

### **Electric Bike -- TOO MUCH FUN!**

A few weeks back when I was in Kauai, I received an e-mail from Lisa Saiki at Electriccross asking if I would be interested in riding their electric dirt bike on the North Shore. As you can imagine I was yelling through the computer screen, YES! YES!

Well Lisa and her husband Neal, who have developed this bike and put their heart and soul into it, arrived in Vancouver yesterday to promote this awesome product at a California Clean Air Summit in Vancouver. Yes the one the Governor Arnold Schwarznegger is in town for, and yes I got to ride the bike before he does!



When I met Neal, he was super pumped to let me get out on the bike. Most people have a lot of ideas about electric power, like it is not powerful or won't it bog down under load or is it torquey enough? Well let me just tell you that the minute I got on this bike and pulled the throttle I was hooked and Neal was going to have one hell of a time prying this thing out of my little hands!

Firstly the bike weights just 115 pounds, has 19 horse power, will go 40 miles or 2 plus hours on a single charge and will do 44 miles per hour. That is right! You will actually be scared of the power and it will toast a 250 four-stroke race bike off the line!

So of course I was not satisfied to ride it back and forth on a grass field so I called Kim and Chris Wilberg and we headed off into the trails above the British Properties for some good old North Shore riding and to film it for an upcoming commercial.

Again you cannot believe how fast this bike goes. I even doubled Kim up Brothers Creek Road and we were flying with no power lost. I was also going up all the wicked steep downhill trails with no problem and no wheel spin and no Noise. This bike is completely silent, I mean other than the giggles coming out of the riders (me) helmet.

Log bridges, downhill rock faces, up hill rock faces, you name it and we tried it and the bike did it all. We even passed three riders on the way up and their response was 'what is that!'. When I said it was electric they had the usual look on their faces,

like does that have any power. I quickly made their night by letting them have a rip. All of them pulled wheelies and giggled big time as the front wheel left the ground. They were pumped when they saw me dial up a sick steep rock face. How was I going to let Neal and Lisa know that I was not bringing this thing back.



I wish I had it for longer but after doing some road time trials along the upper British Properties (60 plus kilometers an hour) it was time to get it back so the Governorator can ride it tomorrow. I hope to become the BC rep or distributor of these amazing machines soon. I will keep you posted. For now check them out at [www.electriccross.com](http://www.electriccross.com)

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