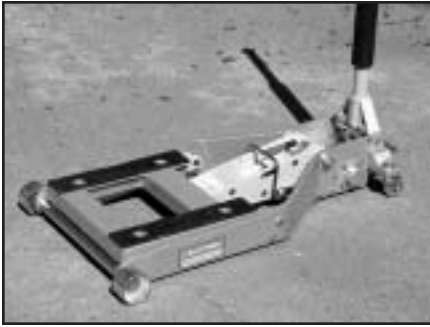


Sears Craftsman Motorcycle/ATV Jack

Review by Walter Wersching



For Christmas my son gave me a \$50 Sears gift card and another \$25 card for my birthday. He said that I should buy some new tools. I guess he feels guilty for losing so many of my tools in the past while working on his Mustang. I had been looking for a sale but nothing that I needed was ever on sale. Also my wife wanted to buy me something for my birthday. She never knows what to buy me.

Last Sunday was the start of the Sears National Tool sale. I looked at the paper and on the internet. Both Craftsman motorcycle / ATV jacks were on sale for \$20.00 off. I don't need one for my BMW because it has a center

stand but the Sportster doesn't have a center stand. I've been using my automotive floor jack to change tires and other times when I need a wheel in the air.

The steel one was on sale for \$69.99 and the aluminum one was on sale for \$149.99. The steel one was a great deal for that price. I went on line to check out the specs and learned that the reviews were not very good. Either it didn't work at all or they loved it. I checked out the reviews for the aluminum one and they were all good. Still, \$149.99 was a lot of money - even though I'm not paying for it.

I stopped by the Windjammers clubhouse Friday night and talked with a few of the members about the Sears jacks. They all had the steel one and had no problem except that they had to roll their bikes up on a board to get the bike high enough to roll the jack under it. The steel one only goes down to about 5 inches while the aluminum one goes down to 3 inches. My Sportster is a Custom and sits low from the factory so I decided to get the Craftsman aluminum one. It's also half the weight - only about 40 pounds.



When I got it home, I slid it under the Sportster with no problem and with a couple pumps on the handle; the bike was up in the air. I strapped it down and the bike was secure. I tried rocking it and the only movement was the flexing of the jack and that was very little. It was a snap to clean my wheels where before I had to do a spot, then roll the bike forward and do another spot until I got the whole wheel clean. Now it spins and it's easy to get to. It will also make it easier to change the front wheel (put on the cast wheel) for my longer trips.

When I was done, I lifted the safety lock and slowly twisted the handle and the bike slowly rested back on its side stand. The stand appears to be well made and should last a long time. I'll let you know if it doesn't.

Thanks Cindy & Danny!



Here is an E-mail I got from Bingo of **Bingo's Downed Biker Fund**. He mentions the Wisconsin Motorcycle Memorial in Door County. www.newba.org

Preacher: I'm sure you've seen that Memorial walk for bikers up in Door County - well I am going to have one there for me. Here's a poem that you can put in the paper.

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**I have lived a good life - to a ripe old age -
Good brothers - in 'My book' - on every 'page'!
But there's one thing I'd like there to be -
That's a brick in that Memorial walk for me.
Its a Memorial for bikers in 'Harley Heaven'
In Door County off of highway 57.
The money is in my will for that to be -
So some day go look - and remember me.**

Bingo

The Magneto's Valentine's Day Dance was a smashing success! Over 250 people showed up and there was at LEAST 12 different club represented by members. The 'RYDERS' played some good music and the beer was plentiful. Bingo had a flat tire in the parking lot but the good brothers had him sit and wait where it was warm while they changed it for him. Bingo says THANKS to those good brothers! Bingo



Not bad for someone that's blindfolded!!

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