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Cover Photo of Troy Nicholsen, Lightning Cycle Works in Halthom City Texas. Troy has been building Custom motorcycles in the DFW area since the 70's. He and Rusty go back over 30 years.

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Texas loud and proud, this is one of Troy Nicholsen's latest Show winning Customs

From the Editors Seat

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Biker Tattoos

Story by Captain Howdy Photos from File

Well everyone knows that "Bikers" have big, bad, scary tattoos, right"? Actually, we all know that's not the case, these days anyway. Bikers are just like everyone else in that if they do have any ink it is just as unique and varied as they are.

Here are some pictures of folks with tattoos taken at various events like All American Motorcycle Expos and swap meets.





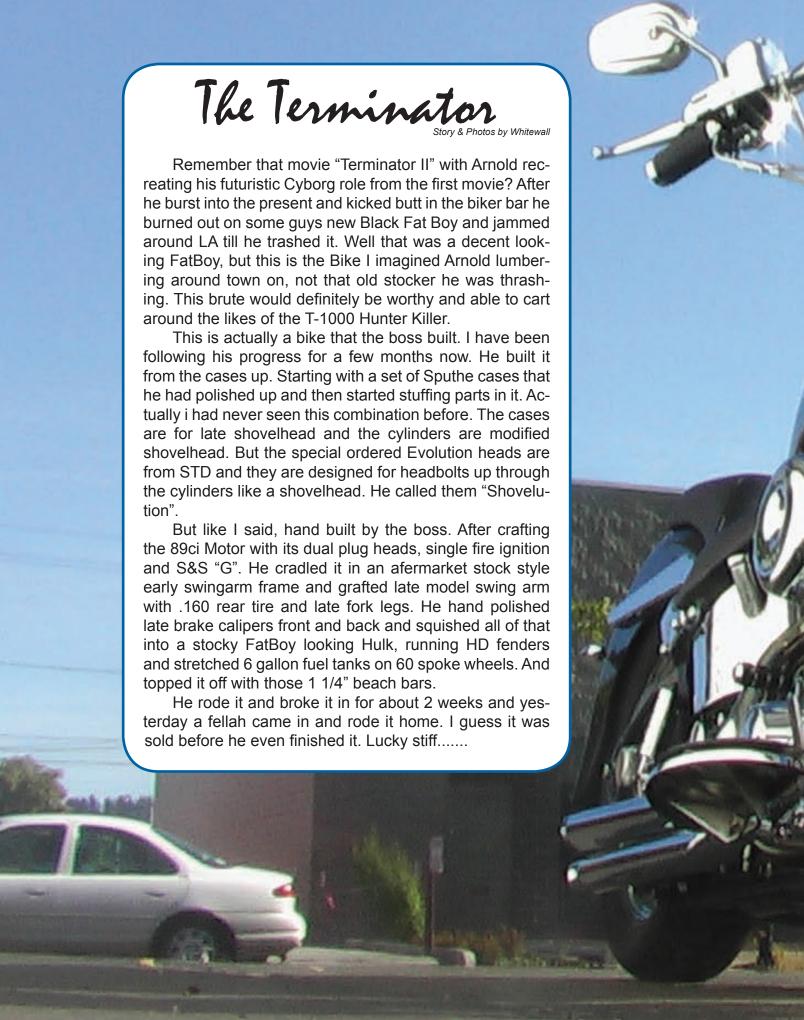
























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Chrome/Polishing: McKenzie Plating

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Cases: Sputhe Shovelhead

Heads: STD dual plug "Shovelution" Flywheel/Rod Assy: Jims Mach.

Pistons: Ross forged Displacement: 89ci Cam: Crane Fireball Carb: S&S "G" Exhaust: Samson

Tranny

Make: Ultima 6 speed Overdrive

Drive: BDL 1 3/4" Primary Belt, 1" Drive Belt

Chassis Make: Ultima, stock style - 2005 HD Swingarm

Fenders: HD, FatBoy Seat: Ultima, Showdown

Brakes: Polished HD 2005 Fatboy Forward Controls: Legends

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Harness: Rusty Savage

Ignition: Crane HI-4, Daytec 4 Plug Coil

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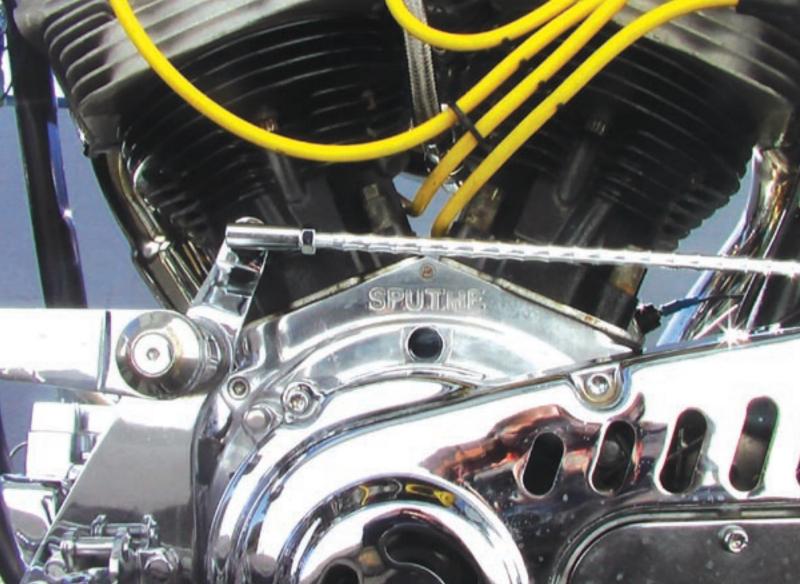
Make: HD 2005 FatBoy, lowered 2" Handlebar: Beach Bar1 1 1/4"

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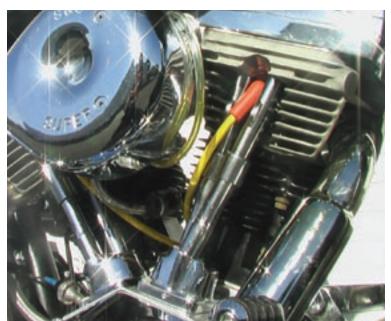
Front: 16", 60 Spoke, Dunlop MT90 Rear: 16", 60 Spoke, Dunlop .160mm

























Lightnin's Texas Style Choppers

There I am, snoozin in my little closet in the back of the so called office, when the Boss comes hollerin. "Scooter, get in here, last minute story." I crawl out an he tosses me an envelope then sez, "This is my Buddy Troys feature, make it a good one. Lightnin builds the best Bikes in Texas".

As I wipe the crust outta my eyes and open it up, I see a bunch of pictures and no text. Well there was a quote on the back of one of them. So I remember this fella from the Triple Threat Bike Buildoff Movie the Boss did a few years ago, he was one of the Builders. I checked a little further and found that Troy Nicholson was a featured builder several years at







the "Republic of Texas" Bikers Rally. Not only that he was featured on a Cable Special, building a Custom Chopper live on a stage. Man, this is one busy Dude. Whitewall tells me in addition to being a well known Texas Bike builder, Troy, 'Lightnin', Nicholson and Mr Savage are old riding buddies from back in the day.

"The Day?" I sez. "Yea, he tells me. Back in the seventies and early eighties, they were part of a hard riding group down in Ft Worth Texas area. Those guys used to tear up the road together.

I look at the pictures again. Man these guys sure aged well. "Well it wasnt from lack of tryin" Whitewall says with a smile.

So, you'll have to use your imagination on the details of these bikes. All I know is they look pretty good and Troy is the "Real Deal" when it comes to building and riding. As they say in Texas, "it aint his first Rodeo".





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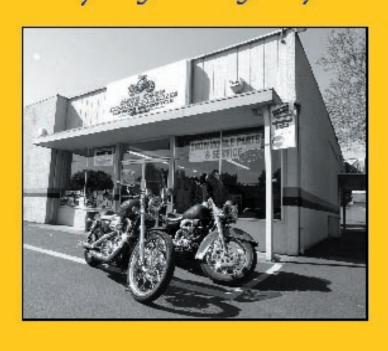
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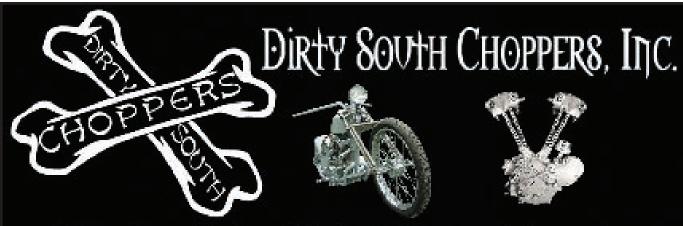
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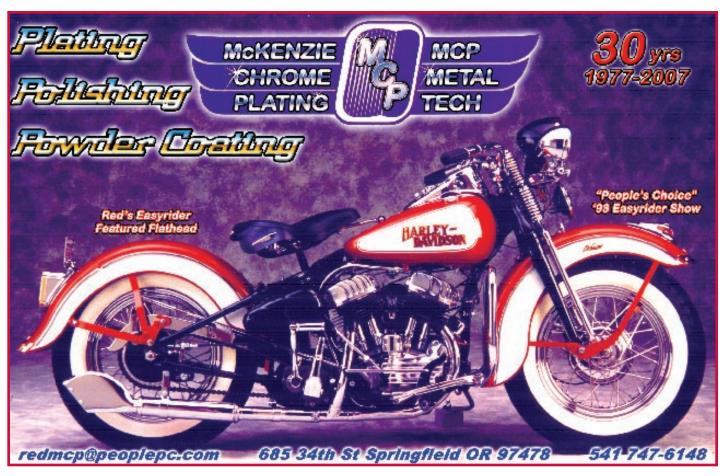


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