## **Cover Bike**

There has been one bike I have been after for almost 2 years. I had just about given up when out of the clear blue Al Bartus of Schoffeld called me up. Big Al is the owner of this 1950 Pan. Expecting a pretty straight forward story on this scoot, I found out it was anything but.

Let's start at the beginning. Al's first bike was a 1940 flathead. After riding it for a year or so he sold it and purchased a brand new 1950 Pan. Now here is where the story twists and turns. (Pay close attention)

After buying the '50 and riding it for about 3 years, including his time in the Army between '51 and '53 in which time he had to take the bike home when he shipped out for a tour in Alaska.

Once returning from Alaska in '53 he proceeded to sell the bike for \$300 so as to buy his future wife a diamond. (Hmm, me personally, I'd have thought twice about that one) but to each his own.

Well, the wife didn't last but the urge to ride stayed with Al for almost 50 years. He and son-in-law Rod found another 1950, bought and restored it. The bike was even chosen after the restoration to be shown at Harley's 95th Anniversary in Milwaukee.

There was one small problem with the owners. Al lived in Wisconsin, and as we all know you we can't ride year round, and Rod lived in Florida. So it was mutually agreed upon that for the winter months the bike would be in Florida, and then be hauled up to Tennessee where Al would meet Rod with a trailer and bring it up for the summer months be here in Wisconsin.

In 2002, Rod bought out Al's share of the bike they had restored leaving Al with nothing again. So, with a deep persistence to own another1950 found another one in Colorado. Al called on it, had pictures sent and was planning on buying it. Well it turns out that Al was a tad bit late because the owner sold it to a man in Connecticut site unseen. Well being determined to have this bike, found the new owner, gave him a call and ended up buying it from him, ( at a small profit of course).

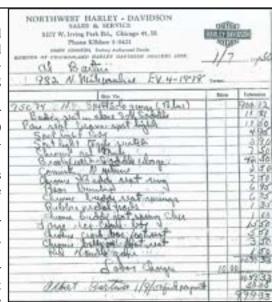
Well Al is the proud owner of this beautiful 1950 Panhead, and does not plan on ever having to find another one. So don't ask to buy it! Just a couple of quick notes:

Al has never driven a hand clutch motorcycle, tank shift is all he knows.

Al is still riding big time even though he's 76 years young.

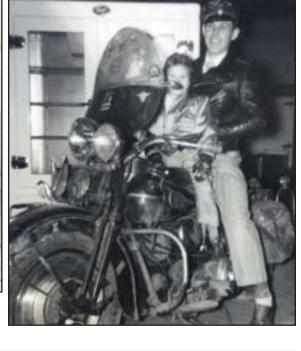
Al had to borrow the money from his brother to buy the original bike. Then borrowed money 50 years later from the same brother to buy the latest one. His brother told him not to make a habit of borrowing money from him.

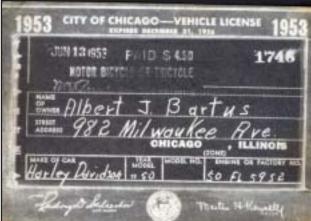
Al is a member of ABATE because he failed his road test for not keeping both hands on the handle bars. If someone has figured out how to shift a bike with a tank shifter while keeping your hands on the bars let me know I would like to thank Chain and Dave at Rosholt Motorcycle Company for turning me onto this bike. And for also keeping this bike running so great.



I'll take 2 at this price!







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