

**Cover Bike-Fright Trike**

(Ring) Hello.

(Voice on the other end of the phone)

Hey Wizard! Your not gona believe what I just bought! It's a Corvair Trike. Man! It's wild, it looks like something Herman Munster would ride! Its got a girder an chrome rims an everything!

Hey! Who is this? It's not even April Fools day. What'er you on?

This is Greg, an I'm not kiddin'! You gona be at your shop this after noon?

Good! I'm comin' over this, this trike needs everything!

Later that day my buddy Greg Prokop rolled into my shop with this bazzare piece of motorcycle art. We have a rather limited history, but the bike is a '70, the engine is a '68 Chevy Corvair Flat Six. It produced about 100 horsepower. It was built by a shop that specializes in custom 3 wheelers. The shop was located someplace in the Fridley, MN area. They did mostly Volkswagon type things but they supposedly made a limited number of Corvairs and even some V8 trikes, all in the late 60's and early 70's. A lot of the body's on these were Fiberglass but this one is sixteen Gauge steel.

Greg found this bike on the side of the road one day when he was out ridin'. The trike didn't run but was fairly complete. The paint was bad and a lot of the sheet metal was damaged. The wiring and mechanicals also needed attention. Greg got the engine and twin carbs to run well before taking every nut and bolt off of the bike. The scoot was cool and definitely different as is, but in need of some up grades and refinements. Gregs vision was a "Creepy Theme", but he still wanted the early 70's flavor. Well he was talkin' my language!

The original Smith and Fetro Girder and spool hub 21" rim were retained up front, as were the Crager SS mags and big bias ply meats out back. For show the bias ply's work, but for driving a pair of Centerlines and Radicals work much better. The custom tiller style handlebars were cleaned up, reused and topped of with a vintage set of metalflake red grips from Ken Kuhnke at Cycle Exchange. Cycle Exchange of Hazelhurst, WI 715-356-7346 also supplied some other vintage hardware and old stuff too.

Moving out back, the Graveyard gate Nerf bar was built by Marks Welding and Fab in Blaine, MN 763-79-84-0783. The Nerf bar also houses the skull tail lights and the wheelie wheels. Yes, this bike can pull the front end off the ground! The spoiler is made of aircraft Aluminum and also came with the bike.

The engine, a Corvair Flat Six is fed by twin barrel carbs- one over each cylinder. Power goes through a chevy power glide automatic. The shifter comes up through the right fender. The rear end is a combination of Corvair Volkswagon Van and a Chevy passenger car.

What really makes this bike a winner (its trophied every time its shown) is the details. Keeping with the theme and making it "period correct" were definite goals at the beginning of this build. So when Greg had me do the paint work, I did a little research into early 70's paint and mural techniques. A look at some of my old magazines from the "Van Craze" days and a few reruns of the Munsters, got me in shape for the Graveyard scenes, skulls and Dragon Wings. Seventeen colors plus three colors of flake were used. This was one of the funnest paint jobs I've done. From the start of moulding the frame to the last coat of clear we were giggling like ghouls! Other details include the owner made cobwebs on the floor boards, the alternator guard, grille and ten gussets in the frame. The trike also has many chrome spike nuts, skulls and home made bats. People have said "every time I look at this thing, I see more hidden stuff!"

So, ya take a road side find, a little excitement, add a healthy dose of vision, some elbow grease, mix together, simmer in a garage for 6 months and out comes a Fright Trike!!!

Boo! Wizard

Owner- Greg Prokop

City- Harris, MN

Frame- Custom Trike

Rake- 42°

Engine- '68 Corvair Flat Six

Cubic Inch- 110

Carb(s)- Rochester 2 BBL

Air Cleaner- Custom stacks with bat silhouette by owner

Front End- Smith&Fetro Girder

Bars- Custom tiller

Headlight- Vintage Bates

Tail Light- Skulls (L.E.D)

Nerf Bar- Marks Welding and Fab

Molding- Owner

Paint- Wizard Custom Studios

Color- All of 'em



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