TIPS & TRICKS

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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 over-flow 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

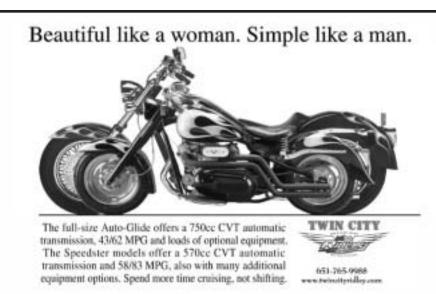


last build. I bought a reliable, moderately priced crate motor from a company in the Midwest. The name of that company was Harley-Davidson

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