Cover Story

I met Roger, the owner of this great looking bike at the Black River Rumble, in Black River Falls, WI. After getting a closer look I talked Roger into letting me take some pictures for a future cover bike. We all like to see old school bikes, with the owners thoughts brought to life. So let me introduce Roger and his '68 Sporty.

A tale of three friends

For years I rode 754 Honda choppers and felt like I was on top of the world. They out ran most Harley's but my friends hated the sound and made me stay at the rear of the pack all the time. They kept telling me to sell the rice burners and buy a real bike. So I decided to do just that.

My friend Danny wrecked this 68 sporty and it was mostly stock at the time. He folded the front forks and tire around the right side of the engine with the help of a car when he couldn't stop at the intersection a block from my shop. It sat around for a year or so when I talked him into selling it to me for \$1,500. With a lot of dreaming and hard work this is the result.

My other friend Rick straightened, raked and painted the frame. I took it home and went to work on it through the winter of 2001. Since then it has won 7 1st and 2nd place trophies. It has made several appearances at bike



shows and rally's. This was my second time here at the Black River Rumble. Lots of enjoyment and relaxation, I look forward to coming back again next year.

The scoot is a 68 Harley Sportster Full Custom70 thousands over Andrews Cams, Larger Exhaust Valves, K&N Filter, SS Super E Carb, Fat Bob tanks, special made tank mounts (thanks to Rick.), Wide Glide Front End, and all the chrome I could manage to fit. And not to forget my Goldwing radio, gotta keep the rice burner groove on!

> Roger Hedgman Oelwein, Iowa









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