

David Mann Original



Back in February Lorie and I were at the R&B Chicago SuperCycle show, when we got a call from Dave of Black and White Castings. He told us that he was reading about David Mann and asked if we would be interested in running some pictures of a David Mann original. Well, after thinking about it for less than a second I told him I'd get hold of him when we got back into town. Getting the pictures was fairly easy, but getting a quick story about it was like pulling teeth. (For those of you that attend swaps and go to events that have vendors, you probably know Dave, and know what I'm talking about.) So here is a quick story on this beautifully painted piece of biker folklore.

Well lets see..The Story...my brother in law Tony was reading his Dec.1976 issue of Easy Riders and saw a ad for Tank Art ..well it was David Mann's ad. Tony contacted him either by mail or phone (don't think they had e-mail then), for the tank gas tank requirements and price. He bought a new gas tank had the correct color paint put on and went and got the record from Uriah Heep (The Magician's Birthday.) Tony then sent David Mann the gas tank and album cover. Early in 1977 he got the tank back....well to him it was THE NICEST PIECE OF ART HE EVER HAD. So the stock tank stayed on his chopped hard tail and the painted David Mann tank stayed on a shelf. Tony's a Vietnam vet from Waupaca County USA.....later

Just a quick note: Isn't it really weird how things happen. David Mann answers an ad for an artist in the pages of Easy Riders back in 1971. Tony answered an ad 5 years later for Tank Art, and now 28 years later we're all enjoying some new artwork never seen before in the pages of Free Riders Press.



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