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Cover Bike

She is called the "Low Rider" and she is the kind of bike that gets under your skin.

She was born in 1977 from the Harley-Davidson Corporation and although this 28 year-old has had a lot of work done, her heart is still pure. Some like blondes and some like red heads but Warren Heir Jr. is partial to Shovel Heads.

Warren's Cycle located in Round Lake, IL was started over 24 years ago by a former Harley Davidson mechanic by the name of Warren Heir Sr. With his newborn son, Warren Jr. a new arrival on the scene, Sr. took his experience with motorcycles (specifically Harley-Davidson's) and started his own shop. Now it is 24 years later and his son and his business have developed into something Warren Sr. can be proud of.

Warren Jr. was raised in a motorcycle shop and became serious about working there during his college summers. It has now been 2 years that Warren Jr. has graduated from Western Illinois University with a Bachelors degree in Business Management and he has devoted the past 2 years to his full time, hands-on work in the motorcycle building and repair business that his father started.

The Low Rider has had a long-term relationship with her current owner, Warren Heir Jr.. She first came to Warren's Cycle for some work when she was owned by a man named Jack who referred to her as "his baby". Warren's Cycle had done some work on the '77 Shovel Head for Jack and it was on one of Warren Jr.'s drives back home from college that he saw her and Jack on the side of the road. She and Jack had been in a bad motorcycle accident and Jack didn't make it. Jack's distraught widow had the bike towed to Warren's Cycle and that is where she sat, untouched for 4-5 years.

Warren completed college, started working full time at the shop and wanted to build a unique bike for his own personal ride. It took him some time to pull together the courage to call Jack's widow and ask her if he could buy Jack's baby for his own project. Jack's widow hesitated, but upon reflecting on Jack's love for that bike and for motorcycles in general, she granted Warren Jr. permission to reclaim the life that lay in her twisted frame. Jack would have wanted that bike to live on.

Warren Jr. gladly accepted the 74" Shovel Head and began work on the bike that had been in his head for years. A bobber-style with a nod to the old school but with the function of modern improvements and rideability. Warren Jr. breathed new life into her and renamed her "Low Rider" which was what she was in her previous life with Jack.

Warren knew he wanted to powder coat the Midwest Iron Horse frame, and when he went to the powder coater to look through samples and make his decision on color, he found some fireplace tools waiting for pick up with an awesome black wrinkle finish on them. It all came together from there, he loved the finish so much, he used it as much as he could in his project. The custom turned handlebars, the twisted sissy bar, the frame, cases, belt drive, front end, risers, all in black wrinkle.

Keeping the look clean, Warren Jr. used Exile internal clutch and throttle. Alligator Bob stitched the glittering gold, logo embossed seat over Warren's seat pan and Stardust Kustoms pulled it together with a Pegan Gold, Red pinstripe and black old school paint job.

It is a stellar example of what this young man can do with an older woman. They are good for each other and thanks to Warren Jr., This little honey is better than she ever was. You can contact Warren Jr. through the website:

www.warrencycle.com

TECH SHEET

Owner: Warren Heir Jr.
Home: Round Lake, IL
Builder: Warren Heir Jr.
Year/model: 2005
Time to build: 3 months
Chromer: None
Polisher: None
Powder coater J & J Power Coat, Zion IL
Painter: Stardust Kustoms, McHenry, IL
Color: Pegan Gold

ENGINE

Model/year: HD Shovel, 1977 74" CI
Builder: HD
Displacement: 74" CI
Horsepower: 50 HP Est
Cases: HD
Flywheels (make & stroke): HD
Balancing: HD
Connecting rods: HD
Cylinders (make & bore): HD
Pistons (make & comp. ratio): HD
Heads: HD
Cam (make & lift): Andrews A-Grind
Valves: HD
Rockers: Polished after market
Lifters: HD
Push rods: Adjustable Jims
Carb: S&S E
Air cleaner: Goodson
Exhaust: Warren's
Ignition: Dyna 2000

Coils: Accel
Wires: Accel
Charging: VTwin
Regulator: V Twin
Oil pump: HD
Cam cover: HD
Primary cover: 3" Open belt drive with mid mount controls

TRANSMISSION

Year/model: 5 speed Slick Shift
Case:
Gears:
Mods:
Clutch:
Primary drive:
Final drive: chain
Kick starter: none

CHASSIS

Frame: Midwest Chrome Horse
Rake: 34
Stretch: none in back bone, 4" in down tubes Custom twisted steel motor mount
Front forks: 77 HD Low rider front end with shaved lower legs
Mods:
Swingarm: none
Shocks: none
Front wheel (size and make): 21" chopper spool
Rear wheel (size and make): 16" Midwest

Front brake: none
Rear brake: V Twin disk
Front tire (size and make): 90 90 21" Avon
Rear tire (size and make): 510- 16 VTwin HD replica
Front fender: none
Rear fender: Chica ribbed 5"
Fender struts: Warren's
Rail: Warren's

ACCESSORIES

Headlight: Bates
Taillight: LED Maltese Cross
Fuel tank: Low Tunnel Sportster Peanut
Oil tank: Round Midwest
Handlebars: Warren's & Ray
Hooks
Risers: HD
Seat: Warren's and Alligator Bob
Pegs: Billet 4 U
Chain guard: none
Speedo: none
Dash: none
License bracket: Ray Hook
Mirrors: none
Hand controls: none
Foot controls: Billet 4 U
Levers: None
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