

A Closer Look at Chubby Customs

By Tim Bruce

Chubby Customs of Springfield is just like any other bike shop according to Bill Eft, shop owner and bike builder. As far as customer service goes, he will build you what ever you want and sell you anything you need. The one thing that makes Bill stand out just a little bit to his customers is that, if you want to buy something for your bike that you do not need, he will absolutely tell you that you don't need it. Bikes and parts cost enough as it is, and he just does not want someone spending money if they do not need to. Bill will say that he just wants his customers to be completely informed on what all their options are before they make their choices and purchases.

Bill has been wrenching on bikes for over 30 years and he will be the first to tell you "There are very capable bike builders at several of the other shops here in Springfield, MO and around Southwest Missouri. Every builder has his/hers own style and preference, mine just happens to be old school choppers."

This has been evident, since the last three years in a row, the best of show bikes at the annual Spring Fling bike show have been built by Bill. All three have been old school bikes.

Bill commented, "I guess maybe my preference in bike style shows my age, much like the younger builders tend to build the retro style bikes,"

Victor Larios seems very happy with the two bikes that we built and that is what it's all about. Not only did Victor have a show winner bike built by Bill, he was happy enough to come back and have a second one built. That says something.

Chubby Customs is located at 1666 East St. Louis Ave, Springfield, MO 65802. For more info give Bill a call at (417) 655-0404 or better yet, stop in and check out the shop.



**Bill Aft
Owner
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