

TIPS & TRICKS

By  
Dr. Gizmo Doodad

Well gang once again it's time to hear from America's favorite leading expert on Faux- Erudition motorcycle sciences. The good doctor will answer your MC questions with enlightenment and true nirvana. So as they used to say on the 12-inch black and white TV screen of the 1950's "Keep those cards and letters coming in." You can email your questions to the Doctor at drgdoodad@yahoo.com

Without further ado; let's get to this month's mailbag.

BONDING WITH BONDO

Dear Doctor Gizmo,

I'm 14 and my mom is 34. We would like to build a motorcycle as part of a bonding experience. Do you think it is something we could do? What do you think it would cost? Chino - Pine Grove, WV

Chino,

I'm sorry but I can't estimate the cost unless I know what type of motorcycle and design you have in mind. However, the total \$\$\$ would be determined by whether you plan on using new or used parts. Figure that new parts will be twice the price of used ones.

Never let inexperience stand in the way of enthusiasm. Given enough time money and determination anything is possible. Good luck.

S&S BLUES

Doc,

I installed an S&S carb on my bike and the darn thing leaks out through the overflow tube. What gives?

Deacon - Salt Lake City, Utah

Deacon,

This is a common problem with a new S&S. The fix is simple. You have a piece of crud stuck in the fuel bowl inlet needle. Remove the carb. Then remove the float bowl and clean it. Disassemble the carburetor and blow air through the inlet passage. Add an in-line fuel filter at the lowest point of the feed line. This should cure the problem.

Periodically drain the fuel bowl by removing the bolt from the bottom of the fuel bowl to keep the dilemma from occurring again.

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE

Giz

I would really like to build a custom motorcycle. I need a little advice on how to get started. Any suggestions?

Dirty Frank-Williamstown, NJ

Dirty,

Yes I have suggestions. I am one of the leading experts in the field. Suggestions 'R' us is my middle name.

First off: Get your hands on at least \$20,000 in cash. Second: Get as many parts catalogs as you can. Third: Develop a theme for your build. Fourth: Make a list of what you will need. Fifth: Do it.

OLD RELIABLE

Dear Dr. Doodad,

I would like to build a chopper like the Panhead I had during the seventies. I want to use a reliable motor. I see that today there are many choices of power plants to choose from. What engine should I use?

Rotten Jack- via the Internet

Rotty,

This is the one question I am asked all the time. So I'll tell you what I did on my last build. I bought a reliable, moderately priced crate motor from a company in the Midwest. The name of that company was Harley-Davidson. You can contact Dr. Doodad, MC, Ph.D. with your questions, comments, tech tips, and chili recipes at: drgdoodad@yahoo.com.

**Big Todd's Rumble Inn**



1109 Park Street  
Stevens Point, WI 54481  
(715) 341-9669

Todd & Mary Barden  
Owners  
Cell (715) 498-2237



Beautiful like a woman. Simple like a man.



The full-size Auto-Glide offers a 750cc CVT automatic transmission, 43/62 MPG and loads of optional equipment. The Speedster models offer a 570cc CVT automatic transmission and 58/83 MPG, also with many additional equipment options. Spend more time cruising, not shifting.

**TWIN CITY**  
1651-765-9988  
www.twincityridley.com

**ACE POWERSPORTS**  
KENOSHA WISCONSIN

TEST RIDE A NEW VICTORY AND GET A FREE T-SHIRT

TRADES WELCOME

FULL LINEUP OF PARTS, ACCESSORIES AND CLOTHING

BRING IN THIS AD FOR \$200.00 IN ACCESSORIES WITH A NEW VICTORY PURCHASE!

\*Terms and conditions apply. Cash back voucher with "cashbackamerica.com" visit their website for additional info and FAQ. Always wear a helmet, eye protection and protective clothing, and obey the speed limit. Victory Motorcycles and the Victory logo are registered trademarks of Polaris Sales Inc. copyright 2003 Victory Motorcycles.

**ACE POWERSPORTS**  
ACE, THE PLACE TO BE.

8124 SHERIDAN RD., KENOSHA WI.  
262-654-3090

ACE POWERSPORTS  
KENOSHA WISCONSIN

THE NEW AMERICAN MOTORCYCLE

JUST 4 MILES NORTH OF THE ILLINOIS / WISCONSIN STATE LINE ON RT32 (SHERIDAN ROAD). EASY TO GET TO AND WORTH THE TRIP.

TRUCK-CRUISER

VEGAS

KINGDIN

TOURING CRUISER

\$1000 TO \$2500 CASH BACK\* ON VICTORY MOTORCYCLES!

YCLE WORLD CRUISER OF THE YEAR

ACE POWERSPORTS