

Cover Bike- Souixcide Choppers' "Firebike"

A Firefighters Pledge

I promise concern for others.

A willingness to help all those in need.

I promise courage - courage to face and conquer my fears.

Courage to share and endure the ordeal of those who need me.

I promise strength - strength of heart to bear whatever burdens might be placed upon me.

Strength of body to deliver to safety all those placed within my care.

I promise the wisdom to lead, the compassion to comfort,

and the love to serve unselfishly whenever I am called

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The bike showed up at a show at Great Lakes Dragaway for the Harley Shootout August 26th and 27th all the way from Sioux City Iowa. Preacher immediately liked it and pointed it out to me for a shoot and the pubic agreed placing this fine bike 7th place in the 2 day show.

Joe Small spent 22 years as a firefighter and when he hooked up with Dana Meneffee who owns "Souixcide Choppers" Dana, Joe, & Kevin Parks are partners at Souixcide Choppers, it was a natural design for Joe to pursue. Meneffee and Parks are both master welders and fabricators. The three designed the bike with Joe doing the paint work. "This bike was built to honor the real job of a fireman, which is to fight the flames of a fire, hence "The Firebike", says Joe.

With a plethora of tribute and firefighter bikes on the scene since 9-11, this bike pays homage to a noble and dangerous occupation with the style and wicked design of a true hard core chopper.

This 2005 custom hard tail is easy to spot with the unique "flamed" single down tube. The engine is a 113ci Ultima, polished; with a 5 speed transmission and a suicide shift and the Meneffee original 1-up pitchfork Springer front end. Despite the stretched 8' up with a 42 degree rake, Joe says this bike rides and handles very well. All "off the shelf" parts were provided by Al's Custom Cycle in Sioux City Iowa. Becky Parks designed the seat. The wheels are from RMD Billet in Minnesota with Metzler 21" front and 240 x 18" rear tires.

The build took a total of five and a half months and approximately 2,650 beers. Souixcide Choppers put their blood, sweat and tears into this ride, but Joe put his heart and soul. Although Joe says this bike is priceless to him, it can live on with another owner as they are offering it for sale for \$40,000.

And we know someone will "carry the torch" for this bike on into the future.

Souixcide Choppers can be found on the web at www.souixcide-choppers.com.

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