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Wizards Products - Motorcycle Products Review

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When your bike is clean, it seems like it runs better and faster. When your bike is clean, your spouse or date seems nicer. When your bike is clean, the world is a better place. Doing a product review on cleaning products for my bike makes me smile.

I picked up four Wizards cleaning products that I was going to review, but when I got home, I broke up laughing because one of the products was Bug Release (a bug remover that is supposed to be really good). Bugs are in short supply around the upper mid-west in January and February. Maybe I'll test Bug Release this summer, but for now, let's look at Wizards Mist-N-Shine, Wizards Power Cleaner and Wizards Motorcycle Cloth.

To test Mist-N-Shine, I cleaned my bike the same as I always do. I sprayed it well, to get the big chunks of crud off and to loosen up the light stuff. I then washed the bike with a combination product that simultaneously washed and waxed. After rinsing it, I chamoised the bike and it looked good. This is where Mist-N-Shine comes in. I sprayed a little on the left half of my tank and wiped it off with the Wizards Motorcycle Cloth. The results were pretty remarkable. I could really see the difference between the two sides. The part of the tank on which I used the Mist-N-Shine had a nice, deep gloss to it. The reflections off the tank were clearer and the area almost looked wet. The product contains no wax, petroleum or silicon so there is no filmy build-up after a few uses. It works on paint, chrome, plastic and polished metal. If your bike is already looking good, but it's got some dust or smudges on it, you can spray some Mist-N-Shine on it, wipe it off, and have a very nice look to the bike.

The folks at Wizard recommend using their Motorcycle Cloth after you apply the Mist-N-Shine. I tested the Motorcycle Cloth versus my supply of cotton cloths (old T-shirts) and terry cloth (bought at the auto supply store). The Wizard cloth does a really good job. It absorbs the moisture fast and it doesn't leave any streaks or specks of lint on the paint. I'm not exactly sure how the Split Fibers work, but the Cloth does what it's supposed to do. Nice and fast. The Cloth is hand or machine washable and is supposed to last for hundreds of washes without losing its effectiveness. After washing mine ten times, it looked and worked the same as the first time I used it.

The third product I tested was Wizard Power Clean. They claim that you can use this product on everything from tires and wheels to indoor carpet stains. I tested Power Clean on the grimy, dirty, oily crap on the bottom of my engine, the sickening combination of tar and road salt on the front of the engine and the brake and oil muck on the back wheel. Here's the deal. You spray Power Clean on and let it sit for a minute. If the oil or dirt is light, you just rinse off the Power Clean and the yuck's gone. If the stuff you're cleaning off is really globbed on, you may have to wipe the area after you spray it. Then rinse it, dry it and you're done. Because Power Clean doesn't have any acid in it, you don't have to worry about it hurting the bike.

Overall, the Wizards products that I tested did the job they were supposed to do and they did it quickly and neatly. Just the way I like it. There are a number of Wizards products that I didn't test. Check them out at www.WizardsProducts.com.

I love a clean bike.

Disabled Veterans Menominie, WI Swap Meet 01-29-06

This was the 1st Annual swap meet promoted by Scruffy with GT promotions at the Disabled Veterans Hall in Menominie, WI. The weather was unseasonably warm all week and on Saturday it turned to freezing rain and sleet. Great I thought, just what we need to get the 1st event going!







Sunday morning the day of the event was almost standing room only! Wow was more like it! There were vendors from all over the state and MN. Dutch was there selling his fine array of nice parts, Paulie from Hard Tails in St. Cloud, MN had his usual unbelievable amount of parts for sale, even Al from Al's Custom in River Falls, WI was there selling used things. Even ABATE of WI's Mike Quale had an info booth set up there! Scruffy even had Live Music all day long to keep the rhythm rolling!

Preacher was there doing his usual biker goodwill and fellowship along with promoting his rag. Good food and cocktails could be had as well! There was something for every one here! Yes I believe this area needed something like this and thanks to each and every one of you who supported this meet! This was a sold out event thanks to all!

Special Thanks to go to Larry Stork better known as "Storky" who came up with the idea to have a swap meet at his DAV Hall. He originally came to me to ask if I could organize this meet but I told him that Scruffy is the man to do a professional job in getting this thing pulled off! From the sounds of it there will be other events coming up because of the prior success! Stay tuned for more dates and places in this here Free Riders Press and my web site.

That's all for now....Stay tuned for the report on the 1st Annual Donnie Smith Show on



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