

Rapido Mystery

I picked up the Rapido yesterday at the bike shop after too many days to do a tune-up. Turns out they miscopied my phone number. I carried the bike back to the campground on the rack and locked it on the picnic table. This AM, I went out to unlock the bike and take a 2 hour ride. Both tires were flat and I couldn't get air in the tires with two different pumps. I was frustrated and mystified. I thought that some rednecks had cut the tires with their Rambo knives and even looked for the tell-tale gashes. The shop didn't open until 10 AM and we had to go to the townhouse for the home inspection, so we didn't get to the shop until 11 AM. I told the guys in the shop about the mystery and the young kid tech noticed that the tubes had gone down spoke holes and punctured themselves. This verified one of my theories (not as plausible as rednecks butchering the tires) that, during the tune-up, they had pumped the tires to 125 psi. My bike, costing only \$254, maxed out at 85 psi. The kid tried to pretend that he didn't do that, but what else could have happened? I left the bike at the shop and am waiting for the owner to decide what to do. So I got the geezer bike out of mothballs. By now, it's 98 degrees, so riding a bike doesn't seem like a great thing to do.