

My ol-man, a true blue motorcycle enthusiast. One of the founders of a motorcycle club back in the 60's (Road Rebels). A customizer in the 70's, winning a 3rd place in '81 at the famous Rats Hole Show during Daytona week. Hitting all of the rallies throughout the 80's (Daytona, Sturgis, Laconia). And hitting all fifty states, all provinces of Canada and Europe during the 90's.

One year in Sturgis he purchased one single raffle ticket. The prize being a fully restored Indian Chief. Always admiring it as a child. One day several months later he received a unique phone call. The President of the Motorcycle museum in Pickerington, Ohio. My ol-man skeptical, and not in the mood for a rude joke, listened doubtingly to what the man had to say. The President claimed that they just picked my ol-mans name as the winner of the Chief. My ol-man, bewildered of the caller that he was the butt of a joke by some of his old cronies from his past club. Telling the President "Who is this?", "is this Julio?" "Is this Jazz? This isn't funny!" Hanging up on the President twice before he convinced the ol-man he was who he really was. My ol-man, embarrassed, politely apologized. Listening intently to what the man had to say, "Yes sir, you are the winner of the Sturgis drawing, a fully restored Indian Chief (1947)." "How would you like delivery?" My ol-man ecstatic, stated he was a truck driver, and would arrange a load in the Ohio area to pick it up in person. Two weeks later granted permission, he picked up the bike along with some photos of him and the restorer and on his way he was.

A couple of months passed, he accepted an invitation to his hometowns local Memorial Day Parade. To show off his new prize when he was driving it in the parade, some youngsters seeing and hearing the old motorcycle rumble did the famous hand gesture to crack the throttle. My ol-man cracked the throttle and bumped the clutch, in turn causing the chain to fly off, swinging around the heavily skirted fenders, chipping the paint ever so slightly. (Come to find out who ever put that chain on put the uni-link on backwards). My ol-man so discouraged with his Chief's new found battle wound, decided it was bad luck, so he put the old Chief in the corner of his kitchen where it sits to this very day. Safe from future freaks of depreciation. 15 years ago and counting.

Me, being an auto mechanic for several years, have tried to give him some positive advice. That he should run it once a year to get everything lubricated, and to keep the seals soft and pliable. To my dismay he refuses to budge at the suggestion.

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Too bad the old Chief won't be giving any battle cries anytime soon. My ol-mans birth year being '48, anybody want to trade a '47 for a '48. I bet I know just the man who would love to trade one.  
 "Criminal" Chris

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