

CBX *Folklore and Humor*

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Mount a Watermelon to Cure Those Early Model Wobbles!!!

The Way It Was In The Early 80s

Couple of thousand miles after buying my new 80, I had my first encounter with the dreaded wobble going full song.

Sometimes the wobble would happen at high speed on straights, but there was also a wobble risk on long fast sweepers that would have an undulation. Worst of all, the wobble was not predictable and may or may not happen in the same straight or sweeper.

Way back in the early 80s life as a CBX was a bit different than now. First off there were no mail order cures for the wobble available nor was there any advise from fellow CBXers since we were all trying to figure it out without much success I might add.

Other bikes at the time had their own built in versions of the wobble, so "hit it and get it" runs with against other period superbikes often came down to the winner being determined by whose bike wobbled least and/or last.

First Wobble Cure Discovered

Given this backdrop, one day I was stopped at a road side stand and in the process of finalizing the purchase of a watermelon when a Kawasaki Z1R went by.

So off we go (watermelon on the 80 gas tank in a small box) trying to catch the Z1R.

Soon we were about ten feet behind, going the speed limit with a long straight approaching.

He saw the CBX in his mirror and immediately went for the win. I was ready and few seconds later we both hit an undulation in the road and the Z1 went into a massive tank slapper. The CBX took the same undulation like a champ with the extra weight of the watermelon without a hint of the dreaded high speed wobble and we simply motored on by at full song.

A few seconds later, I checked my mirror and saw the Z1 exiting onto another road and that was that. Wellllla, not quite

Rematch

A few months later I saw the Z1R parked with some other bikes at a fast food place and decided to stop in and check things

out. When I took my helmet off one of the younger guys asked the Z1R owner "you let this old guy and that bike" whip your Z1R on a rollon, we want to see a rematch"

The Z1R owner was silent for a few seconds, then finally came out with this feeble reply.

"Sure, but one rule this time, no watermelon; and by the way, what the hell was in that watermelon!!!!"

Twenty years later, I am thinking he thought I had some super throw down trick nitros system in that watermelon or something.

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