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Founded more than 25 years ago, the multi-award-winning Aachen, Germany based manufacturer

pioneered the concept of the 'Bullet Light' and bar-end indicators with its popular Bullet 1000 series.

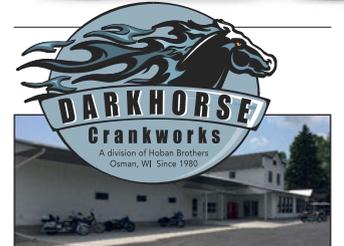
Since then Kellermann has pushed the boundaries of the "Small but Powerful" concept with products such as the Micro S and Micro 1000, Micro Rhombus and, most recently, the Atto and Rhombus S. In the United States, Kellermann is in partnership with Kuryakyn with the exclusive 'Kellermann By Kuryakyn' program.

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# Is the Future a Hybrid of Mixed Platforms?

**The rumors surrounding Harley's MY2020 announcement later this year are mixed, but mostly suggesting a 'holding pattern' of paint, accessory and possible tech changes.**

With 2020 production validation due to have been underway by now, I'm hearing that an extension of traction control may be on the cards, with the inevitable resulting reconfiguring of some components.

With LiveWire set to debut before the end of the year, it would appear (and it is logical) that at this stage Harley is already looking way beyond the impact that the MY2020 announcement will have on stakeholders (all stakeholders) for their salvation, in the hope that they are doing enough to keep the sharks from circling any closer.

There's no question that Harley needs a good spring and summer selling season though, because with 4Q 2018 showing them barely breaking even, budget for the dividends and buy-backs that have been the primary shareholder value tools has to be running dangerously low - especially at a time when they are looking to self-finance the 'More Roads' objectives from house-keeping.

The evolution of the new model strategy outlined in 'More Roads' will still have three to five years to play out before it can realistically be expected to have positive balance sheet trickle down. Harley is still facing a huge timing deficit.

The recent announcement of the StaCyc children's mini E-Bike acquisition is an ostensibly logical and 'righteous' step, one that plugs an entry level gap that allows the Bar 'n Shield to be indelibly associated with E-Bike opportunities for new generations as they age with the brand.

However, it also shows just how deeply Harley is leveraging its interim future, its ability to traverse its timing deficit gap, on a market that everyone from Scott Wine, CEO of Polaris, on down sees, at this stage, as one that is all cost with no proven long-term benefit as yet.

In this regard, the European experience is not helpful. The new model registration statistics from EU markets for 2018 are chilling in terms of placing Harley's LiveWire ambitions in a real world context - less than 8,000 units were registered in a market of some 350m riding age consumers that is, theoretically, at least a decade ahead of the United States in terms of its acceptance of the E-Bike message.

It is to be hoped that there isn't some kind of 'Darkside' Force that dooms everything that Harley touches in E-Bike terms to be problematic. Having partnered with two now defunct E-Bike businesses in the shape of Mission Motorcycles (the original LiveWire prototype) and Alta Motors, let's hope that a perfectly promising project such as StaCyc doesn't go the same way.

With Polaris having chosen to not capitalize, yet, on the investment it made into certain Brammo assets some five or six years ago, and with news that BRP, who are known to still be lusting after a position in the motorcycle industry, recently reported to have acquired certain remnants of Alta Motors, it would appear to be a space worth watching regardless of the realistic possibilities for returns on investment.

Much of the rest of the Brammo E-Bike assets were acquired a couple of years ago by diesel engine manufacture Cummins. Personally, I still find it of interest that Cummins CEO and Chairman Tom Linebarger, who would have signed-off on that acquisition, is a non-executive director on the board of Harley-Davidson. Also, that former Harley CEO Keith Wandell is currently serving as Chairman of the Board at a

rejuvenated Exide Technologies. Is Matt Levatich cultivating his own personal E-Nostra?

Maybe the lens through which I am eying the glorious sunlit uplands of mankind's brave new electric world are tainted by cynicism - either way I can't help thinking that viewing the 'Rush-to-E' through rose tinted glasses is premature.

I had the pleasure of a conversation with one of the industry's genuinely 'smart guys' 18 months ago - Stefan Pierer, the majority owner and CEO of KTM Motorcycles. KTM is embracing E-Bikes, and that of itself is a sign of sorts, as pretty much everything that KTM touches currently turns to gold.

His company made and sold over 260,000 KTM and Husqvarna motorcycles in 2018 and is on course for a self-imposed target of 400,000 by 2022. His view is that yes, society needs to address the issues arising from emissions, but that the future is hybrid, not pure electric.

Maybe the future is one of mixed portfolios of platforms, each specified for the task, replicating the way that a dizzying array of internal combustion engine solutions have themselves been refined for their tasks.

This is a sentiment echoed by Hugh Charvat, the recently ensconced new CEO of MAG, when I interviewed him in Texas in January. His is a largely automotive and motorsport background, and he too sees a mixed portfolio future in which gasoline still has a role to play.

If the colossal investments that both Bosch and Audi are making in bringing 'clean and green' synthetic gasoline trial production plants on stream in Europe this year work out, then maybe those who are saying that the story of our transition from gasoline dependency is still at an early

stage, we think are right.

Then there is the issue of charging infrastructure and capacity for an entirely electric road transport fleet, and the need to meet its power needs from renewables if the objective is to be met.

Perhaps, with the benefit of hindsight, 100 years from now the times in which we are living will be seen as being more like the way the era of transition from horsepower at the end of the 19th century to the fledgling automotive culture of the early 20th looks to us now.

Those who think they have all the answers invariably do not. In fact, they generally haven't even understood the questions.

It may be that history will judge Harley's rush to 'E' to have been an act of perfectly timed genius. Maybe, by the end of this century, Harley-Davidson will be the global god of future-facing transport commerce - an all-encompassing future status the kind that Asimov created for his fictional global superpower 'U.S. Robots and Mechanical Men Inc.' A future in which Black and Orange is the color of all future transport solutions? On the other hand, maybe not.

“huge timing deficit”

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## AFT Series Again Secures Widespread Industry Support for 2019

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Founded in 1984 by International Six Day Trial (ISDT) gold medalist Chris Carter, Motion Pro is deeply rooted in the racing community. Commenting on their return, Jon Mullins, Motion Pro Race Manager, said: "We couldn't be happier to continue as the Official Tools, Cables and Controls of American Flat Track in 2019 and



continue to showcase our commitment to flat track racing in the United States. As AFT riders and teams raise the bar of competition each year, Motion Pro has been working tirelessly to develop and refine its products to match their needs." Concord, Ohio based Cometic Gasket returns as the Official Gasket of AFT, with founder and CEO Bob Gorman commenting: "Cometic Gasket is a time-tested brand and a staple in American Flat Track racing. Our company is rooted in powersports and it's been incredibly gratifying to watch AFT flourish as the sport grows in popularity, viewership and attendance. It's exciting to be aligned with a sport that continues to move the needle in the right direction."

Fellow Ohio business Wiseco returns as the Official Piston for the 2019 season. "Wiseco is proud to be a continued supporter of the American Flat Track series," said Wiseco Director of Powersports Scott Highland. "We love the sport of motorcycle racing at



Wiseco, so helping to promote one of the most exciting and historic racing properties is an honor. As the original American-made performance racing piston, AFT is in our DNA. We're thrilled to be the Official Piston and to work closely with the racers and officials of this incredible American tradition."

Wiseco sister company Rekluse returns as the Official Clutch. "We are proud to return as the Official Clutch of American Flat Track," said Sean Brown, President of Rekluse. "The massive growth of the Series over the last few years has been a pleasure to



witness and be a part of. The feedback we get from the racers - in both the AFT Singles and AFT Twins classes - in this demanding discipline is an invaluable tool for us to further improve our technology." Noted Swedish suspension manufacturer Öhlins is continuing its



**National Cycle's backing for AFT has run deep, having sponsored Jared Mees for many years; Sales Director Ann Willey seen here. This year the company is sponsoring AFT as the Series' official windshield**



AFT partnership for 2019, with Doug Shaw, Racing Manager of Öhlins USA, saying that "Öhlins is all about hardcore racing, and American Flat Track is the peak of that mountain. For the fourth consecutive year, we have been pushing hard to step up our game in the support and service of the AFT paddock, and those efforts have really paid off. Because AFT is such a major series to us, we are absolutely pumped for the start of the 2019 season."

This year sees Full Spectrum Power supporting AFT as the Official Battery brand, No Ramp are the Official Trailer partner, and E3 are again the Official Spark Plug. Cycle Gear is back as the Official Retailer, Arai as the Official Helmet and Dainese is Official Safety Partner. AFT and Russ Brown Motorcycle



**AFT official brake pad sponsor SBS has always offered brake pads sintered brake pads formulations specifically for Harley-Davidsons, and last year saw them add Indian Motorcycle Scout and Big Twin model applications**

Attorneys have announced an enhanced partnership agreement for the 2019 season. In addition to remaining the Official Attorneys of AFT, they are also now the first Presenting Sponsor of the AFT Singles class. AFT has confirmed its NBCSN broadcast schedule for the 2019 season, maintaining its valuable weekend afternoon programming slots within two weeks of each event. Telecasts reached 41% more viewers in 2018 than in its first year; this spike in viewership delivered a record-breaking total of more than two million viewers tuning in during prime weekend programming slots.

## Briar Bauman gives Indian Victory at Daytona Season Opener

Briar Bauman (No. 14 Indian Motorcycle/Progressive Insurance FTR750) kicked off his 2019 AFT Twins presented by Vance & Hines championship campaign in front of AFT's largest crowd at the Daytona International Speedway with a statement victory in the season opener, the third annual Daytona TT presented by Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys. Bauman went handlebar-to-handlebar with brother Bronson Bauman (No. 37 Indian Motorcycle/Progressive Insurance FTR750) on the opening lap of the 25-lap Main Event under the lights at Daytona International Speedway to secure the lead. Once established, Bauman systematically stretched out an imposing advantage at the front, winning ahead of TT legend Henry Wiles (No. 17 Bandit Industries/DPC

Racing/Wilco Racing Indian FTR750) with a 5.149-second margin of victory. Bauman's win brings the Daytona TT win streak of reigning Grand National Champion Jared Mees (No. 1 Indian Motorcycle/Progressive Insurance FTR750) to a halt at two. Mees crashed twice in the Semi and then retired with a mechanical issue in the Main race while running fifth. Jake Johnson (No. 5 Estenson Racing/Monster Energy Yamaha MT-07 DT) gave Yamaha's new flat track machine a podium debut by finishing in third behind Bauman and Wiles. Meanwhile, Jarod Vanderkooi (No. 20 Harley-Davidson Factory Flat Track Team XG750R Rev X) registered the 'hero ride' of the evening, finishing an eventual fourth. Bronson Bauman rounded out the top five. In the Roof Systems AFT Singles presented by Russ Brown Motorcycle

Attorneys, Jesse Janisch (No. 132 Roof Systems Dallas TX/Öhlins Yamaha YZ450F) added yet another blowout TT victory to his burgeoning résumé with a wire-to-wire win, taking the checkered flag with a comfortable 2.577 seconds to spare. Dalton Gauthier (No. 122 D&D Cycles/FlatTrack.com KTM 450 SX-F) was second, with defending class champ Dan Bromley (No. 1 Red Bull KTM Factory Racing 450 SX-F) third. Long-time AFT Twins competitor Mikey Rush (No. 15 RMR Honda, Red Riders Rewards Honda CRF450R) was fourth with up-and-coming Australian Max Whale (No. 18 Weirbach Racing Kawasaki KX450F) fifth. Next up is the Atlanta Short Track presented by Cycle Gear at the Dixie Speedway in Woodstock, Ga., on Saturday, March 23; followed by the Texas Half-Mile at the Texas Motor



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Speedway, Fort Worth on April 20, the Wild Horse TT at the Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park, Chandler, AZ., April 27, So-Cal Half-Mile at Perris Auto Speedway, Perris CA., May 11 and the legendary Sacramento Mile at Cal Expo, Sacramento, CA., May 11 before the first of two visits to the Illinois State Fairgrounds this season for the Springfield Mile I on May 26.



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# Charlotte and Coastal Indian to Sponsor #12 Jay Maloney in 2019 AFT Twins



Indian Motorcycle Charlotte and Coastal Indian of Myrtle Beach have announced that they are the presenting sponsors of Oakland, New Jersey native's Jay Maloney 2019 AFT Twins effort.

Indian Charlotte's owners, Tim Sutherland and Lloyd Greer, have a long background in various forms of racing, and when Jay's team looked for a key sponsor for the 2019 American Flat Track Series, the sponsorship opportunity made perfect sense for both groups.

Jay's #12 team raced an Indian FTR750 in 2018 and finished 17th in the standings. Now going into his 3rd season racing the AFT Twins and his second year riding an Indian FTR750, he is poised to put himself on the podium this year. Jay said: "I am energized to have the support of Indian Charlotte and Coastal Indian this season, those guys are truly winners and I find inspiration in their support".

Tim and Lloyd have high expectations and look to continue their winning ways as they expand their racing DNA into the AFT Twins Series. Tim said: "Jay is an up and coming rising star and we are proud to share our background and resources to help him take his efforts to the next level in the AFT Series." Lloyd agreed and added: "Our dealership near Charlotte has set the bar very high with our in-house ownership of Indian Motorcycle Horsepower, and we are eager to add our support to Jay's efforts.

"We know how to make Indian motorcycles perform and bring a lot to the table. We are also keen on using what we learn in our various racing efforts to bring dependable performance to our clients' Indian motorcycles as well".

Tim Sutherland and Lloyd Greer bought Indian Motorcycle Charlotte in the spring of 2018. Charlotte is the first Indian dealer of the modern era, having opened in 2008, and is regarded as the flagship and benchmark of dealerships around the world. Indian Charlotte has been chosen as a Top 100 Dealer in international competition every year since its opening and has won numerous other special awards.

Tim Sutherland also owns Coastal Indian in Myrtle Beach, SC, and is a well-respected custom bike builder and entrepreneur. Lloyd Greer owns Lloyd's Motorworkz in Pine Bush, NY, and is internationally known for his ability to make huge horsepower from Indian Motorcycle powertrains along with other American made V-twins.

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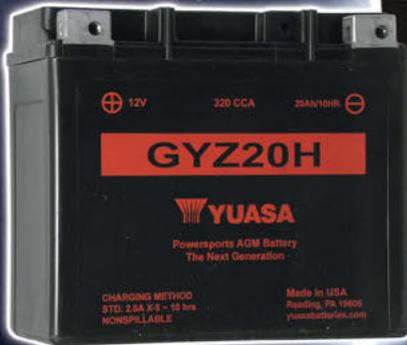
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# Get Ready to "Ride the Lightning" with the 2019 Super Hooligan National Championship

Los Alamitos, California based Roland Sands Design (RSD) is taking its Super Hooligan National Championship (SHNC) powered by Indian Motorcycle into a third full season for 2019.

Described as "the true north of the motorcycle culture, smashing the custom scene together with flat track racing on readily available and affordable street bikes of any make," the basic rules are simplicity itself - 750 cc and up production street bikes of any make with flat track tires in stock frames.

"The series' roots are built on bringing racing to the people in previously unheard of locations, in the middle of the city, on the coast or at key moto culture events across the country, promising a solid mix of current and new fans alike." The 2019 SHNC season kicked-off at The One Pro Race at Salem Speedway, Oregon, in February, then moved on to the AFT at Daytona; next up is The Handbuilt Show at Austin, Texas, in April.

"This year's calendar is a true melting pot of motorcycle racing and culture, from dirt to asphalt, ovals to TTs, core bike rallies to Pro American Flat Track races, and huge music festivals. Super Hooligan races make their way mid-season to the Moto Classic Events starting in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in June and the Moto Bay Classic in San Francisco in August. Moto Beach Classic featuring Super Hooligan racing will once



Roland Sands' Super Hooligan race series is set for a third full season as it takes the 'Moto Culture' message to new audiences

again be joining the Surf City Blitz with the addition of an East Coast version in November. Super Hooligan is a party where a race breaks out!"

RSD recognizes that the SHNC would be nowhere without the efforts of the racers themselves, so says that for 2019 it has extended the contingency program to all racers, totaling \$5,000 in payouts at every race. The J&P Cycles Amateur Hooligan class makes its debut this year, giving Rookie Hooligans and first-timers the opportunity to ride in front of the home town crowd, without the pressure of being on the track with more experienced riders. Points will be totaled, the top 3 will win J&P Cycles



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May 11, 2019	AFT Perris*	Perris, CA
June 16, 2019	The Tulsa TT	Tulsa, OK
June 22, 2019	San Pedro Asphalt	San Pedro, CA
August 5-9, 2019	Sturgis	Sturgis, SD
August 2019	Moto Bay Classic	San Francisco, CA
September 21, 2019	Costa Mesa Speedway	Costa Mesa, CA
October 26-27, 2019	Moto Beach Classic/ Surf City Blitz	Huntington Beach, CA
November 9-10, 2019	Moto Beach Classic/ Surf City Blitz	Daytona Beach, FL

\*AFT events will be Super Hooligan Class only, no Hooligan Amateur class; all dates subject to change or cancellation.

Gift Cards at each race, with a Champion crowned in the final round. Amateur Hooligan races will be run at all non-AFT events.

The SHNC series sponsors, who help make it all possible, include Indian Motorcycle as the Official Motorcycle sponsor of Super Hooligan and will be awarding the Super Hooligan

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**Harley-Davidson's financing business is seeking nearly \$6.3 million from the owner of dealerships in Janesville and New Berlin, alleging check and inventory fraud and breach of contract. In addition, court records also show the owners of Iron Town Harley-Davidson in New Berlin (formerly known as Hal's H-D) plan to sell the store to focus on its Broadtracker Harley-Davidson, Janesville dealership.**

Initially established in Peoria, Il. in 1990, Bob Wiebler has sold his Quad-Cities Harley-Davidson business (Davenport, IA) to Michael McGrath - part of a family that owns and operates numerous high-profile dealerships throughout Illinois and Iowa, including Lexus of Chicago, Honda of Chicago, Acura of Chicago, Lexus of Westmont, Ford Hyundai of Cedar Rapids, and many more. McGrath also owns and operates McGrath Harley-Davidson in Dubuque, McGrath Hawkeye Harley-Davidson in Coralville and McGrath Powersports of Cedar Rapids. It has been renamed McGrath Quad City Harley-Davidson and will remain at the current location.

**Multiple dealer ownership group Windy City Motorcycle Company has formed what appears to be a joint venture business with Fox Powersports Chairman and CEO Dan DeVos. Windy City-Fox Motorsports will "serve the Greater Chicagoland Harley-Davidson retail market and position the iconic brand for continued success in the Chicago metropolitan area," with Windy City CEO Ozzie Giglio heading up the combined group. The deal includes the Milwaukee Motorcycle Company and Windy City dealerships, and adds the Fox owned Lakeshore H-D, Chicago H-D, (which will relocate from Glenview to Rosemont, Il.) and the recently opened Chicago H-D of Wrigleyville adjacent to the legendary home of the Chicago Cubs.**

Tucker is now distributing Sena Technologies' RideConnected products - described as "innovative motorcycle and outdoor sports communication devices, action cameras and smart helmets."

**Indian Motorcycle has opened its 8th dealership in India, at Kochi, Kerala, in the south-west of the country.**

# Limited Edition 2019 Roadmaster Elite

Indian Motorcycle has unveiled a limited edition - only 200 available - of its 2019 "Ultra-Premium" Roadmaster Elite Big Twin.

Said to pair "modern touring amenities with iconic Indian Motorcycle styling," this 2019 model also boasts many exclusive premium features including a hand painted, custom-inspired design along with top of the line premium amenities.

"Every Roadmaster Elite is an artistic masterpiece that features Wildfire Red Candy over Black Crystal paint with real 24 karat gold leaf badging. Each bike undergoes a meticulous paint process that takes nearly 30 hours to complete and is finished by hand."

New for 2019, the Roadmaster Elite receives an upgraded 600 watt PowerBand Audio Plus system that is said to "deliver exceptional sound and clarity from high-output fairing, trunk and saddlebag speakers that are 50 percent louder than the stock audio system offered on the 2019 Roadmaster. The PowerBand Audio Plus system features an enhanced nine-band dynamic equalizer that auto-adjusts specific frequencies to the optimal level at different vehicle speeds to compensate for road, wind



and engine noise to deliver crystal clear sound quality in every riding condition."

Additional premium amenities unique to the Roadmaster Elite include leather passenger armrests, spacious billet aluminum rider and passenger floorboards, a premium touring console, billet aluminum pinnacle mirrors and chrome bumpers.

"The Roadmaster Elite offers the most refined premium touring experience for riders that demand the best of the best," said Reid Wilson, Senior

Director for Indian Motorcycle. "We've truly left no stone unturned, packing this bike with style and comfort features that take the touring experience to a new level."

"Along with the powerful Thunder Stroke 111 engine, which produces 119 ft-lbs of torque for exceptional power at low rpm, the Roadmaster Elite features the latest ride-enhancing technologies available from Indian Motorcycle, including selectable ride modes, rear cylinder deactivation and ride command.

# Tucker V-Twin Adds Aquatic AV Waterproof Audio Products



Tucker V-Twin has added distribution of the Aquatic AV waterproof Harley-Davidson aftermarket audio product range - stereo systems, speakers, amplifiers, and accessories. Aquatic AV's Harley Stereos are designed as an upgrade or replacement stereo for 1998-2013 models and play music wirelessly via a Bluetooth enabled smartphone or MP3 device, or via USB connection. Wired connections can also be made with stereo 3.5 mm jack or RCA inputs, and music can be controlled directly from the Harley stereo handlebar controls or from the Bluetooth enabled device. The stereo uses the existing Harley stereo factory mounting bracket and wiring connections, just plug and play. Driven by their 2-channel amplifier, the waterproof replacement Harley speakers

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Fuel Capital Group has added pre-owned Indian motorcycles to the range of brands it provides dealerships with lease finance for. Fuel is also the company behind the Chrome Capital pre-owned lease program that Harley launched last year.

Polaris Industries has increased its regular quarterly cash dividend (Q1 2019) by +2%, raising the pay-out to \$0.61 per share. This increase represents the 24th consecutive year of Polaris increasing its dividend.

AMD was saddened to read that another motorcycle market magazine has ceased appearing in print. Parent company Bonnier AB has stopped printing Hot Bike (launched in 1994). It follows a series of cancellation or cut-backs to most of its other titles in recent years, including Street Chopper, Baggers, Dirt Rider, Sport Rider, ATV Rider and UTV Driver magazines. Motorcyclist and hugely respected one-time market leader Cycle World were cut from 12 to 4 issues each some time ago. Hot Bike's Hot Rod Harleys and Hot Rod Bikes had already been closed.

AMD was also saddened to hear that Dave Withrow has closed his Spearfish, South Dakota based Maverick Media L.L.C publishing operation. Originally launched as Maverick Publishing (with backing from Force Capital Partners), magazines had included American Bagger, Urban Bagger and Baddest Bagger.

Mentor, Ohio based Race Winning Brands, Inc., the subsidiary of Fort Lee, NJ based Kinderhook, has acquired the assets of CV4 – a supplier of thermal management products such as high-temp precision-fit silicone radiator hose kits, high pressure radiator caps, and fuel tank heat shields to race teams globally. CV4 will become a part of RWB's Wiseco Performance Products division.

Polaris Industries has completed its acquisition of the Larson Boat Group from the Marquis-Larson Group. The move follows up on its May 2018 acquisition of Boat Holdings from the Vogel family, whose Jake Vogel now heads up Polaris' burgeoning boats division as president. Polaris rival BRP also moved to strengthen its position in the boat market last year, adding Triton's Manitou pontoon boats brand as a second acquisition to solidify its own new Marine Group's market position.

# Terry Vance Donates \$1 Million to Teen Driver Safety Charity

Two of drag racing's legendary champions – one on two wheels and one on four – led a special ceremony at the National Hot Rod Association's (NHRA) Lucas Oil Winternationals in February to announce a \$1 million donation to B.R.A.K.E.S. (Be Responsible and Keep Everyone Safe), a national non-profit organization dedicated to preventing injuries and saving lives by training teens and their parents to be safer on the road. Terry Vance, 14-time national champion motorcycle drag racer, title-winning team owner, and co-founder of aftermarket motorcycle performance parts manufacturer Vance & Hines, made the presentation to Doug Herbert, the multi-time Top Fuel drag racing champion who founded B.R.A.K.E.S. in 2008 after the tragic loss of his sons Jon and James in a car crash. "Terry and I have been friends for years, and we have a lot in common," said Herbert. "Besides loving racing, driving and riding, we're also parents, and we both recognize that protecting our kids and setting them up for success in life is the single greatest accomplishment you can ever aspire to. Thanks to Terry's generosity, the charity that I



founded to honor my sons is going to help a lot more teens and parents nationwide." Vance, who recently attended B.R.A.K.E.S.' intensive half-day defensive driver training program with both of his own sons, said: "As a parent, every time your kid goes out the door, especially if they're getting into a car, you want to know that you've done everything in your power to help them get back home safe. B.R.A.K.E.S. training does that. It gives teens the skills and knowledge that we all

know they'll need on the street, and it stresses the importance of making good decisions to avoid trouble in the first place. "I think every teen should go through B.R.A.K.E.S. That's why my wife and I are making this donation to help Doug's program keep expanding and saving lives, and we hope to inspire others to do the same." Over 34,000 teenagers and their parents have attended the B.R.A.K.E.S. program from 45 states and five countries. [www.putonthebrakes.org](http://www.putonthebrakes.org)

# ProBEAM is Title Sponsor of Black Hills H-D AFT Race Team

Youngsville, North Carolina based Custom Dynamics' award winning, premium LED lights ProBEAM brand has been announced as the title sponsor of the Black Hills H-D AFT Singles Race Team and number 33 rider Dawson Schieffer for the 2019 season. "We are excited to be a part of the Black Hills AFT race team," said David Pribula, owner of Custom Dynamics. "We are looking forward to an exciting year of racing and wish Dawson and the entire Black Hills race team the best of luck." Terry Rymer, co-owner of Black Hills Harley commented, "we are extremely excited and proud to have ProBEAM by Custom Dynamics coming aboard as title sponsor for the 2019 racing



season. It's partnerships with great motorcycle related companies like this that help make us a force to be

reckoned with at all 18 events around the country." [www.customdynamics.com](http://www.customdynamics.com)

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# Bob Althoff Sells A.D. Farrow Co. to Local Automotive 'Mega Mall' Owner

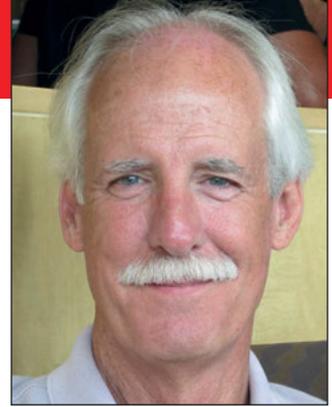
Bob Althoff has sold a majority ownership in his three Columbus, Ohio A.D. Farrow Co. Harley-Davidson stores to Ricart Automotive - owner of 67 acres of new and used car inventory with Ford, Genesis, Hyundai, Kia, Mazda, Mitsubishi and Nissan franchises.

Established in 1912, A.D. Farrow is America's oldest Harley dealership and has been owned by Althoff for 18

years - it is reported that he will keep minority ownership "until he's ready to give the remaining shares to Ricart" and will stay on as a partner.

The A.D. Farrow name will be retained, but the stores re-branded as "A.D. Farrow powered by #1 Ricart."

Ricart and Althoff confirmed that the two sides had been discussing a deal for more than a year. "My kids aren't in the business," Althoff is quoted as



**Bob Althoff had owned A.D. Farrow, America's oldest Harley dealership, for 18 years and will retain a minority stake and remain as a partner**

saying "and I can't live forever, but family can. That's the A.D. Farrow name, the Ricart name. I could have brought this to the national market, but I needed to hand this off to better, strong hands. They're going to do just fine."

The deal includes the operating company consisting of the three stores and real estate at NorthStar in Sunbury. The Centennial Park dealership in Pataskala will be relocated to a nearly 3-acre site owned by a Ricart affiliate.

"Harley-Davidson is a brand our family is passionate about," President Rick Ricart said in an interview. "This is an opportunity for us to diversify." This will be Ricart's first expansion away from the Ricart Automotive 'Mega Mall' in Columbus, OH, in 10 years.

"We're beyond thrilled to be growing

the Ricart brand with A.D. Farrow Co. Harley-Davidson. Harley is one of the oldest and strongest brands in our country, and the Ricart family have been avid Harley-Davidson riders for years. We're excited to get to know the A.D. Farrow employees and their families and to take on the next chapter of this historic brand."

"I have known and admired the Ricart organization all my life," said Althoff.

"The family have been Harley riders for years, and I couldn't imagine better stewards of this legacy business in the decades to come. Their passion for motorcycles and the people who ride them convinced me that they will dominate the Harley-Davidson dealer ranks as they have the Ford ranks."



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# Biltwell Donates Helmets for Use at MSF Rider Training Sites



The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) has welcomed and expressed its appreciation to Biltwell Inc for its donation of 1,800 helmets to the National Motorcycle Safety Fund for use at MSF-recognized Rider Training Sites. The MSF says that it has "a constant need to replenish our stock of helmets, which are used every weekend by first-time students who take the MSF Basic Rider Course at over 2,000 locations around the country." With Biltwell's consent, the MSF is selling the helmets to the training sites at a nominal cost, with all proceeds going to the National Motorcycle Safety Fund. The NMSF is MSF's 501(c)(3) charitable division which has funded crash research, motorcycle safety videos and publications, alcohol and drug education programs for motorists, and other initiatives aimed at creating a safer riding environment for all

motorcyclists. Mike Ellis, General Manager of Biltwell, said: "We had an extra quantity of our Gringo and Gringo S model helmets available, so rather than having them sitting in inventory, we realized we could put them to better use by donating them for use at MSF training sites, which would improve the students' experience." "We always strive to provide the safest and best motorcycle training experience available, and, like motorcycle riding itself, it all starts with putting on a good helmet," said Diane Howells, President of Motorcycle Safety School, Inc., of Brooklyn, NY. "We are grateful to Biltwell for their ongoing support of motorcycle training." According to MSF President Tim Buche: "These types of donations enable multiple win-win situations. The training sites with their limited budgets can



Some of the Biltwell helmet models available to training sites

upgrade their helmet inventory at little cost; students can enjoy wearing fresh, modern helmets during the hands-on course;

NMSF gains funding for future research and outreach projects; and Biltwell gets the tax benefits of a charitable contribution." Tim implores other companies and individuals to visit the NMSF website, [NMSFund.org](http://NMSFund.org), and donate to further motorcyclist safety.



# Swiss-Moto, 21 to 24 February 2019, Zurich

An impressive 70,289 bike fans flocked to Switzerland's largest city for the 16th edition of the country's biggest celebration of life on two wheels. In addition to highlights from more than 400 top brands, the biggest visitor draws in 2019 were the special "Switzerland: Bikers' Paradise" exhibition featuring augmented reality technology, a visit from Hollywood star Keanu Reeves and legendary Builder Gard Hollinger, a tribute to Switzerland's greatest motorsport hero Luigi Taveri, the world's most expensive motorbike and, of course, Swiss-Custom. Among this year's trends were the rise of electronic systems such as eCall

emergency call systems and bending lights, technology for connecting smartphones with motorbikes, and the entry of two major brands – Harley-Davidson and Vespa – into the electromobility segment. Organizer Yves Vollenweider was delighted with how the event turned out. "The number of bike fans who travelled here, the positive feedback from exhibitors and the huge level of media interest once again shows that Swiss-Moto is an important platform for the motorcycle industry in Switzerland." Star of 'The Matrix' Keanu Reeves and custom motorbike guru Gard Hollinger added a touch of Hollywood



The Rat's Hole Award was won by Dorin Raz of Romania with his completely handcrafted custom bike 'Rise of Anarchy'



glamour as they unveiled their ARCH Motorcycle brand with Swiss motorbike specialists Speedbox. The Swiss-Custom Customizing & Tuning Show, which is integrated into Swiss-Moto, saw some 60 bikes from six countries in a competition, with AMD World Championship photographer and Brand Ambassador Frank Sander heading up the judging, class structure and selection of entrants with a specially designed app used to judge the bikes on show, with jurors from the USA and United Arab Emirates joining the judging

process. One of three primary prizes, the Rat's Hole Award, was won by Dorin Raz of Romania with his completely handcrafted custom bike 'Rise of Anarchy' with which he scooped 9th place in the Avon Freestyle Class of the 2018 AMD World Championship as a follow-up to his 2016 6th place. The Emirates Pick was won by Stephane Grand of Switzerland, with 'Best in Show' scooped by American Brian Buttera's Shovelhead. Swiss-Moto 2020: February 20-23, Zurich. [www.swiss-moto.ch](http://www.swiss-moto.ch)

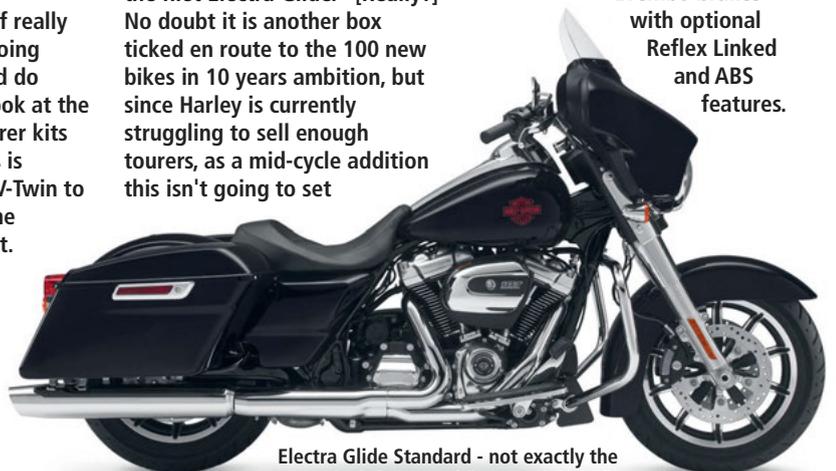
## Mid Cycle "Stripper"

Timed, in early March, as a news initiative just before Daytona Bike Week, Harley-Davidson has introduced an additional 2019 model - an Electra Glide Standard that it describes as a "dressed down Dresser." "Powered by the muscular Milwaukee-Eight 107 engine, the new Electra Glide Standard provides a raw, fundamental riding experience inspired by Harley-Davidson's Grand American Touring roots. Designed for the traditional touring customer, the Electra Glide Standard is for the rider seeking to disconnect from all the noise of the day-to-day through riding. No screens [well, actually, there is a mini screen], simply a motorcycle that provides and heightens the experience of the journey, this fundamental experience is a key element in the design and engineering of the Electra Glide Standard." Described as featuring "essential Harley-Davidson styling elements such as the

iconic batwing fairing, chrome trim, standard saddlebags and cast aluminum wheels," chrome accents are added in "high-impact design areas and complemented by polished rocker, cam and derby covers and select blacked out components - a blend of traditional elements and modern trends." Perhaps not quite so stripped-down then after all. It would appear that Harley are genetically incapable of really doing "standard", of doing minimalism - they could do worse than to take a look at the Epic 'Naked Series' tourer kits that Chris Eder in Texas is selling through Tucker V-Twin to get an idea of where the market's 'zeitgeist' is at. "To express the stripped-back essence of the Electra Glide Standard we focused on finishes that were simple, timeless and fundamental to the

Harley-Davidson's touring line. Chrome was added [ it's the word "added" that doesn't sit well with "stripped-down" ] to key components and complemented by polished and blacked-out parts," said Harley-Davidson's Vice President of Styling & Design Brad Richards. "The rocker, cam and derby covers are finished with chrome to emphasize the V-Twin shape of the Milwaukee-Eight 107 engine. In addition, they add a dose of nostalgia that draws a through-line all the way back to the first Electra Glide." [Really?] No doubt it is another box ticked en route to the 100 new bikes in 10 years ambition, but since Harley is currently struggling to sell enough tourers, as a mid-cycle addition this isn't going to set

showroom doors swinging. That said, a genuinely "stripped-down", highly customizable, price-point entry level Touring platform would have been a great idea and probably should have been in the model range from the moment the M-8 Tourers made their debut for MY2017. Features of the EGS include electronic cruise control, hand-adjustable emulsion-technology rear shock absorbers, 49 mm front forks with Showa dual bending valve suspension, and Brembo brakes with optional Reflex Linked and ABS features.



Electra Glide Standard - not exactly the purist's definition of "stripped down"



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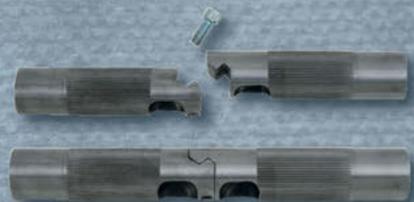
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**T**he Parts Unlimited and Drag Specialties Spring NVP Product Expo proved to be the biggest Expo ever put on by LeMans Corporation. "The event not only hit its highest attendee numbers of any previous Expo, it also exceeded all other U.S. distributor shows by spanning over

88,000 sq. feet with more than 240 leading exhibitors including 25 new brands to the Expo! "The expanded show space allowed for larger displays to showcase the newest products and accommodate the record number of attendees." Jeff Derge, Vice President of Sales, said: "Our first year in Louisville could not have gone better! Thank you to the



**Feuling Parts:** Recent new products from the Oceanside, California based performance components specialist include a slew of additions for M-8 engines, such as HP+, 'Race Series' and Reaper brand cam shaft kits; oiling system kits that include the latest version of the legendary Feuling oil pump and a range of M-8 cam chest kit options; [www.feulingparts.com](http://www.feulingparts.com)



**SBS:** As the Danish brake components manufacturer enters its second year as the Official AFT Brakes brand, the hot news at the start of this year was of its entry into the Harley aftermarket and custom brake rotors market with a full line of European made stainless steel fitments, available to U.S. dealers through Drag Specialties. The program comprises both a standard OEM replacement range, with the application-specific shape, construction and dimensions to make them a true OEM replacement, and an OEM upgrade line that is specifically designed to increase brake feel, performance, comfort and looks, and improve the capability to get friction material constantly cleaned off the rotor surface; [www.sbs.dk](http://www.sbs.dk)



**Battery Tender:** Recent new Drag Specialties product exclusives from the Deland, Florida based specialist include a versatile 4-terminal Smart Lithium battery with on-board BMS (Battery Management System) that provides features such as over/under charge protection; [www.batterytender.com](http://www.batterytender.com)



**Biltwell:** Recent news from the Temecula, California hard parts to helmets brand is of ECE certification for its Gringo and Gringo S helmets and a generous donation of nearly 2,000 helmets to the MSF for training course use. The brainchild of Bill Bryant and Harold McGruther, who have guided the brand to a market-defining position among "New Gen" riders; [www.biltwellinc.com](http://www.biltwellinc.com)

dealers, vendors and our team for working the weekend with us. This show is such an important part of improving our industry. There are so many great new products on the market this year, the dealers spent quality time talking with the vendors and reps to really get an understanding of these products. In the end the dealers who attended will deliver a better shopping experience for every customer that enters their stores."

The weekend kicked off on Thursday with training for the Parts Unlimited

and Drag Specialties Sales Reps which extended into Saturday and also included dealer training from Alpinestars, Fat Baggers, Rekluse, S&S and more. Expanded Expo floor hours both Saturday and Sunday provided dealers ample time to visit exhibitors and see the newest products.

The 2019 Spring Apparel Fashion Show was a highlight of the show floor during Saturday's happy hour. Gracing the catwalk were new collections from over 15 brands highlighting Thor, Icon, Moose, Arctiva, Slippery and Z1R.

Saturday evening brought the industry



## 2019 Drag Specialties FatBook

The 2019 FatBook features over 1,800 pages of the "latest and greatest products and information to give your customer's bike a truly custom look. From Twin Cams to the newest M-Eights, you are sure to find the look and performance parts, accessories and fitment information that work for you.

"We have added new and exciting parts to our Drag Specialties name, plus, expanded selections from big names like Biltwell, Coastal Moto, Bassani, Vance & Hines, Legend Suspensions, S&S and Custom Dynamics just to name a few.

"The Fatbook remains your best source for late-model V-Twin needs, but don't forget to check out the 2018/19 OldBook for more specific needs concerning early-model Big Twin H-D models. Together, along with the Tire & Service catalog and the Helmet & Apparel catalog, you will find an unrivaled assortment of every part and accessory available to you and your customers, to help keep American V-twins rolling for years to come."



**Fat Baggers:** New to the Drag Specialties program for 2019, Fat Baggers says that its 1 1/4" EZ Install handlebar kits "allow riders to install handlebars in half the time of other brands." The revolutionary interlocking, bolt-together, two-piece design features unique non-welded upper corners for easy wire pulling. The two-piece design is economical to ship and takes up half the shelf space of other handlebars. They fit most '08-'19 Dresser models with or without ABS; [www.fatbaggers.com](http://www.fatbaggers.com)



**Trask Performance:** Top-sellers from the Phoenix, Arizona based specialist include Assault Series 2-1 exhausts, crush drive upgrade kits, Assault Series bolt-on turbos for up to +50% hp gains and Assault Charge high flow air cleaners for an instant 8 to 10 hp gain; [www.traskperformance.com](http://www.traskperformance.com)



**James Gaskets:** Celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, the Dayton, Nevada based specialist offers Harley model coverage right back to 1936. The company's popular gasket boards are a badge of honor for all well-dressed workshops and service departments the world over. Precision manufactured from heat tolerant aluminum, James uses a cross-linked Foamet nitrile synthetic rubber that is chemically blown to create a soft, conformable layer that is permanently bonded to the SAE 5052 H38 aluminum core. The Foamet compresses, providing excellent torque retention and sealability, with no additional sealants required; [www.jamesgaskets.com](http://www.jamesgaskets.com)





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MY 1995-2005; Fuel Injected MY 1995-2005, and 2007-2016; CVO MY 2000-2005, and 2009-2016

\*Qualified manufacturer declared U.S. 50-State legal emissions replacement part on all 2017-'19 FL Touring models.





**Hawg Halters:** Following the acquisition of rights to the Renegade Wheels brand and designs, the Georgia based specialist wasted no time in capitalizing with two additions to its new Road Hawg Wide Tire Kit program, taking the series to seven kit options in total. Now available in 21 x 5.5" and 23 x 5.5" widths for early and late models, its 18 x 5.5" kits are also now available for early and late H-D models and late Indians. Featuring chrome, black or Phantom Cut HHI/Renegade wheels, an HHI hidden axle kit, a US made steel front fender, and the popular and time-tested X-23 or X-26 bolt-on triple tree, "these kits will deliver a powerful combination of styling and performance;" [www.hawghalters.com](http://www.hawghalters.com)

to the iconic Meet & Greet at the Sports & Social Club in the heart of downtown Louisville's 4th Street Live Entertainment District. Food, drinks, games, live entertainment and the Arlington Supercross (with a Cooper Webb win) on over 60 TVs was the perfect way to cap off the day. The Expo energy carried over into Sunday where a trip to the Drag Specialties and Parts Unlimited Rides were awarded and satisfied dealers filled the aisles.

Mike Collins, President of LeMans Corporation, commented: "What a way to kick off the 2019 season. I've never felt such enthusiasm and optimism from dealers, vendors and reps. We all need events like this as a reminder as to why we are in this business. It was a fantastic gathering and we've set the bar high for our next event."

The event came amid a slew of new vendor announcements for 2019 from Drag Specialties and Parts Unlimited - from Eibach (UTV springs and accessories) to Galfer USA (V-twin and

street bike brake pads and rotors), to Fat Baggers (motorcycle parts and trike conversions), Rekluse (clutches), Woessner (pistons) and WildASS seats. Following the sale of CruzTOOLS by Dan Parks, new owner CycoActive Riding Gear (Seattle), the new owners became a first time NVP exhibitor, with Drag Specialties renewing its long-standing relationship with the lifetime guarantee backed CruzTOOLS brand of hand tools and roadside emergency tool kits for most powersports vehicles including street bikes, dual-sport, adventure and off-road motorcycles. "Professional-grade, bike-specific tools and kits are designed for reliable roadside or trailside repairs."

Owned by Race Winning Brands, the Wiseco parent company, Boise, Idaho based Rekluse joins the Parts Unlimited and Drag Specialties portfolio, offering its award-winning off-road and Harley clutches, including the TorqDrive Clutch Pack and RadiusX.

Sean Brown, President of Rekluse, said: "This partnership will broaden



**Arlen Ness Enterprises:** Recent new products from the Dublin, California based parts and accessories specialist include the 'Method' line of patent pending polycarbonate window air cleaners, handlebar dampening kits, risers and fork braces; Ness 10-Gauge covers for Twin Cams and M-8 models; Rapper, Profile and Pro Steel Short stamped steel fenders (for Harleys and selected Indian applications); and ABS fairing with smoked plexiglass windshield for a fabrication-free easy install on Scout models; [www.arlenness.com](http://www.arlenness.com)



**Magnum Shielding:** Recent news from the Pittsford, New York based specialist is of additions to its popular XR family with its 'All Black XR' brake and hydraulic clutch lines featuring an OE style black XR brake hose with highly polished black chrome plated fittings. Manufactured using PTFE inner tubing, they are braided with an XR stainless steel reinforcement that is embedded in a tough black nylon outer jacket, delivering "exceptional protection of paint and chrome," says General Manager Tom Vierthaler, adding that they are "compatible with all hydraulic fluids - the enhanced construction provides an extreme braking response and excellent durability;" [www.magnumshielding.com](http://www.magnumshielding.com)



**Custom Dynamics:** At the Drag Specialties Dealer Expo, the Youngsville, North Carolina based LED lights specialist announced that it is to be the title sponsor of Black Hills H-D's new AFT Singles team through its premium ProBEAM lights brand; [www.customdynamics.com](http://www.customdynamics.com)



**Kibblewhite:** Suitable for M-8 platforms from 2017 and up, a new multi-use dowel manufactured in California by KPMI has been designed to replace the OEM dowel in the heads, cylinders, crank case and cam-support cover of M-8 engines. Described as "incorporating OEM elements while increasing ease of installation through the overall shape of the part", a radiused end is said to allow easy insertion into the cylinder or case, with a tapered end designed for "hassle-free location of the mating holes in the head or cam-support cover;" [www.kpmi.us](http://www.kpmi.us)



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awareness for our expanding product lines while we continue building momentum for the Rekluse brand. We look forward to teaming up with their network and talented rep force to deliver our innovative products to more customers."

In other news, Drag Specialties and Parts Unlimited have renewed their sponsorship as the Official Powersports Distributor of American Flat Track for the 2019 season.

"Parts Unlimited and Drag Specialties have proven essential allies as we continue to grow our fanbase within

the motorcycle community at large," said Michael Lock, CEO of American Flat Track. "Our fans are motorcycle enthusiasts and will undeniably recognize the value in names like Parts Unlimited and Drag Specialties within our family of series partners."

Hylton Beattie, Global Motorsports Director for Parts Unlimited and Drag Specialties, said: "We are excited to 'Support the Sport' and continue the relationship with American Flat Track. 2018 was an amazing year for American Flat Track and we believe 2019 will be even better."



**Drag Specialties Seats:** The 'Predator' III for '83-'03 Sportsters features 6" tall driver support with unique styling, automotive grade vinyl cover, molded polyurethane foam interior for maximum support. Available in classic stitch, smooth or double diamond stitch with black or silver thread, additional coverings, thread colors and stitch patterns are available to complete that custom look; [seats.dragspecialties.com](http://seats.dragspecialties.com)



**TecMate:** The OptiMate Ampmatic range of powerful battery saving chargers are the ideal rescue - hook it up and the charger does the rest, even for a battery as low as 1/2 a volt. Ampmatic chargers will determine battery condition, then how many amps it can accept to get it back up as fast as possible. The OptiMate 6 Ampmatic delivers up to 5 amps, which is perfect for any size of 12V lead-acid power sport battery, but for a 12V battery sized from 20 to 30Ah, the kind typically found in bagger/touring V-twin motorcycles, the super-powerful new OptiMate 7 Ampmatic delivers up to 10 amps. For 12.8V/13.2V lithium (LiFePO4) batteries, the OptiMate Lithium 4s 5A has a lithium-specific Ampmatic charge program that will safely nurse the battery back to life and then get it back up to 'start' level fast; [www.optimate1.com](http://www.optimate1.com)



**Goodridge:** One of the major global players in the brake hose market, the new ABS front brake line adapter for customizing Goodridge brake lines on '11-'17 Softails mounts onto the ABS pump and to the line leading to the handlebar master cylinder. A rear adapter that mounts to the frame and takes the line coming from the rear ABS pump is also available. Compatible with all Goodridge brake line systems with 3/8 - 24 AN-3 threaded brake line ends; [www.goodridge.net](http://www.goodridge.net)



**JIMS:** The Camarillo, California based performance parts and tools specialist has been busy adding more workshop essentials to what is already one of the most comprehensive V-twin-specific tool and workshop equipment programs in the industry with several additions for M-8 applications, such as an alternator rotor installer/remover, M-8 Softail-specific engine stand and countershaft 1st scissor gear alignment tool; [www.jimsusa.com](http://www.jimsusa.com)



**Motion Pro:** Recent news from the Loomis, California company is of its continuing sponsorship of the AFT series for 2019 as the "Official Tools, Cables and Controls" supplier. Recent new products for V-twin dealers include a new Pro T-6 valve spring compressor - a quick release system design that presses straight against the retainer to eliminate side loading the valve and keepers, a hose removal tool that facilitates removal of fuel and cooling system hoses, and a master link press tool, enabling the easy pressing on and off of master link plates for clip style chains; [www.motionpro.com](http://www.motionpro.com)



**Speed Merchant:** New products for 2019 include 54 mm bottom/50 mm top clamp inverted, 49 mm and 39 mm Narrow and Mid Glide triple trees; Dyna, FXR, 2018 and up Fat Bob and Sportster Moto seats and Dyna/FXR, Sportster and 2018 Softail skid plates; [www.thespeedmerchant.net](http://www.thespeedmerchant.net)

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**DP Brakes:** Frank Edwards, Technical Director, seen here with President Larry Mills. The "pioneer and long-time industry leader in sintered metal braking technology" offers OE upgrade brakes for 2019 and earlier models. "Quiet and dust free" are the big claims DP makes for its popular front and rear sintered brake pad formulations, with Larry Mills saying that "Sportsters, Dynas, Softails and FLHs can all be equipped with DP brakes. Our fitment list covers Harley's dating back to the early 1970s. We have also added fitments for all the new Street Glide trikes, Street models, Sportsters and the Softails with new calipers," stating that DP pads are fitted as original equipment on all Performance Machine (PM), HHI (Hawg Halters) and Arlen Ness calipers; [www.dp-brakes.com](http://www.dp-brakes.com)



**Le Pera:** New for 2019, the North Hollywood, California based artisans have turned their attention to the '18-'19 Softail Street Bob with new 'Cherokee', 'Daytona' 2-up, 'Kickflip' and 'Maverick' applications in choice of stitch and weave finishes. All Le Pera seats have 47 years of handcraftsmanship invested into every detail and feature a powder-coated 16-gauge steel base plate, a specially poured high-density "Marathon" molded foam foundation and double-stitched handcrafted cover; [www.lepera.com](http://www.lepera.com)



**KB Pistons:** New for 2019 from the Carson City, Nevada based manufacturer are Super Duty Series pistons for 2017 and up M-8 applications for 120" 4.125" bore x 4.500" stroke (factory 117" stroke). The kits include two pistons, rings, pins and locks. They feature anodized top ring groove and crown; Line2Line abrasion resistant skirt coating applied to .003" total thickness for a ZERO initial fit to allow the coating to hone in for a tight, quiet running clearance; round wire locks; premium Hastings steel nitride top ring with Ductile Napier second and forced wrist pin oiling. Compression is 11:1 and compression height is 1.083"; the valve pockets are sized to accommodate 1 mm oversized valves; [www.uempistons.com](http://www.uempistons.com)



**Maxima Racing Oils:** Response to the Santee, California based specialist's growing V-twin line of products continues to be positive. Its oil change in a box kits are now available specifically for the M-8 engine and new for 2019 will include Maxima's own ProFilter oil filter and drain bolt o-rings. To complement the manufacturer's comprehensive range of products for the Harley and Indian Motorcycle aftermarket and custom sector, specific V-twin branded dealer display racks are available; [www.maximausa.com](http://www.maximausa.com)



**Daytona Twin Tec:** Following the sale by Allen Alvarez, new owner Debarry, Florida based JMS Chip & Performance has big plans for development of the product line with a slew of new products planned for 2019; [www.d-tts.com](http://www.d-tts.com)



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**ODI Grips:** The Riverside, California specialist is best known for its market leading position in the off-road grips and throttle tubes market, but get your orders in fast - last year's run of Cult designed VANS/Cult V-twin grips, featuring the classic VANS waffle sole pattern built into a medium diameter grip, sold out so fast that the company will be putting them back into production in 2019. The design is said to provide extra vibration dampening, with each pair constructed in-house at ODI Grips using "proprietary grip compounds for a consistent feel that provides exceptional control in all conditions."; [www.odigrips.com](http://www.odigrips.com)



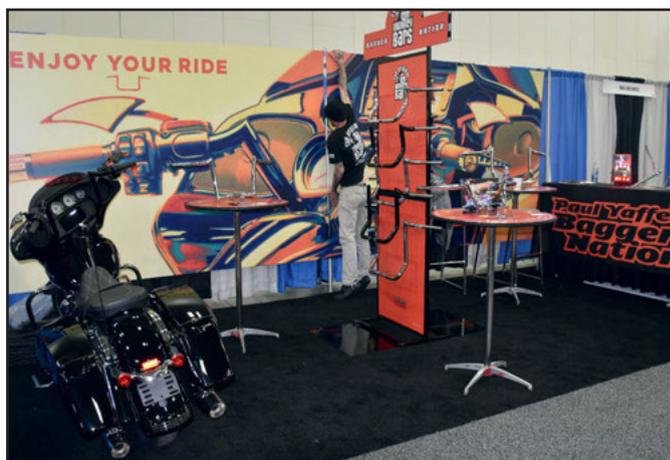
**NAMZ Custom Products:** Jeff Zielinski, owner of Oreland, Pennsylvania based NAMZ Custom Cycle Products, says "our new Run-Brake-Turn Signal (RBTS) module rear red LED kit and front running light module is unlike the stock module as it talks to the bike, letting it know all is OK even though you removed the OEM taillight and replaced it with whatever version you chose. We wire it up, using the OEM turn signal connectors, so you can simply reconnect with ease. No codes and 100% plug-n-play". Zielinski has also updated the Badlands ATS (Automatic Turn Signal) canceling module, so it is now 100 percent plug-n-play and fits '00-'13 Touring and XL, '00-'11 Dyna and '00-'10 Softail models with aftermarket ignition modules and is set to also release a brand new self-canceling ATS module series that cancels like the factory module, using speed, distance and number of flashes; [www.namzccp.com](http://www.namzccp.com)



**Kuryakyn:** Recent new products include four additions to the recently updated Xkursion luggage range, 'Riot' grips for H-D and universal fitment mid controls for Indian Scouts, Kuryakyn Road Thunder Sound Bar Plus by MTX Audio, John Shope "Vantage" signature series accessories for Indian Motorcycle heavyweight models, the 'Dillinger' Sportster-specific and multi-fit application Collection, and 'Phantom' Indian multi-fit accessory program; [www.kuryakyn.com](http://www.kuryakyn.com)



**K&N Engineering:** Recent new products include Airchargers for Softails, Dyna and Touring models in silver or black; large capacity 'Hammer' 'Street Metal' range intake system (silver or black), 'Shaker' (black) 'Street Metal' intake for Softail and Dyna (Fi) and 'Street Metal' side draft intake system for Dyna and Softail; [www.knfilters.com](http://www.knfilters.com)



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# IRISH MOTORBIKE & SCOOTER SHOW

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Despite awful weather over the weekend, the 2019 edition of the Carole Nash Insurance sponsored Irish Motorbike & Scooter Show reported attendance figures of 27,980, an increase over its record breaking 2017 event.

An increase in standard was again evident in the 47 entries to the Ireland International Custom Show. Two winners (best Irish and best international guest builder) won expenses to represent the show at the 2020 AMD World Championship. Noel Connelly's Bonneville racer inspired "Speed Freak" took top honors as Irish Champion, finally breaking a run of second places stretching back to 2011. Noel's Evo Sportster-engined ground-up build featured an S&S dual throat carb and many handmade parts, using 10 mm 5086 aluminum and brass laminate construction front forks, carb air stacks and seat hump surround.

In second place was C&C Choppers' Panhead-engined hardtail chopper "Shadow Play", with Greg Pienkowski's Arlen Ness inspired Honda CB550 "Yellow Digger" taking third place and "Best Custom" prizes. The international winner was Twistedspine



Motorcycles from England with "Copper Penny", an old school chopper converted from a stock 1200 Sportster, featuring a one-off stainless steel frame, springer front end and handlebars, handformed tank, fender and oil bag.

Bristol Bobbers' "Queen Ann's Revenge" took second place with the Yamaha XS650 engined board tracker, having finished seventh in the 2018 AMD World Championship Retro Modified Class. Patsy McArdle became the first Northern Irish prize winner as his rigid bobber "Ruby" took third place, featuring an 1,850 cc Ultima engine, Weber carb and extensive 24 carat gold plating.

Out thanks again to Zodiac International for their generous sponsorship of the prizes and Ace Cafe London for providing Goodie Bags to all of the winners.

The show saw Franklin Motorcycles, the first appointed Indian dealer in the Republic of Ireland, showcase the 2019 Indian FTR 1200 S Race Replica. Keith Reynolds, of Franklin Motorcycles, said: "The FTR is a truly unique machine. It is the first time a mainstream manufacturer that competes in



Irish Winner: Noel Connelly's 'Speed Freak' used 10 mm 5086 aluminum and brass laminate for the front end, carb air stacks and other handmade parts



Irish second place: C&C Choppers' 'Shadow Play' also won the award for Best Paint

## IRISH MOTORBIKE & SCOOTER SHOW

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Irish third place: Greg Pienkowski's 'Yellow Digger' was extensively engraved by Don Blocksidge



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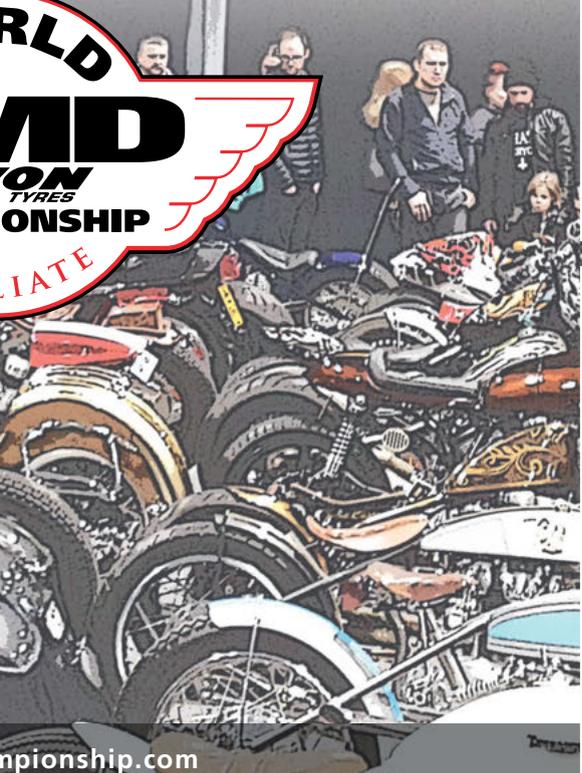
Also present to open the show and present awards to the winners of the AMD World Championship affiliated Ireland International Custom Show was Valerie Thompson, holder of eight land speed records on two wheels.

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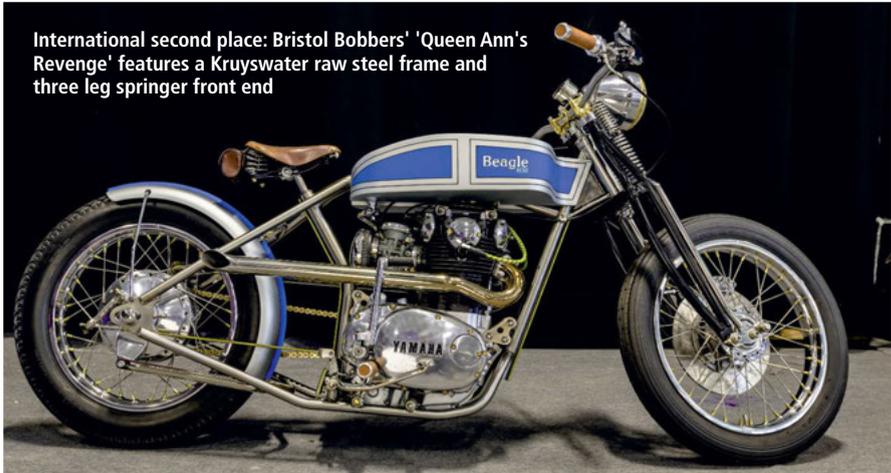
# 2019 MOTORBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW



International Winner: Twistedspine Motorcycles' 'Copper Penny' features a fully rebuilt 1200 Sportster engine, one-off stainless steel frame, springer front end and bars



International second place: Bristol Bobbers' 'Queen Ann's Revenge' features a Kruyswater raw steel frame and three leg springer front end



International third place: Patsy McArdle's 'Ruby' features gold leaf pinstriping and extensive 24 carat gold plating



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**S&S Cycle:** Recent news from the Viola, Wisconsin based masters of "Proven Performance" includes reduced price XL "Hooligan" Big Bore kits (with 482 cams and premium tappets, available in 1200 or 1250 cc for most 1986-2019 XL models; M-8 SuperStreet 2-into-1 exhaust systems that deliver 86 hp (+15%) and 110 lb./ft; 124" bolt-in Big Bore kits for 2018-'19 Big Twins that take the stock 107 ci engine from a respectable 92 hp to 125+ hp (with stock heads and throttle body!), also available for the 114 ci models, pushing them to 128 ci (both versions come in at 11.1 compression); and a full size Stealth makeover of its iconic Teardrop air cleaner (delivering up to a +6 hp gain on the M-8) that is CARB approved and available for all 1999-2019 Harley-Davidson Big Twin models; [www.sscycle.com](http://www.sscycle.com)



**Memphis Shades:** Recent new products from the Rossville, Tennessee based specialist include additions to its Road Warrior fairings for Touring, Softail, Dyna, Street and Indian Scout applications; Batwing, Gauntlet, Bullet and Café fairings; popular Memphis Fats and Slim windshields; spoiler windshields for FLH fairings and a wide range of options for Sportsters, Indian, Victory and leading metric cruiser models; [www.memphisshades.com](http://www.memphisshades.com)



**Rick's Motorsport Electrics:** The Hampstead, New Hampshire based company started out as a small motorcycle salvage business in the late 1970s and has grown to a well-recognized, highly reputed brand name in the motorsports world, offering a full parts line of motorsport charging and starting systems and electrical ignition components, including its replacement OEM style rectifier regulator for most Harley models and years; [www.ricksmotorsportelectrics.com](http://www.ricksmotorsportelectrics.com)



**CruzTOOLS:** Now owned by Seattle based Adventure Touring gear specialist CycoActive, the lifetime guarantee backed CruzTOOLS brand of hand tools and roadside repair tool kits are configured for most powersports vehicles - from V-twins and street bikes to dual-sport, adventure and off-road motorcycles. "Professional-grade, bike-specific tools and kits are designed for reliable roadside or trailside repairs"; [www.cruztools.com](http://www.cruztools.com)



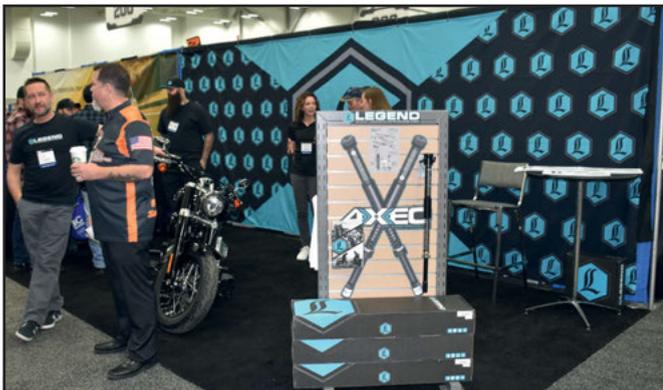
**Progressive Suspension:** Founded in 1982, and one of the oldest names in the custom suspension business, recent new products include a full suite of suspension upgrade options for the M-8 Softails including monotube and remote adjustable preload shock absorbers, drop-in fork lowering kits, fork monotube kits with external preload adjustment and fork spring kits; [www.progressivesuspension.com](http://www.progressivesuspension.com)



**Ride Wright Wheels:** The spoke wheel specialist's online Wheel Design and Wheel Fit tools allow dealers to specify the exact dimensions, spoke style, color and count from the modular hub/rim system for Touring, Softail, Dyna, Sportster, V-Rod models - Trike, Indian, Victory and Yamaha cruiser fitments also available; [www.ridewrightwheels.com](http://www.ridewrightwheels.com)



**Thrashin Supply:** The brainchild of Feuling Parts' Luke Leatherman and former MX freestyle rider Lance Coury as a new wave vendor for "New Gen" consumers, Thrashin Supply is exclusively available through Drag Specialties. Products include handlebars, clamps, covers, footpegs/floorboards for FXR, Dyna, Baggers and M-8 Softails, along with luggage and a full line of gloves. A new line of saddlebags were showcased at the show; [www.thrashinsupply.com](http://www.thrashinsupply.com)



**Legend Suspensions:** Distributed exclusively by Drag Specialties, recent new products from the Sturgis, South Dakota manufacturer include more AXEO high performance front end suspension fitments; [www.legendssuspensions.com](http://www.legendssuspensions.com)



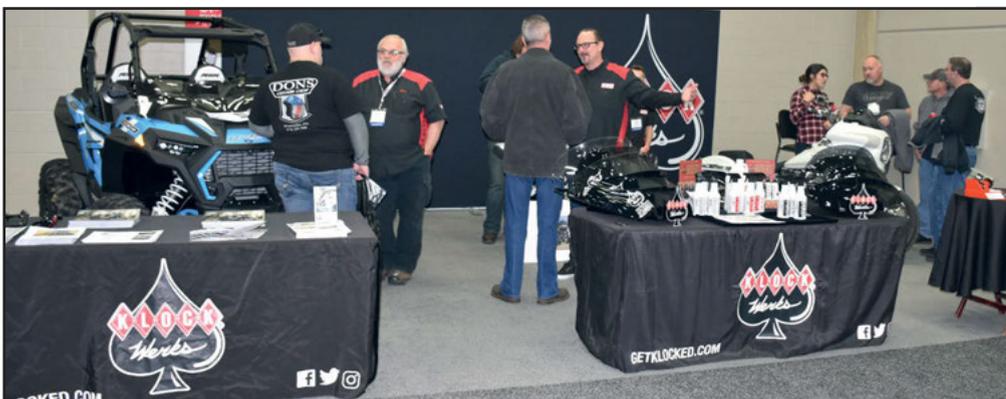
**Wiseco:** Two years ago, the Mentor, Ohio specialist introduced two new proprietary coatings with its Black Edition pistons. Two years later and they are now firmly established as top-sellers. Wiseco describes the Black Edition new coatings as "industry firsts" - ArmorFit coating on the piston skirts, and ArmorX coating on the crown and ring grooves. Said to offer superior protection against wear, better bore conformability, smooth and quiet operation and maximized efficiency, they are available for M-8s and popular Twin Cam and Rushmore model engines (SE heads); [www.wiseco.com](http://www.wiseco.com)



**Cobra Engineering:** Cobra offers a deep portfolio for M-8 Touring and Softail applications - everything from 'Neighbor Hater' slip-on mufflers, 4" mufflers with dual-cut tips, 2017/2018 head pipes to full systems and Fi2000 fuel management system. The aggressively styled 'El Diablo' line of 2-into-1 full systems fit across the entire Harley line-up, including older Sportsters; [www.cobrausa-vtwin.com](http://www.cobrausa-vtwin.com)



**Russ Wernimont Designs:** Mr Wernimont's credentials as a petrolhead of some repute are substantial and go deep. The day job(s) include a versatile and award-winning range of fenders and related accessories, with recent news including the migration of his shock absorber expertise from the deserts and mountain ranges of the southwest to the V-twin market; [www.russwernimont.com](http://www.russwernimont.com)



**Klock Werks:** Recent new 'Flare' windshield designs from the Mitchell, South Dakota parts and bikes specialist include a 6" 'Super Low' for 2015 and up FLTR applications and a 2018 and up Sport Glide 'Flare'. "We have proven again and again that we are the air management experts, offering the revolutionary 'Flare' Windshield for baggers and bikes without a fairing. Developed after setting records on the Bonneville Salt Flats, the 'Flare' has improved the ride for thousands, increasing stability, style and function"; [www.getklocked.com](http://www.getklocked.com)



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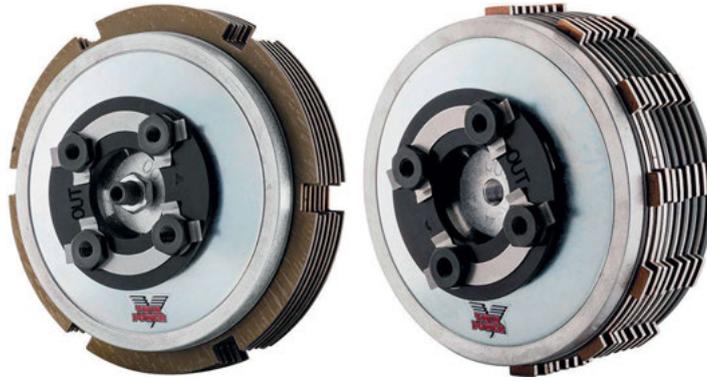
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Designed for most 1937-2017 Harley-Davidson models (except M-8), the Klincher clutch fits the stock clutch basket with no modifications, offers increased surface area and torque capacity while maintaining an easy lever pull with a diaphragm spring that provides smooth and controllable engagement.

"The Klincher clutch fills the gap between a simple plate kit

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## JIMS M-8 Torque Plates



Aluminum cylinders cannot be accurately honed and measured without the use of torque plates. The JIMS torque plate kit for use on M-8 cylinders will simulate the operating stress conditions when boring or honing cylinders. These plates adapt easily to conventional boring bars or a Sunnen type honing machine and do not require the removal of ring dowels. JIMS, USA, [www.jimsusa.com](http://www.jimsusa.com)



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# M-8 58 and 62 mm Throttle Bodies



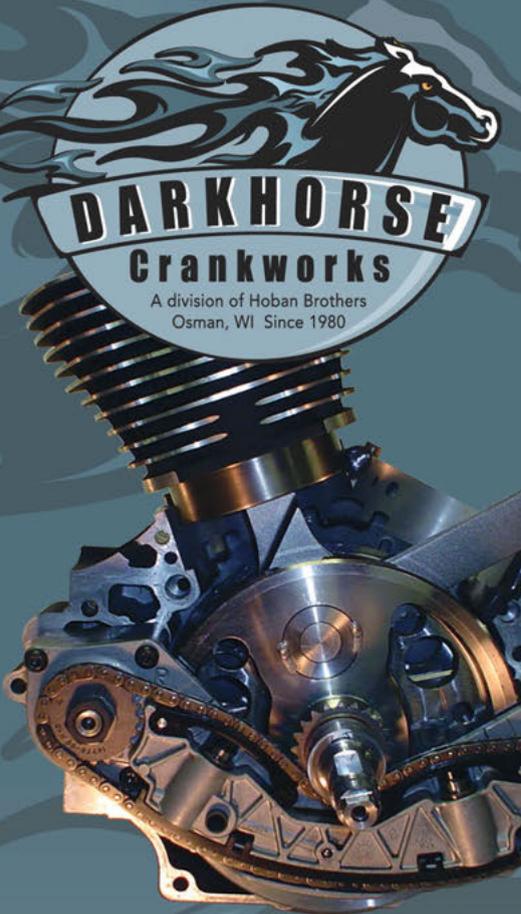
Indianapolis based Horsepower Inc's M-8 throttle bodies are designed to allow more airflow than the stock 55 mm throttle body. Offering 58 mm and 62 mm options, they are manufactured in-house by HPI out of billet material and include a fully CNC ported aluminum intake manifold. They are cruise control compatible and include a stock location for the air cleaner bolt pattern.

In the same routine as the earlier Touring electronic throttle-by-wire units, Horsepower utilizes the stock core electronics, and new units are turned around in about 3-5 business days.

The upgrades don't stop at throttle bodies. HPI also offers its V2 air cleaner design for the M-8 models equipped with a contour designed velocity stack for maximum flow. 6.2 gram per second injectors are also available for the larger cubic inch applications.



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# WolfPack Riding App to Add Motorcycle Dealer-Focused Features



Rockville, Maryland based WolfPack is introducing a new WolfPack Motorcycle app with features designed to support motorcycle dealer needs - WolfPack Central.

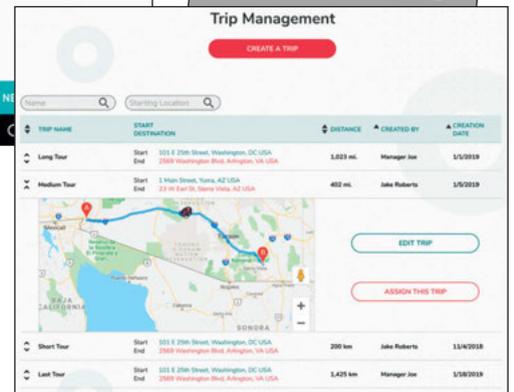
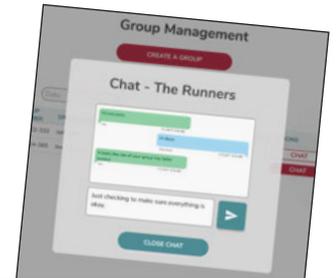
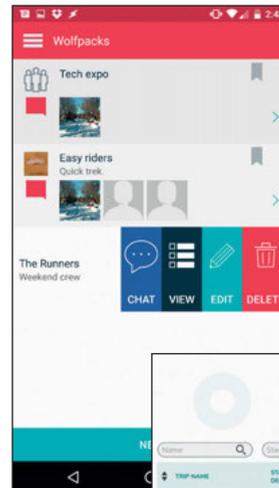
These additions include group ride registration, communication tools and insights into rider behavior. "The additional features we are adding to WolfPack Central are designed to support the business needs of motorcycle dealers. The app will soon include an event registration process and will help dealers engage participants before and after their dealership-sponsored events," said WolfPack CEO Jonathan Chashper.

"In addition, dealers may post recommended ride routes for small groups of riders and be acknowledged for being the source of those routes."

Riders using the free WolfPack app are said to experience a safer, less stressful group riding experience by having access to the ride route, to location tracking of other riders and to a unique bike-to-bike communication tool.

"There is a generation of younger riders who rely on their phones for route guidance, social connection and travel information. The WolfPack app delivers all of those benefits to our users," continued Chashper.

The free WolfPack app is available for IOS and Android devices. WolfPack was founded



in 2017 and includes maps and travel resources for motorcycle riders around the world. The app includes a range of features for group motorcycle riding, including route planning, communication and a unique "radar" feature that allows users to track the location of all of the participants in the ride. There are already over 50,000 users of the WolfPack app around the world.

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# 'Fat Ass' Kit for up to 360 Tires in Stock M-8 Softail Frames

Rick's Motorcycles of Baden-Baden in Germany has this new 'Wide Tire Kit' for M-8 Softail models that eliminates the gearbox and primary relocation, right-side drive gearboxes, frame modifications, and welding work associated with 300 mm conversions - the swingarm fits into the original H-D stock frame, with even a 360 tire running centered. The power distribution is via an intermediate shaft which sits at the pivot point of the swingarm, allowing the motor and gearbox to stay as one unit, with less strain being created and no suspension forces to adversely affect the belt.

Since the primary box remains in the original location, the footrests don't have to be repositioned and ground clearance and lean angle remain the same as stock. To make mounting easier, the black polished, plastic coated (matt black also available) swingarm is prepared for different options such as drive side brake, original brake caliper and side licence plate.

Rick's wheels are supplied with special hubs for this kit so that the wheel runs centered.



With the different versions for the various Softail frames and engines, attention was paid to keep the original transmission. In addition to the 18" swingarm kit, the system was also adapted for 10.5" x 20" to fit the Avon 280/40 R20 tire. Rick's claims that this is the first complete swingarm kit for a 20" wheel in the OE Softail frame.

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# Clutch Spring Conversion Kit



Designed for '98-'17 Harley-Davidson Big Twins, this clutch spring conversion kit from Ventura, California based specialist Barnett Clutches and Cables (except 2013-18 Narrow primary models) includes a CNC precision machined billet aluminum pressure plate and two sets of six heavy duty coil springs. Designed to replace the stock diaphragm spring/pressure plate assembly, this spring conversion kit provides smoother shifting and a more progressive, linear clutch engagement. The two spring sets of different tension ratings allow for three different spring pressure options making it ideal for stock to high performance applications. Installation is 'bolt-on' with no modifications required. A hydraulic version is also available.

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# Fox Shocks for Sportsters

Exclusively distributed by Boise, Idaho based HardDrive, these IFP internal floating piston monotube shock options for '88 and up Sportsters spring pre-load, a wide range of rebound adjustment (IFP-R), low-speed compression adjustment and gas-charged piggyback reservoir with internal floating piston (RC1).

They are made with a 1.5" 6061-T6 aluminum type III hard anodized body with 5/8" low friction, and super-finished hard chrome shaft on the IFP-R and RC1 versions (1/2" low friction,



super-finished hard chrome shaft on the IFP version). Fully serviceable and rebuildable, they feature advanced high-flow, deflective disk, "velocity-sensitive" damping, carbon black spring, black aluminum billet preload adjuster and spring seat. Options are available for Sportsters from '88 and up in 11, 12, and 13" lengths for the IFP, and 13" for the IFP-R and RC-1.

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# Italian Made M-8 Softtail Triple Tree Kit

This 'Revolution' triple tree is available from noted Italian parts manufacturer Rebuffini. It is sold on its own, or as part of a complete front end kit incorporating Öhlins FG324 or FG424 inverted front forks (for '18-'19 FXBB/FXLR/FLSB/FXFB).

Available for '18-'19 FXBB/FXLR/FLSB/FXFB models, including a 25 mm axle. The 'Revolution' triple clamp is made from CNC machined billet aluminium, the top tree thickness is 39 mm and 59 mm for the lower tree.

The trees will take stock OEM style risers or handlebars with center to center-hole distance of 3 1/2" (88.9 mm). They are prepared for handlebar dampers or rigid bushings with 1/2" screw holes. Subject to model, Öhlins inverted front forks are 232 mm with 0° rake, or for FXFB 247.7 mm with 0° rake, and are finished in black anodized with Öhlins black tubes or black anodized with Öhlins golden design tubes.



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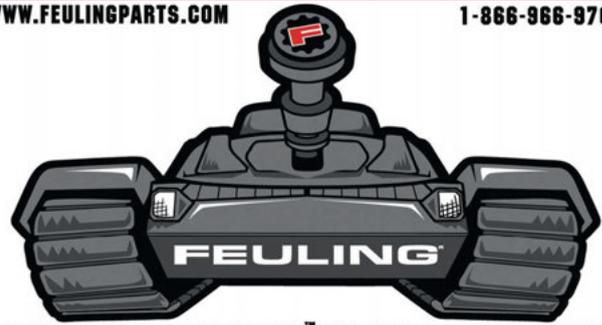
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Choose between a chrome points cover with a contrasting black skull or a black points cover with a contrasting chrome skull. Each features a super tough die-cast construction and matches other Drag Specialties Split Skull product; available for all '17-'19 M-8 models.

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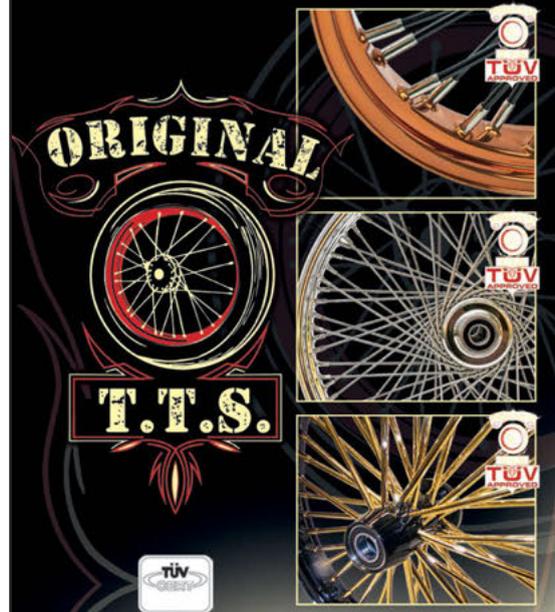
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# Hoglite Swingarms - Up To 50% Unsprung Weight Saving on Tourers

First seen in AMD in January for Dyna applications, the enhanced version of the high-performance, lightweight, aerospace-quality Hoglite swingarm from Lexington, North Carolina based C&S Custom is now available for late model '09-'19 Harley-Davidson Touring motorcycles.

The high-tech, aerospace-quality extruded 6061-T6 aluminum construction with a lightened hollow-tube axle is designed to boost the performance, with C&S claiming that it has achieved up to a massive 50% reduction in weight.

"Our Hoglite swingarms not only provide significant weight reductions, but we've built them to handle high torque and horsepower, including turbos and super chargers," explained Steve Garwood, General Manager.

Options include extended length swingarm, air tank and Nos bottle bracket. Upgraded bearings and bushings are offered for maximum performance and extended life on all wearable parts. All Hoglite swingarms are direct stock replacement or custom-built to a specific application.

The axle blocks are CNC-machined from solid billet aluminum and allow for factory belt or chain adjustment. The axle blocks will accommodate 3/4", 25 mm, and 1" axles, come with a 2-hole axle adjustment and



provide 3 1/2" long axle adjustment. The shock tower placement on the Hoglite comes with a 2-hole shock height adjustment; coatings include thousands of powder coat colors, chrome and contrast cuts.

Garwood points to suspension improvements as another benefit that comes from reducing the unsprung load "since suspension-related problems are caused by inertia - the greater the weight means the higher the inertia. By keeping the unsprung weight low, the shocks and springs don't have to work as hard to keep the tires on the road."

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# 10-Spoke Indian Thunder Stroke Air Cleaner

Perkasie, Pennsylvania based Wimmer Custom Cycle has added to its R-HFI air cleaner lineup with its new 10-spoke cover for all Indian Chieftain model motorcycles.

Precision CNC machined from billet aluminum in the USA, the new cover is said to give dealers additional options when purchasing the round high flow Indian air cleaner. Available in either a show chrome or a black re-machined finish, customers can further accessorize their air cleaner with the choice of five standard filter colors.

The complete air cleaner kit features a billet aluminum backplate, reusable air filter with dry filter technology and "all the mounting hardware required to improve the aesthetics of the motorcycle while also

enhancing performance".

The new 10-spoke cover is available as part of the complete air cleaner kit or can be purchased separately for those looking to upgrade the look of their existing R-HFI air cleaner. Wimmer says its engineers even "took this cover

design a step further," and designed it to be backward compatible with Indian Motorcycle's OEM "Thunder Stroke High Flow Air Intake".



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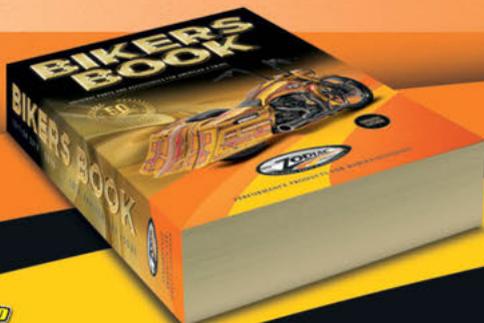


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Now, the South Gate, California based manufacturer has introduced a 3D version of the 23 x 5.5 incher - also with rotors, sprockets and Vee Rubber wheel packages available.

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# FBI 1 3/4" EZ Install Handlebar Kits



A new vendor to Drag Specialties for 2019, Chariton, Iowa based Fat Baggers Inc. (FBI) has new 1 3/4" EZ Install Handlebar Kits that allows riders to install handlebars in minutes.

The revolutionary, interlocking, bolt-together, two-piece design features unique non-welded upper corners for easy wire pulling. The two-piece design is economical to ship and takes up half the shelf space of other handlebars.

The kits include everything to install handlebars in half the time by extending, not replacing, existing cables and lines, saving time and money.

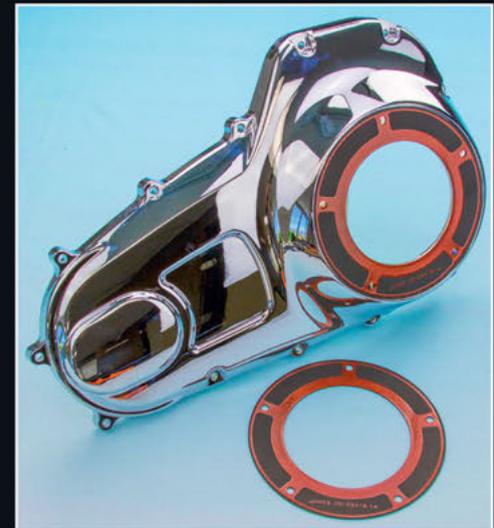
Gloss black powder-coated handlebar kits come with wire extensions and smooth black braided lines/vinyl cable extensions. Chrome handlebar kits come with wire extensions and braided stainless steel lines/cable extensions, with a choice of round or pointed top handlebars. They fit most '08-'19 Dresser models with or without ABS.

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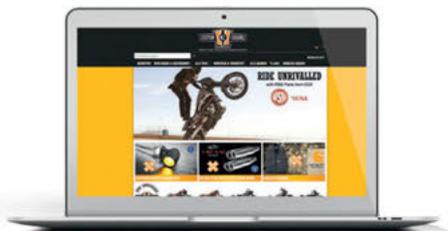
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# Rinehart 2:1 and 2:2 Systems for M-8 Softails

Asheville, North Carolina based Rinehart Racing has redesigned its popular 2-into-1 exhaust systems with versions for M-8 Softail applications.

The company is promising to deliver "increased performance, clean styling and an aggressive sound" with specially designed headers and an all new contour collector "placing the emphasis on bottom end power and torque."

In combination with the proprietary anti-reversion baffle design, the 3.5" muffler "unleashes a deep, warm tone" with features such as 18 mm O2 bungs for use with Wide Band tuners, and a bung adaptor kit included for use with standard tuners. Separately available relocation kits are required for Street Bob, Low Rider and mid-control models. Offered in



Popular 2-into-1 exhaust systems have been redesigned for M-8 Softail applications

chrome or black with chrome or black end caps, the system can be further customized with Rinehart's 3.5" Moto Series end caps.

Also seen here, Rinehart's 2-into-2 exhaust line-up has also been re-engineered for M-8 Softails - with improved air flow said to deliver "more power in a compact package."

"While the 2" diameter pipes deliver a powerful punch of sound, they were also designed to perfectly complement the natural aesthetics of the new Softails. The full coverage heat shield creates a clean, sleek look, with uninterrupted lines running from the engine to the end caps.

The 2-into-2 also features 18 mm O2 bungs for use with Wide Band tuners, with a bung adaptor kit included for bikes with standard tuners; available in chrome or black with chrome or black end caps.

Finally, Rinehart has added an all-new 4" slip-on exhaust built specifically for 2018 and later Sport Glides. Although built around the Softail frame, Rinehart says

that "this particular model features some unique design characteristics, including a stock 2-into-1 exhaust system from the factory. Our new 4" slip-on muffler enhances the performance of this model's 107" M-8 engine.

"The large diameter muffler unleashes a deep, throaty tone that is mellow at idle and roars to life with a twist of the throttle. The specially designed



Rinehart's 2-into-2 exhaust line-up has also been re-engineered for M-8 Softails

baffle prevents reversion and boosts torque for a smooth power delivery throughout the entire rpm range.

"The design matches the aesthetics of the Sport Glide's aggressive looks and features a matching heat shield for a clean, sleek look that perfectly complements the lines of the bike." Available in chrome or black with chrome or black end caps; compatible with 4" Moto Series end caps for a custom look.

Rinehart Racing exhausts are available domestically through its authorized dealer network or direct from Rinehart Racing. Rinehart is proud to promote its exclusive distribution arrangement with Drag Specialties in Canada and Europe through Parts Canada and Parts Europe. In other recent news the company is offering dealers in Europe access to Euro 4 homologated 4" and 4.5" slip-on mufflers for M-8 H-D Touring models in a variety of finishes and end cap fitments exclusively through Parts Europe.

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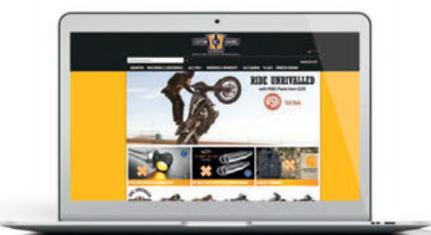
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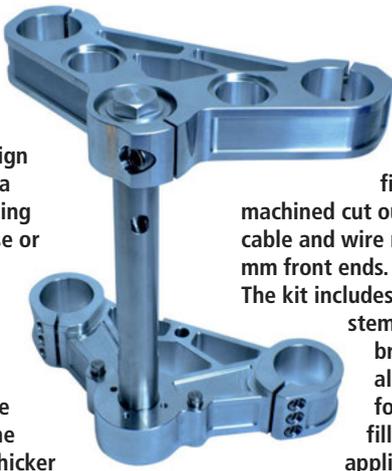


## AMD PRO GUIDE

# MXV1 39 mm Triple Tree Kits with Increased Clamping Area

This MXV1 39 mm triple tree from Californian parts manufacturer Pro-One features a "unique design created by integrating a motocross inspired styling that encouraged the use of hard edges, and a unique clamping design to give the trees a very raw appearance."

The triple trees increase the clamping area of the bottom tree by 0.25" thicker than stock to support reduction of lateral and torsional fork flex, increasing the rigidity and stability of the front end. They are also equipped for internal fork stop systems and include a mounting point for the OEM brake junction box in the bottom



of the stem. CNC machined from 6061 T-6 billet aluminum and available in black anodized or raw aluminum finishes, they have a machined cut out in the top tree for clean cable and wire routing and will fit most 39 mm front ends. The kit includes the top and bottom trees, stem, top mounted headlight bracket, stylish billet aluminum top nut, external fork stop pins and flush mount filler pins for internal for stop applications.

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# Jac-Knife Highway Pegs

Our thanks to Lindsey Trausch at Statesville, North Carolina based Iron Aces Speed Shop for information about Jac-Knife highway pegs - described as a "sleek alternative to engine guard highway pegs by attaching to the factory floorboard and positioning the riders' feet to the side.

"Engineered to conceal under OE Harley-Davidson floorboards, Jac-Knife highway pegs provide an alternative foot position for added comfort and are virtually unnoticeable when not in use - they easily 'flip' in to place when called in to action."

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# A Touch of Retro - Megaphone Roadster Muffler

Duisburg, Germany based Dock66 has these versatile "timeless reverse cone design Megaphone Roadster Mufflers," and says they make "the perfect silencer for all classic custom motorcycles. The sixties British bike style matches vintage bikes, cafe racers, scramblers and also choppers, bobbers and trackers.

Available in chrome or black finish, the Megaphone Roadster Muffler is made of heavy duty steel and can be mounted on either side of the bike. Spacers allow universal use for pipes from approximately 36 to 45 mm. Length of the silencer is approx. 480 mm, the maximum diameter is



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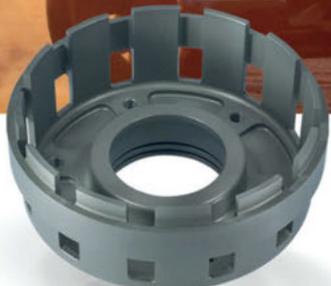
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## AMD PRO GUIDE

# Tucker Adds Epic Cafe Racer Reversible Conversion Parts



Fort Worth, Texas based Tucker V-Twin has added another new (and unique) brand to its vendor portfolio with Chris Eder's Dallas, Texas based Epic Moto Co. 'Naked Series' range of custom parts and conversion kits.

Eder, with co-founders Kelly Hedgepeth and Earl Warrick, are known for "shaking up the industry and turning heads with killer bike designs," and Tucker V-



Twin says that "Chris has done it again with a breakthrough concept that makes high-end customized looks accessible and affordable to all riders."

Epic officially launched in September 2017 at the Geico Motorcycle Hot Bike Tour in Johnson City, Tennessee, but heads were already turning months before when Epic began to entice Harley enthusiasts on social media with images of four concept bikes.

"The response was overwhelming, and Epic Moto Co. is proud to offer its first line of custom parts and cafe racer conversion kits for Harley-Davidson touring bikes called 'The Naked Series', a high-end, modular program of bolt-on parts for fully reversible, warranty-friendly conversions allowing any Harley touring bike to be transformed into a purpose-built, customized bagger.

"With the 'Naked Series', riders can go from bagger to racer and back to bagger-all in their garage". Eder said that "like most Harley riders, I share the insatiable need to feel the raw horsepower and rumble of the Harley, but the weight of a dressed-out touring bike is cumbersome and gets in the way. "The 'Naked Series' is the solution for riders who want the best of both worlds: touring comfort combined with the performance of a cafe racer-all in one motorcycle." They feature Chris' signature style



that "brings back the thrill of a gritty, heart-thumping ride by stripping away weight and transforming touring bikes into light, fast, rideable machines." Simple tools are all that is needed to install 'Naked Series' parts; no structural or frame modifications are required. That means the original H-D warranty won't be voided and a touring bike's 'inner cafe racer bagger' can be unleashed without breaking the bank. "Affordable, lightweight, alluring designs, optimized for performance and speed," says Eder.

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## DC V-Twin - Up to +25% HP Gain for .465 Lift M-8 cam

Known for enhancing the performance of Harley-Davidsons with its engine performance packages, Derek Churchwell's DC V-Twin Performance has released another "unrivaled" cam shaft.

The .465 lift M-8 cam shaft is a direct bolt in performance upgrade for the 107", 114" and 117" M-8 engines. The cam's original design was geared to add superior acceleration on the bottom end and still deliver a big number at the top end of the power curve.

"This cam still hits like the traditional Harley cams that deliver that unique sound," Derek told AMD Magazine, "but once you twist the throttle it is anything but stock. As you well know, the camshaft is one of the most critical parts of an engine's

performance, so look no further than this new cam grind to deliver excellent horsepower and torque curves you desire." Derek says that Dyno results show almost a 25% gain in horsepower and nearly a 20% gain in torque when coupled with an aftermarket exhaust and air cleaner. DC V-Twin camshafts are made in the USA and are available exclusively through its dealer networks.



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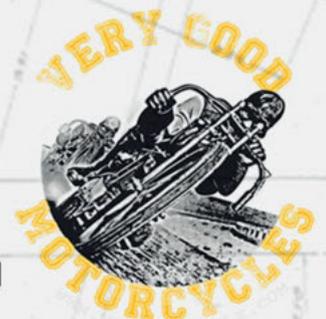
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# Darkhorse Crankworks Expands and Upgrades its Rural Wisconsin Facility



Celebrating a century old building that used to be the Osman General Store built in 1918 and used as an active general store in an extremely small community until 1998, Darkhorse Crankworks added and upgraded almost the entire 17,000 sq ft facility in 2018.



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Based one hour due north of Milwaukee, WI, in the Village of Osman (population 21!), the success of all the innovative Darkhorse motor products and services drove the company to upgrade and expand its facility by another 5,000 sq ft.



shipping department needed to be expanded too, but it can be easily moved when we expand again and to bring in more CNC machines to accommodate our continued growth. Tom, Pat and John figure they have one more expansion if they continue to grow at the current rate as they are all in their 50s. The next generation is



**Owners John Dahmer and Pat Hoban operate the Darkhorse Crankworks Division on site**

Francis and Ellie Hoban operated the general store that supplied everything from groceries to dairy farm supplies and everything in between from 1968 to 1998. It was then sold to the Hoban Brothers Corporation and converted to the performance based motorcycle company it is today. The Hoban brothers started their business in a small 950 sq ft shop behind the general store in 1980 before a move to another facility and then back again to renovate and perform the first expansion to the original store in 1998.

The third partner, Tom Hoban, manages the JTD Enterprises manufacturing facility in nearby Chilton. JTD produces most all of the Darkhorse proprietary parts used in the remanufacturing of all the V-twin

crankshafts that Hoban Brothers upgrade, along with the Darkhorse "Man O' War" Signature Series crankshafts.

The expansion has provided the needed room for improved efficiencies in remanufacturing and production capabilities. "In 2018 alone, since the move was made into the new facility, we increased production and sales by over 20% without adding to our workforce," says John Dahmer, GM of the Darkhorse Division.

"We now have the needed room to add to our labor force and accommodate our continued growth in the marketplace. Couple that with the necessary room to house some of the production machines from Tom and Julie's JTD machine shop, and we can continue to improve our production and turnaround times in-house still further.

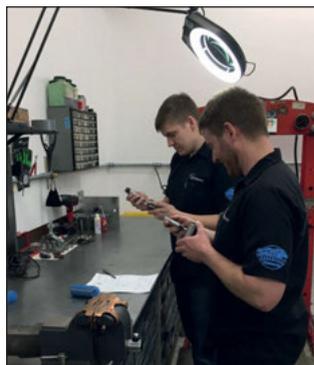
"We are positioned where we need to be to service our customers - our 400 plus Harley-Davidson franchised dealers and the over 1,500 performance based aftermarket shops and engine builders we work with for the foreseeable future and in an improved timely manner.

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"With specific engine remanufacturing and assembly rooms, we are able to maintain a contamination-free environment when crankshafts and

lower ends are in final assembly. "Processing an average of 40-50 crankshafts a week in our busy season, we need to be as efficient as possible with clear and clean work areas. Our new facility gives us that now with room to grow," says President Pat Hoban, who performs a majority of the lower end assemblies himself.

More forward planning was detailed into the design of this addition than in any of the past facility upgrades. We always had to build while being constrained with property lines in the past, but that is no longer an issue. We secured 2 1/2 acres a few years ago that allowed us to complete this addition, along with easily adding another 8,000 square feet as soon as



we need it. Doubling our growth in the last four years alone, we know this will not be our last expansion. This is our fourth building expansion in the last 20 years, and at that rate the



preparing to take over as both Pat's son Brad and Tom's son Tyger are heavily involved in the daily operation of the business.

John says: "I love building our business and our facilities, it is one of my passions to improve quality, efficiency and physically build our business and facilities with an architectural eye, preserving history. But it is also stressful when you know you have 12 families depending on you to hit the nail on the head every time. Luckily, we have great employees who are patient and trusting, and I have a lot of friends that we use to subcontract our building needs to.

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Harley rumors about changes for the MY 2020 Harley line-up (in addition to the LiveWire) range from the non-existent to the minimal. Our betting is on some new models, just to keep some momentum going, and to keep the 100 new bikes in 10 years counter ticking. Look for a new Touring model and 114" Softail, and maybe a new CVO. The strangest report we have heard so far is of a considerable reduction in the number of Sportsters being offered in the USA - but that would be too odd to be true, unless it is to plow the ground for a subsequent stand-alone mid-cycle announcement?

**Harley has approved a cash dividend of \$0.375 per share for the first quarter of 2019, an increase of +1.4% percent compared to the first quarter 2018 dividend of \$0.37 per share, payable March 29 to Common stock shareholders of record as of March 14, 2019.**

Following the difficulties encountered by Alta Motors after Harley's termination of its investment and collaboration agreement, BRP is reported to have purchased select assets (IP, patents and some physical assets) of Alta parent company Faster Faster, Inc. "as part of BRP's longstanding interest in new technologies and alternate energy sources for the powersports industry."

Harley has partnered with IBM Cloud for the H-DF Connect Service that LiveWire riders will have access to. The service will provide owners with 'concierge' services and allow the expansion of the use of IBM artificial intelligence (AI), analytics and IoT to "enhance and evolve the rider's experience of the vehicle." H-D Connect Service provides cellular connectivity and links a LiveWire owner with their motorcycle through their smartphone, using the latest version of the H-D app.

# AFT Series Again Secures Widespread Industry Support for 2019

**With a new rider roster for 2019 featuring defending champion Jared Mees, along with Briar and Bronson Bauman (supported by J&P Cycles), and with Brad Baker as a technical advisor and rider coach, Indian Motorcycle has reinforced its support for the series with a contingency. It is offering nearly \$360,000 and an impressive line-up of team sponsors - headed by S&S Cycle, Parts Unlimited and Drag Specialties, Indian Motorcycle Oil, Alpinestars and Bell Helmets.**

The 2019 series also has significant contingency program backing from Suzuki, Honda, Kawasaki, Yamaha, and KTM as an OEM sponsor. This year's series features an 18-round championship and 112 AFT Production Twins events for twin cylinder engine production bikes from BMW, Ducati, Harley, Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki and Yamaha street bikes between 649 - 800 cc.

In the premier AFT Twins presented by Vance & Hines the line-up of aftermarket brands supporting the

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Danish specialist SBS Brakes is now into the second of a three-year commitment to AFT, with North



American Market Manager Chris Lyngkilde Jensen commenting that "we could see the success that lay ahead for the series, it is proving to be a classic case of the right format at exactly the right time - that is why we were very happy to commit for three years."

Maywood, Illinois windscreen specialist National Cycle has renewed its involvement for another year. In 2018, National Cycle served as a sponsor to AFT Twins presented by Vance & Hines champion Jared Mees



and heavily supported his campaign to victory. After a successful season, National Cycle has now stepped up its support of the sport by joining AFT's family of partners.

"National Cycle has been a passionate fan and supporter of professional flat track racing for much of its 82-year history," said Barry Willey, President and CEO of National Cycle. "After years of sponsoring riders - including current #1 Jared Mees - we are proud to partner as the Official Windshield of American Flat Track." Barry speaks for many when he says: "We enjoy all aspects of motorcycling, and we are thrilled to see the diverse brands and styles of motorcycles AFT fans are riding."

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series is impressive. In addition to their sponsorship of the Indian Motorcycle factory team, as reported elsewhere in this edition, Parts Unlimited and Drag Specialties return as the series' Official



S&S Cycle has been a major contributor to Indian Motorcycles' success, and this year President Paul Langley is overseeing team operations for Briar and Bronson Bauman

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