

2010 North Florida Tech Day

Kevin Reimer hosted another great Tech Day in his re-allocated goat barn. From the time the first attendees arrived on Wednesday until the last one departed on Sunday, the weather was perfect spring time Tallahassee, someone's hard work paid off. There were 45 people signed in and 25 or so camped out but from the size of the crowd many must have been too distracted by the activities to make their way to the sign-in sheet.

In the past there were many in-depth repairs made, but this Tech Day only a few were required. We like to believe that past efforts are paying off. Florida riders are either making their own repairs because of the experiences they had at previous Tech Days or their bikes are in such good condition that major repairs are not necessary. Regardless of the reasons, there will always be a need for assistance in making repairs an individual has no experience in performing. Betsy needed help re-sealing the top end on her R80/7, Louis Kimzey had never replaced wheel bearing but now he can. Rocky and Kitty worked on their R75/5 that has not run in years. It now has rebuilt carburetors and a new rear main seal, more work still needs to be done as time allows. Dave Pfauz replaced the main bearings in his /5 and drilled the required holes; he forgot the flywheel so further assembly was not possible but within a few days it was back on the road with the help of Roger Bush. John Zilich has been working on his R100 for several Tech Days and had it running but not yet rideable Sunday afternoon. Eddie Roberts installed alcohol proof floats and fuel line, after some adjustments he said it never ran so good. Mitch Hamler installed an oil cooler on his R100RS, and Dave Southard got help rebuilding a 4 speed transmission. Ted Thompson installed new 'O' rings on the brake cam to stop a leak and Marty mounted 3 tires to be used as required. Bob Messer reassembled his R80GS engine to the point that it can be installed in the frame. Carl Jackson had the worst set of front brakes anyone has ever seen. He has not ridden his R65LS much due to the poor brake performance. The master cylinder was clogged and the caliper was frozen. After cleaning the brake worked well but we did not have any pads to replace the old ones with. Carl now knows how to do this chore. Frank Zimmanck supplied alcohol proof fuel line to those who wanted it and Kevin handed out spark plug grounding devices (recycled spokes) and modified 1 1/16" sockets for swing arm use.

As always there were several sets of carburetors needing synchronizing but this year several people knew the procedure due to previous Tech Day participation, more proof that these events work.

With all this activity the crew needed fuel and they were not disappointed. Wednesday night Brian Murray brought some homemade burritos and they sure made Kurt's home brew taste good, so good that he brought more Thursday night along with more hot sauce. Kurt is Kevin's brother and has a brew room in the Tech Day facility. There are always at least two batches brewing and several hundred bottles are always ready for consumption on any given day, it is a well-stocked and important part of Tech Day. Shop supplies are always required. On Friday night Jeff and Gaye Johnson brought several pans of lasagna, loaves of bread and lots of salad. Saturday morning Judy Miller cooked eggs, bacon, sausage gravy and biscuits for breakfast; lunch was hamburgers and sausages with potato salad. Before breakfast was started Judy had the grill going for the evening meal of smoked chicken and pulled pork with salad and tabouleh. Sunday

morning brought eggs, grits, bacon and biscuits with cane syrup. No one goes hungry at North Florida Tech Day.

An added bonus to all the above is that three very intelligent people made the decision to become AIRHEADS. David Lee, Bobby Guris and John Thompson are now members of an illustrious group that has few peers.

Sunday morning every one put the finishing touches on their projects, packed up and left to ride home on a great spring morning, the kind that makes arriving at your destination a disappointment. One rider pulled a wire out of his IPOD earpiece while inserting it in his ear. It is also a hearing protection so he was rather dismayed. We took a look at it and were hesitant about attempting a repair as the speaker is tiny and the wire even smaller but we did try and the solder joint held and the speaker still worked. I guess this proves we can fix anything at a Tech Day except for the crack of dawn and a broken heart, but with the help of Kurt's brew room we can do a lot for a broken heart.

Work hard, ride smart and save a beer for me.

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Kevin's R75 Project (Available)















