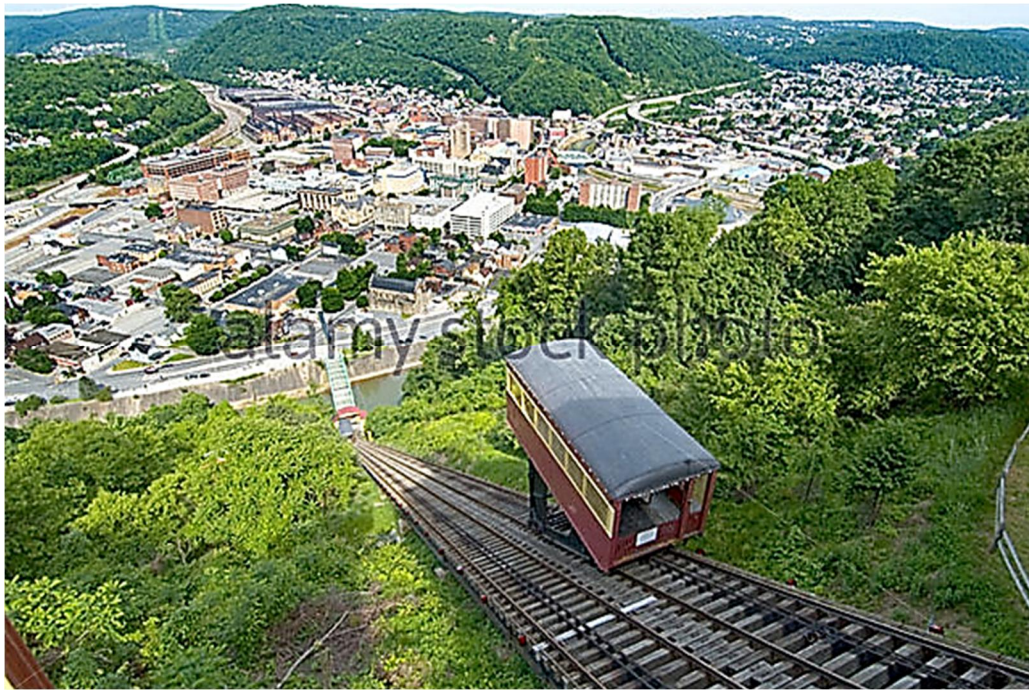


JOHNSTOWN JAPS



Pennsylvania is full of surprises, and we will surely encounter a few on the way to Johnstown, as we cut across the mountains ranges that run perpendicular to our route.

Johnstown is also a surprising place. In 1889 a poorly constructed dam in the

mountains above town burst, releasing a resort lake. The resultant 30-foot high tsunami obliterated the booming industrial town and killed 2,209 people in 10 minutes. Part of rebuilding included the funicular pictured below which encouraged people to populate the high ground. We'll ride the vertical railway and learn more about this fascinating place.

We'll be riding the best of 1970's Japanese iron. There are 3 Hondas, 3 Yamahas, 2 Kawasakis and a Suzuki to choose from, and, as we switch bikes every 75 miles, you can sample them all. Two strokes and four strokes, electric start and kick start, they all shift on the left, they are all unique, and they will all bring you back to days of old. The long ride out and back includes technical sections: extreme curves on tiny back roads and covers 250 miles each way. You will be able to ride at your own pace. We'll have Saturday to explore the town and surroundings, or just relax at our B&B. Upon return Sunday evening, we'll enjoy a Japanese style dinner prepared by my wife Lynn.

GL1000, CX500, CB500T, TX750, XS650, RD400, KZ750, W3, T500