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## Leave Cali day 32

**More work on the 1979 Sportster, some electrical work, and plans for the apartment.**

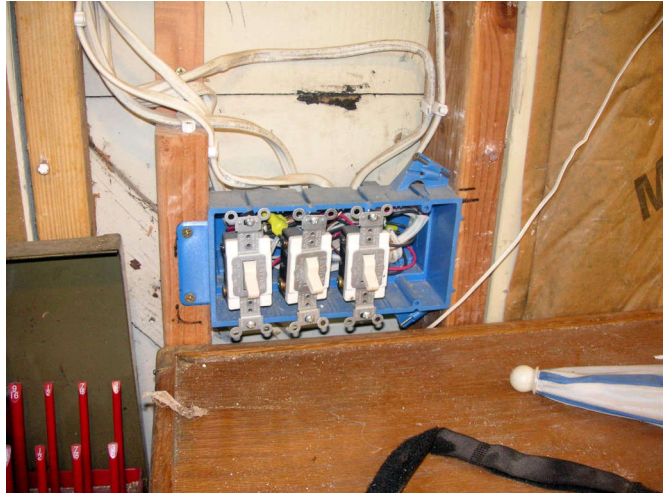


Yesterday was getting the top end put on the 1979 Sportster. Today its fixing the gasoline petcock, changing the oil, putting in a new battery, and some other odds and ends. In addition, I put cover plates on some junction boxes in the garage. The house inspection would have problems with open boxes. Yet another silly thing I should have done the month I moved in, instead leaving in a month.

The bike had some final work on the ignition on Day 40. I had a leak at the oil pump I fix on Day 41. When the bike got to Florida, oil poured out when the mover pushed it into the driveway. I had changed the right peg to mount on the frame, and when I took out the giant stud that mounted the peg on the engine, I forgot to screw in a short bolt to plug the hole.



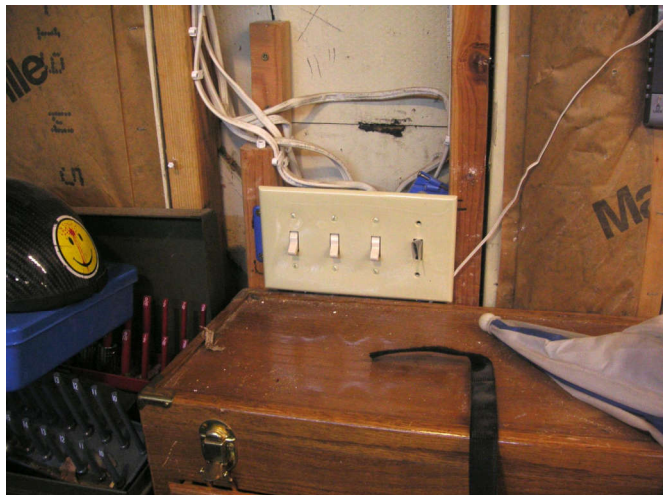
This was the petcock in the 1979 Sportster gas tank.



I had this bigger switch box that was open as well.



I had all the spares on hand. I rebuilt or replaced what I had to. The plate mounts the On-Off switch for the bike.



That was an easy fix.



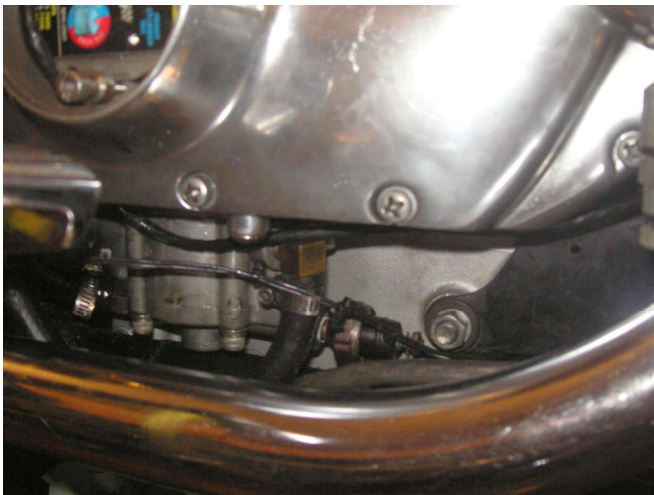
I added a plate for a switch box in the garage.



I learned it is best to just put a new battery in any bike that has sat for more than a year. Here I add the acid. I like Yuasa brand batteries.



I change the engine oil and filter. The oil is full of aluminum particles from the blown piston.



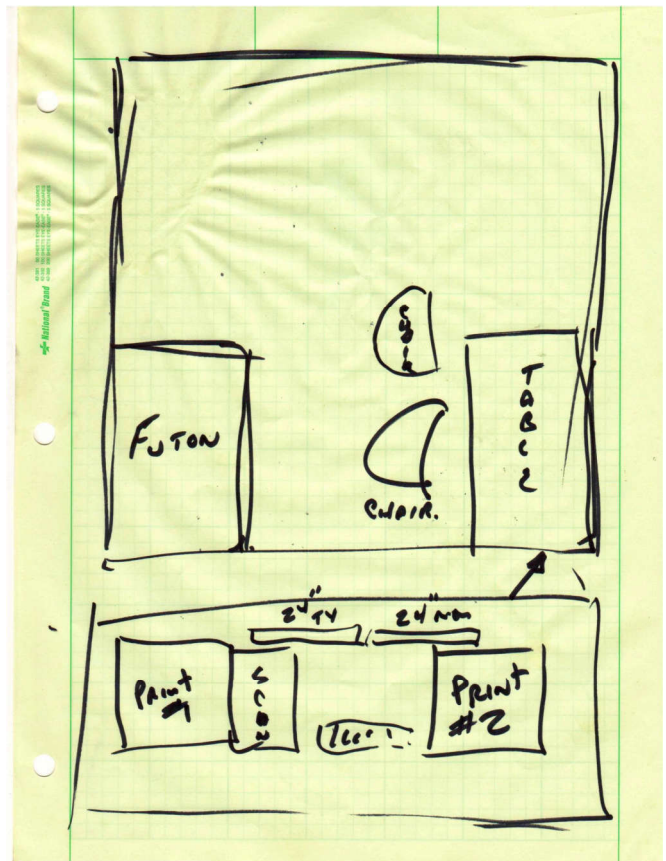
I had to wire in the oil pressure switch.



The bike is nearly ready. I have a hoist set up in the side room to get the bike down on the floor where I can roll it into the garage.



The 1979 is the far bike. The 1977 nearer needs a transmission job. That is tomorrow.



It's a Friday, so while at work, I sketch out how I want to set up the studio apartment I am going to rent the last six months I am in Silicon Valley. I rented an apartment in late June. I moved the house contents and bikes to Florida in July, closed house the sale in September, and left in December. No regrets.