

## The Pinnacles 1-day custom tour.... FROM A RECENT RIDE REPORT:

On Monday morning, Norbert and his friends showed up at 9AM, slightly hungover, perhaps, from the previous night's birthday party. After a continental breakfast we headed to the garage for fitting: the folks from Europe needed helmets and gloves. Fortunately, I have a little haberdashery of retired riding gear and was able to accommodate. Outside I had lined up the



1976 Gold Wing, the BMW R90/6, and the Suzuki T500, which Norbert, Heinrich and Henning had chosen. Also, the BMW/EML sidecar rig for me and Florian. We would all be riding two-up.

We departed under cloudy skies. Hopeful that the forecast for no rain was accurate, we left our rain gear behind. We headed west on a

convoluted backroads route that kept us well away from any morning traffic. We crossed the Octoraro Reservoir on a long-ish covered bridge, noticing signs of Amish culture all around. Just south of Quarryville, we stopped briefly at the Robert Fulton birthplace, then zipped by the Holtwood Dam to take in the view at The Pinnacles State Park.

***A short walk brings us to the obligatory group shot at The Pinnacles.***

Continuing north along the east bank of the Susquehanna, we reached Columbia, PA, where we crossed the river on the historic Wrightsville Bridge. A fancy lunch was taken at the John Wright Restaurant, on the west bank, at the foot of the bridge; no charge for the view.





*Indian Steps: just a modest summer cottage.*

We returned home a 6, a bit tired, and thankful for the cold Yuengling Beer in the fridge.



*The Columbia/Wrightsville Bridge*

After a hearty meal, including dessert and coffee, we turned back south, following the west bank. A short detour took us to the Indian Steps Museum, where we were the only visitors. Petroglyphs were found here, created by native Americans who lived and farmed on the river shores. More recently, a wealthy Dutchman built his summer cottage which later was donated to become a museum. It is an understatement to say that it is 'off the beaten track', and the location is as tranquil as it is scenic.

