

# INWBIG's Performance on the Road

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## Slip Stream Transport Motorcycle Trailer

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Curtis and I got ready to go to the Springdale Motorcycle Rodeo packing all our needs on two bikes. You can bring a lot more things on two bikes than you can on one so there is a bonus to me riding my own bike. We put the t-bag on my bike along with the sleeping bag and pad. On Curtis's bike we put his work bag for the magazine with the camera and cards and magazines, the tent and two chairs. Then we loaded the saddlebags with leather, my red cowboy hat and cigars! We didn't have anywhere to put one more thing!

With people feeling the pinch of the economy motorcycle sales have gone up considerably and you see a lot more bikes on the road than you did even last year! Along with new bikes come new riders. Also there has been a noticeable growth in the number of female riders on the road! Bikers come in many shapes, forms and backgrounds as well as many different economic classes. There are a lot more doctors, dentists and lawyers on bikes now days. There is a huge variety of riders pulling into Sturgis and other rallies on bikes, in trucks pulling bikes and even motor homes pulling bikes. More riders bringing more stuff with them to their destination.

While we were at Springdale, we ran into Alan from Adventure Sports Products. He was there showing the **All Sport Transport - (AST) Motorcycle Trailer**. Also with him he had the **SST Slip Stream Transport Motorcycle Trailer** hitched to his Road King. I was intrigued with the room of the trailer, but had never pulled a trailer with a truck much less a motorcycle. I have seen people pull trailers with their bikes and have seen the trailer weave back and forth on the road. I couldn't imagine how anyone could ride with that big weaving box behind them. Alan assured me that if I rode a bike with one of their trailers behind it, I wouldn't even notice the trailer was there through the whole ride. I nodded my head and smiled. My bike is not set up for a trailer though and I couldn't fathom putting a hitch on my Heritage just to try a trailer, and then it hit me. *"Can I go for a test ride on YOUR bike with the trailer?"* Always thinking, it would be a great story for the magazine! A woman with only 6 years riding experience pulling a trailer. If I can do it, anyone can! He thought for a minute and then told me to contact him after the rally.

We set up the date and time. I met him at his house and the bike with trailer set up was in the front yard waiting for me. He informed me that I was the only other person who had ridden his bike besides himself and I could relate to this as I would not let anyone ride mine either! I ride many different bikes of all makes, models and sizes in my profession so I wasn't too worried and apparently he wasn't either. Allen assured me that he fully tests ALL his products with his own bike and/or truck before he even considers selling them to the public. Safety is his number one concern for his customers and their rides.

I was ready for the ride, I got on the back at first and he rode around a few blocks with me on the back and familiarized me with the bike trailer set up. Next was my turn. I was determined to prove him wrong with his statement of "You won't even notice it's there".

I pulled out of the yard gently so as not to scare my gracious friend. I was going to go down Wellesley where there are some twisties and passed a sign that said DETOUR and pointed somewhere other than where I was heading. *So much for that idea.* Luckily there was a parking lot ahead where I could turn the bike around. Tight full right turn with trailer in tow, *would it pull against the turn? Wow! It didn't!* I didn't notice it pulling in the turn, it didn't make the turn any harder for the bike either! *Ok, I'm gonna hit some speed with this puppy.* Off towards Trent and going towards Pines at 60mph. *No problems with the trailer!* I turned down Pines and headed toward the freeway. Of course there is a sign there that says MOTORCYCLES USE EXTREME CAUTION. *The perfect place to test the trailer!* Not seeing any cause for "extreme caution", I turned onto Montgomery. *Yes, the road is under construction!* More signs came up saying, LOOSE GRAVEL, which is usually the case when they tear the asphalt completely up! Another sign that said, BUMP. *Great! Potholes!* I purposefully rode the bike along side a pothole so as not to hit it with the bike but sure to hit it with one wheel of the trailer. *Nothing!* No pull on the bike, I didn't even feel the trailer bounce! If I hadn't looked in my mirror and saw the trailer still there I would have thought I lost it somewhere! *One more test,* I thought to myself. I went across Argonne to Vista. The railroad tracks there would bust your spleen if you hit them too hard on a rigid! I took the tracks at 30mph. I usually go over them at about 10mph on my own bike, but *hey, I'm testing a trailer! I gotta prove this guy wrong!* I hit the tracks and felt the bike bouncing and my butt bucked off the seat, after the bike went over the tracks, came the trailer, *NOTHING!!!* I didn't feel anything! Seriously, I could not tell through the whole ride that I was pulling a trailer! It was awesome!

Let me tell you a bit more about the trailer I was pulling. It is the SST – Slip Stream Transport featuring "Fiddle Free" Air Ride Independent Suspension. The weight of the trailer empty is 200 pounds. It has approximately 30 cubic feet of storage space and a lift up board under the carpet that has the spare tire in it and a bit more room for odds and ends or even jumper cables and a your motorcycle tool pouch. The maximum load capacity is 200 pounds for a total weight of 400 pounds. You can also opt for a rack on top of the trailer to strap on more stuff. Inside front to back at hardtop is 75", Inside floor to bottom of hardtop is 11", Inside average side to side is 30", and Inside between fenders is 27". It is 79" from front of trailer to back and 100" including the tongue. Bottom of the chassis to the top of the hardtop is 23" so you can see over it in your mirrors. The total height from ground to top of the hardtop is only 34". A compact trailer with lots of room for storage and easy to pull! Shoot, even a "girl" can pull it! The wheel size is 4.0" x 12" with a tire size of ST 145" x 12", a recommended air pressure of 60PSI. It has a 5 x 4.5" log bolt pattern with 13/16" DIA Lugs and a maximum weight each of 780 pounds.



What's my over all thought on this trailer? SWEET! A nice looking trailer that has custom lights and looks for Harley Davidson®, Goldwing 1800, GW1500, BMW. A nice ride with no "jerking" distractions. A girl could pack a lot of stuff in this trailer!

Check out Adventure Sports Products advertisement on page 7. Call up Alan @ 509-994-3673 and get your order in for your own motorcycle trailer or a trailer to pull your bike in! They have many accessories for the trailers as well and a special going on in this issue! Let him know you read the article in the Biker Information Guide!