

SEXY SADIE: the white album tribute bike

By Dennis Martin

I saw this bike being rebuilt for the past few months and I knew I just had to get a pictorial for you. WOW! What a Bike.

At first glance this bike may look like just another custom bike. When you really take a closer look, the theme is revealed. What you won't see, is its history and link to the Beatles. A few years back, this bike was built by Steel Horse Custom Choppers in actually eight days. It was displayed at the first George Harrison Beatles Festival that is now held every year in Benton, IL. This is also the location of Hard Days Nite Bed and Breakfast. Before it was a B&B, this is where Louise Harrison, George's sister, lived when he visited in 1963. This was about 4 months before the Ed Sullivan show appearance. So now you know why they have the festival there. Louise remembers the bike and looks forward to seeing it again, since the reconstruction and redesign is complete. The name of the bike, Sexy Sadie, comes from one of the songs on the album. The plate that covers the rear axle has the date the album was released in the UK (11/22/1968), along with her name. For you music buffs, I realize that the song "Eight Days a Week" is not on the White Album, but an eight day bike build is an accomplishment that not many people can say they have done.

The owner of Sexy Sadie is Tim Middleton of Middleton RV in Festus, Mo. He knew that this diamond in the rough could be better. Tim handed the project over to Phil Clifton of PC Custom Bikes in Crystal City, Mo. and with a little time and \$\$\$, it has become an award winning bike. The original gold plated wheels were used since they were an integral part on the bike. The wheels, which look like records, have songs from the album inscribed on each side. There are also replica ticket stubs on the rear fender from the Aug. 12, 1966 concert in Chicago, IL. Notice that the air cleaner has "The Beatles" embossed like the album covers were. The tank had a serial number of 0001. As part of the upgrades, the number was modified to 000001 because the White Albums were all labeled with a six digit number. This is truly a tribute to the album because there are song titles from the album all over the bike.

The major modifications were the white powder coat and the diamond cutting on the engine, the faces of the Beatles added to the tank by Liquid Illusions, and the chrome sissy bar with a clef (one of the first symbols in sheet music). There are numerous other modifications that Tim has done, but I think I will let the pictures describe them. If it looks like gold, it is gold. A jeweler's cloth is used to polish the gold plating. I didn't realize the amount of detail that went into this bike.

Louis Harrison is now in Branson, Mo. managing the Liverpool Legends. The Beatles are accredited with the British Invasion and now the Liverpool Legends recreate that era that changed the world. It is "Yesterday" again in Branson. I will have to admit I was not a Beatles fan when I was younger, but now that I am older, I am willing to check them out. If you would like to know more, logon to www.liverpoollegends.com

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SONG LIST

1. Back In The USSR
2. Dear Prudence
3. Glass Onion
4. Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da
5. Wild Honey Pie
6. The Continuing Story of Bungalow Bill
7. While My Guitar Gently Weeps
8. Happiness Is a Warm Gun
9. Martha My Dear
10. I'm So Tired
11. Blackbird
12. Piggies
13. Rocky Raccoon
14. Don't Pass Me By
15. Why Don't We Do It In The Road?
16. I Will
17. Julia

1. Birthday
2. Yer Blues
3. Mother Nature's Son
4. Everybody's Got Something To Hide Except Me And My Monkey
5. Sexy Sadie
6. Helter Skelter
7. Long, Long, Long
8. Revolution 1
9. Honey Pie
10. Savoy Truffle
11. Cry Baby Cry
12. Revolution 9
13. Good Night





TYPE OF BIKE

Fab: 1st time: Steelhorse Custom Motorcycle
 2nd time: PC Custom Bikes
 Year: 2005
 Model: Lawman Beatles Edition
 Value: To Be Determined
 Assembly: 8 Days First Time
 Time: 8 Months on 2nd Time Around

ENGINE

Year: 1999
 Model: HD
 Disp: 80 Inch EVD
 Cases: Polished
 Carb: Mukini-42
 Aircleaner: HD
 Pipes: Bone Shakers Sampson
 Heads Cyl: Diamond Cut By Diamond
www.diamond-heads.com

TRANSMISSION

Year: 2005
 Modif: 6sp Polished
 Shifting: Jockey Shift

PAINTING

Color: White Pearl
 Special: Tank Graphics by Liquid Illusions

FRAME

Year: 2005
 Builder: Carolina Customs
 Type: Rigid 250
 Rake: 43 degree
 Stretch: 4" out 8" up
 Other: Double Down Tube

FORKS

Type: Front End: Springer
 Builder: Drag Spec Pauchco

ACCESSORIES:

Bars: Custom
 Hand Ctrls: Arlin Ness
 Fenders: Mid USA
 Headlight: Mid USA
 Taillight: V-Twin

FORWARD CONTROLS:

Front Pegs: Custom

Gas Tank: Mid USA
 Oil Tank: Mid USA
 Primary: Open Belt
 Seat: V-Twin WLA 45
 Sissy Bar: Custom
 Mirrors: Drag Spec
 Grips: Arlin Ness

WHEELS

Front Man: American Wheel
 Size: 21
 Rim: 21" Solid
 Tire: 90/90/21 Avon Venom
 Brake: GMA
 Rear Man: American Wheel
 Size: 18
 Rim: 18" Solid
 Tire: 18/250 Venom
 Brakes: GMA

Special Features:

Gold Plating: WWW.AmericanPlatingCompany.com
 Wheel/Drive: Polly Custom Cut Rag Tec
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 Polishing: Scott Thatch
 Machine Work: Roy Waymire

