

XJ RELAY

Are you the proud owner of one of Yamaha's XJ series of motorcycles? Well, here's your chance to participate in the XJ world-wide relay! Yes, starting in Australia, XJ riders have been transporting a knapsack around the globe from one XJ rider to the next.

The bag has so far done Australasia, the US and Europe, and is currently doubling back from Finland, to Canada! Whoa. Once the bag arrives in Halifax, it will make its way west through the Maritimes, across Quebec, Ontario, a quick detour into the States and then back into Western Canada.

Each participant has added a souvenir to the bag (wouldn't it eventually overflow?) and received a patch to commemorate their participation. One of the early souvenirs was a pair of penguins that have ended up being photographed at various destinations around the world (as done in the film *Amélie* - very good, you should watch it). The results of which can be seen on the event's web site.

I know, I know, sounds like a joke but if you don't believe me, check out their web site at: www.xjrelay.com. If you'd like to get involved in the Canadian leg, contact Dwayne Verhey at verhey@surenet.net.



The penguins have fun in their Swiss locale. Famous backpack is shown to the right.