you get the idea. Cameron is also an avid motorcyclist. In addition to his two wheeler, most years he brings Christmas toys to kids in his Yamaha FJ1200 "side-bike" Comanche sidecar machine. It has a 1200cc in-line 4 engine, Ohlins shocks all around, three wheel disc brakes, and two wheel steering.





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*"Merry Christmas darling.
Love, Sandi."*

OH WHAT FUN IT IS TO RIDE!
LET'S RIDE!

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His thoughtful wife Sandi presented Cameron with a RetroTours gift certificate for Christmas in 2019. What with his busy schedule, Covid, and just LIFE, Cameron and I never coordinated successfully for him to cash in the gift until 2022. RetroTours honors Gift Certificates and unused deposits without time limits, so when we were finally able to get together on a Tuesday in July, 2022, I was more than willing to prepare a couple of bikes for what would be a one-on-one tour.

We decided that the 'Pinnacles' Tour would be the best choice for our one-day. We chose the RD400 and the CX500.



The weather promised to be toasty, so these small-ish, un-faired bikes seemed ideal. Camelbacks helped us to stay hydrated.

Since he lives just an hour away, Cameron rode here for breakfast and we set off before the sun began to really bake the pavement.

In addition to being an athlete, Cameron is a very good rider. We kept up a spirited pace and visited the Pinnacle State Park where we took in the view. Temperatures were

beginning to soar by the time we reached Columbia where we lunched in air conditioned comfort at a small downtown pizzeria. We made it to The Shoe House for a quick look but no ice cream today; it's closed to tourists during the week. On the way home we stopped for a drink of water at perpetually deserted Indian Steps Museum, then continued to home for dinner. We switched bikes along the way, covering 200 miles and enjoying the benefits of a very small group. Sure, it would have been nice if were cooler, but if you really want to ride, best to be prepared for any weather. The alternative is to stay at home and what, watch TV? Or maybe train for the next Iron Man Ultra Marathon.

RetroTours offers 'custom tours' to fit your schedule & riding preferences. Let's talk if you're interested.