

## Zak N Dad Custom Tour 10-28-23: RIDE REPORT

Motorcycles often create family bonds. For example, at local motocross races I often see parents in the pits while their teenage son or daughter puts in some fast laps on track. Odds are the family not only traveled together to the races, but are spending the entire weekend together, possibly camping trackside. Think about it: how often does one see a teenager spending time, an entire weekend, with their parents like that? In other cases, Dad may ride a street bike and the motorcycling culture gets passed down through the generations. This has to be one of riding's most positive aspects.

Zak contacted me about arranging a custom tour for him and his father: a thoughtful 70<sup>th</sup> birthday gift for Dad. I imagine that Zak grew up around motorcycles that his dad rode, and naturally, he caught the bug. Actually, there have been a number of similar father/son(or daughter) birthday tours over the years; RetroTours makes a great gift! So, a date was agreed upon, and John from New Jersey and his son from PA arrived here for breakfast one Saturday in late October. I picked three bikes from the six that they expressed an interest in, and the 1976 Honda GL1000, the 1976 Kawasaki KZ750B, and the 1984 Moto Guzzi V65SP were prepared. I pulled a route sheet out of my file: Local Loops from 2017, and after breakfast and brief "riders' meeting", we were ready to roll under colorful, sunny Autumn skies.

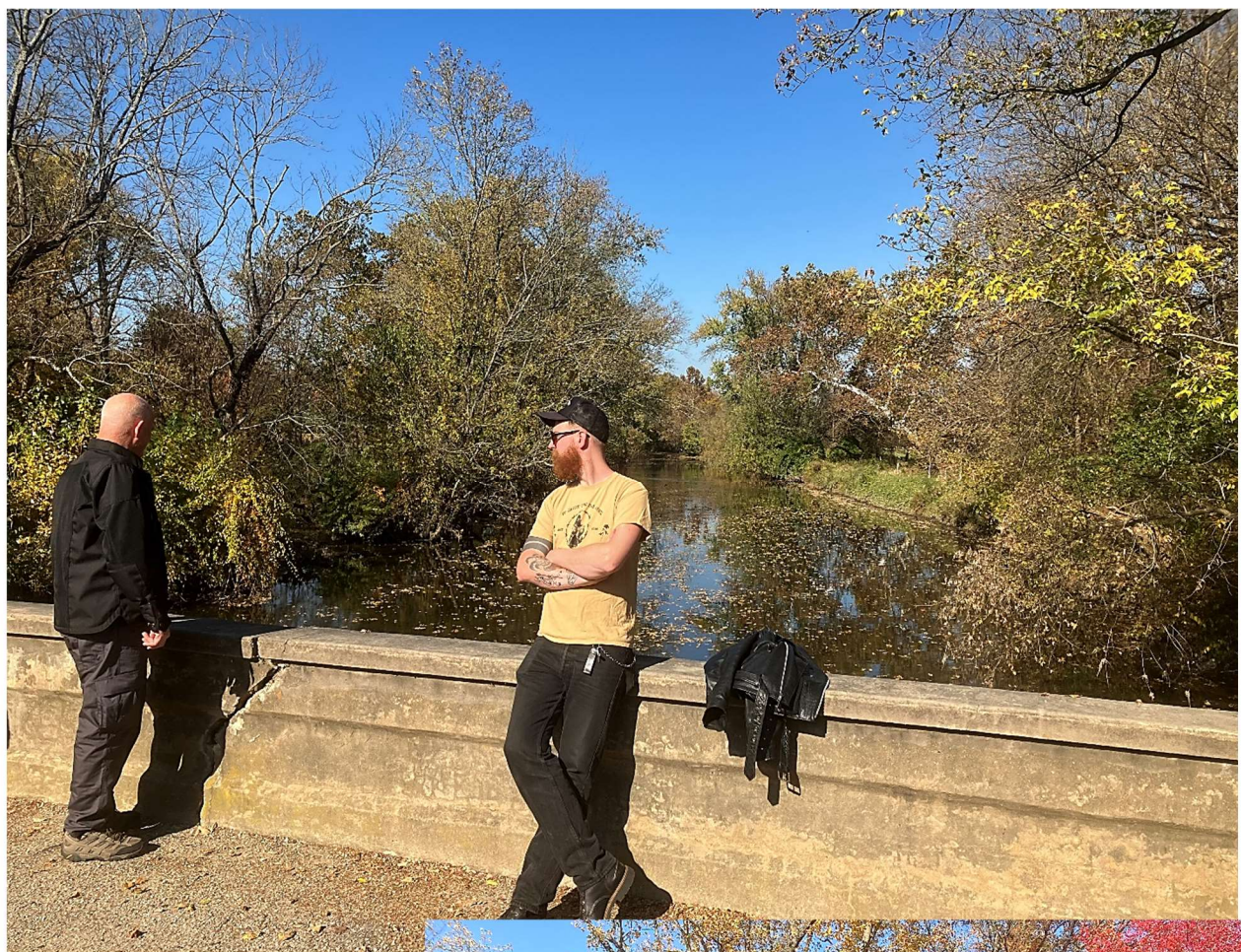
The route included 6 stops separated by about 25 miles each. One stop, of course, was lunch. Kennett Square is almost 40% Hispanic, with many productive immigrants from the region of Morleon, Mexico. We stopped at Taceria La Pena for a delicious Mexican meal. The other 5 stops were chosen from the numerous Preserves and Natural undeveloped areas that dot the region. Dinner awaited us at the end of the day, thank-you Lynn. All in all, we covered a bit less than 150 miles, and we enjoyed every minute. Zak and Dad hopefully had some quality time together, while I enjoyed the privilege of affording them the opportunity. I think Dad appreciated the day and I congratulate Zak for being such a fine son, truly an outstanding young man that John must be proud of.



**FIRST STOP: A FARM STAND NOT FAR FROM SMITH'S BRIDGE**



**SECOND STOP : STROUD'S MILL, AND 'A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT'**



**AUTUMN COLORS ABOUNDED**



**LUNCH, KENNETT STYLE.**







*Long shadows mark this as the last stop of the day, as father and son admire the long view.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOHN.**