

## Tim's Road Test and Review of the Victory Cross Roads

Well, I have finally gotten around to spending some quality time on the New Victory Cross Roads. I have to say that I am impressed. The thing I noticed right away was that this bike is a wonderful motorcycle to ride and if I had not already fallen in love with the Vision it would be a great do all bike. Big engine, big floor boards, big seat, big windshield and humongous bags. What more do you need?



Nan and I rode the Cross Roads on our recent ferry boat ride and after putting about 300 miles on it I was comfortable and ready to play. On the way home it began to rain so I started making some maneuvers on the wet pavement, you know, like weaving back and forth and hitting the brakes hard etc. to see how it behaved. Later back on dry pavement I set the cruise (optional) at about 70 mph and rode without hands and started whacking the bars to check steering stability and jerking the bars left and right in the rain grooves to try to create a shimmy but the bike in typical Victory form resisted all bad behavior and exhibited only polite manners. Nan hinted she would prefer that I do this some other time so I settled down and rode normal.

This past weekend we got another chance to ride the Cross Roads on our Mr. Ed's Ice Cream run and this time I took the windshield off. I like the way they engineered this feature. There are no clamps to fuss with and it re-installs as easily as it removes. I still like riding a naked bike when it is hot and last weekend was a scorcher. This time I was even more impressed. Something about losing the windshield seemed to make the Cross Roads come alive. It was like it wanted to go fast. It just felt fun from the beginning and I was reminded of being on a Kingpin but with all the comfort and room of the Vision.

The Cross Roads is as stable as a Vision in all regards. It eats up bumps and rail road tracks smoothly without bottoming out making for a very nice day. I can say that this is a really fun bike to ride and to ride hard. Not having built in tip-over protection like a Vision it can really lean over before you hear anything drag. With the stage one exhaust system, it sounds great, jumps off the line and has power in reserve. This unit is dressed up with some of the fun accessories like the light bar, tachometer and cruise control.

If you missed our Victory Demo truck then come on up and ride this Cross Roads. Oh, and for all you Vegas, Hammer and Jackpot riders, I recommend you do it before I put the windshield back on.

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