

POWERED BY TWINS





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On Saturday, June 4th, two Zenetiks ridden by twin sisters Jeanice Hearting, Wakeeney, KS, and Jeanita Losey, Grinnell KS, departed on a journey that would cut across Kansas the longest way possible. The course was laid out from the southwest corner to the northeast in an attempt to take advantage of typically strong prevailing winds.

Jeanita was impressed with the smooth, comfortable ride, and "The best shifting bike I have ever ridden." Our nickname the other riders called us: "The Cadillacs" said Jeanita. "The only thing I missed was being able to tuck and get out of the wind, I think with some down-turn bars, I could have been even faster." Jeanita also said she likes to hit the hills hard, and ride fast in general.

Her twin, a little less of a hammerhead, commented how hill climbing has always had a problem, but she had no trouble with the Zenetik making the grades. Neither experienced any mechanical problems, or flats on the whole trip, which is always an issue with cyclists. Formerly Jeanice had trouble climbing on other bikes, but that changed with the Zenetik. Having no trouble climbing the Zenetik up anything Kansas had to offer was a delightful turnabout for Jeanice.

The pair impressed many of the fellow riders with their ride times. Jeanita said "Some of the younger hot shot cyclists teased them saying they wouldn't make a certain check point by noon one day, we beat that time by a whole hour!"

Comfort on such a long ride becomes a sought after commodity, and the pair had many a rider eyeing their mounts for the seat. Overall they blended well with the other cyclists, which included a very strong showing of RANS recumbents, many who cheered them on and praised the bikes.

Seat comfort after hours of riding was reported excellent "We never experienced any seat discomfort, other than a little numbness, no wrist, or hand problems at all" concluded Jeanita.

The whole point of the ride was to see how well non-factory related riders would fare. Neither had any trouble making the 60 to 70 miles daily legs, or staying with the average to above average riders. Jeanita and Jeanice are in their mid-50's and stand 4'11.75", a bit under the 5' size recommended, but still a good match.

A big thanks from all of us at RANS to Jeanita and Jeanice for doing so well on the ride and being an ever overflowing source of enthusiasm and goodwill for not only RANS Bikes, but cycling in general.

