Subject: Pi building "bikers", how many of us?
Posted by Sam P. on Tue, 30 Apr 2002 11:55:49 GMT
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Yeah it's off topic, but I am curious how many woodworkers/Pi builders are also into "wrenching", especially motorcycles. I was hooked into the horn hobby partially by "Roscoe's" web site, where he claimed it took "a whole lot of harleys" to drown out his VOT's at biker parties/picnics.I've got a pair of "work in progress" VINTAGE (well, 78 and 76 models) Z1 streetfighters out in the garage. Anyone else enjoy the wind in your face and bugs in your teeth?anyone got plans for a 12vdc tube powered headphone amp? maybe I'll just superglue one of those "new-fangled" mp3 players to the side of my helmet and wear earphones :)nothing like blasting "Die Valkerie" while doing a ton around the lake road, trying to stay a half length ahead of your buddy, sparks flying from the footpeg as you lean over and become one with the universe... Sam

Subject: Re: Pi building "bikers", how many of us?
Posted by Rider on Tue, 30 Apr 2002 13:05:23 GMT
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1989 Honda Pacific Coast. Been riding for 25+ years.Grant.

Subject: Re: Pi building "bikers", how many of us?
Posted by Adam on Tue, 30 Apr 2002 14:35:13 GMT
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Fairly new to it, but I'm getting into them. Thinking of getting an 69 Camaro for a project car, really not sure yet.I dunno about tube amps, but I once built a 20 watt solid state for my headphones that would run off two 18 volt batteries, although it would take 12 volts as well.Adam

Subject: Re: Pi building "bikers", how many of us?
Posted by JLapaire on Tue, 30 Apr 2002 14:41:56 GMT
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I have an '80 Yama 650 twin on which the wife and I roar around the back roads. Got my MC license in '72 on an early '60s Benelli 200 with low bars, big tank, straight pipe. It sounded fast, felt fast then, but at 12 or 15 hp wouldn't do a wheelstand at 80 or anything like that.John

Subject: Re: Pi building "bikers", how many of us?
Posted by bmar on Tue, 30 Apr 2002 15:59:17 GMT
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been riding for many years. just sold my Road King a few weeks ago.

Subject: Re: Pi building "bikers", how many of us?
Posted by Crazy Dave on Tue, 30 Apr 2002 16:14:28 GMT
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I haven't built Pi's yet but I ride a 99 Harley Sporster 1200. My bike before that was a Kawasaki KZ750B.Dave

Subject: Me too! I love my new Schwinn; it's red and has a bell!
Posted by BillEpstein on Tue, 30 Apr 2002 17:31:26 GMT
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Subject: Re: Pi building "bikers", how many of us?
Posted by mhammill on Tue, 30 Apr 2002 22:20:29 GMT
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2 CB350'S, RD125, RD350-ROADRACER, RD400, SUZUKI 850L, SUZUKI INTRUDER, 1965 BMW650, OVER ABOUT 29 YEARS. THEY WERE ALL FUN.MIKE H.

Subject: Re: Pi building "bikers", how many of us?
Posted by steve f on Wed, 01 May 2002 00:30:01 GMT
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My current ride is a 99 bmw boxer. Project (restoration) bike, there always a basket case bike around, is an old kawasaki two-stroke tripple. Bikes, audio, and appreciating beautiful women. Now those are hobbies. (grin)Steve

Subject: Re: Pi building "bikers", how many of us?
Posted by Shanko on Wed, 01 May 2002 02:38:46 GMT
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Used to run a GPZ900. Been eyeing up Bandit 1200's lately, or maybe a Buell..

Subject: We're all Manic Mechanics here!
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 01 May 2002 06:15:24 GMT
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Subject: H2's were called "the widow maker"
Posted by Sam P. on Wed, 01 May 2002 09:44:25 GMT
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but I never knew anyone who crashed one. Scary as heck when they "got on the pipe". 750 2stroke triples gotta be the weight/horsepower champs...but riding behind one was tough...cough, choke, where's the road...Sam

Subject: Re: Pi building "bikers", how many of us?
Posted by mikebake on Wed, 01 May 2002 11:27:48 GMT
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Well, started with a Honda CT90 Trail bike, dual range tranny, rode 60 miles on the highway one day at age 14 with a buddy on the back, top end 59-61 mph.....After high school had a really cool machine, a BMW /5 with a stroked VW engine dropped in it, looked factory stock. Nice alloys, Krauser bags, Corbin seat, hauled ass, lotsa torque. Then a "euro" Yamaha XV920RJ "Seca" twin, rode to Colorado. Now I putz around on a 200 cc 4 stroke Yamaha trail bike. Lotsa fun, actually. Bought the 5 year old a Honda Z50 last year. Big fun riding the trails together. Less chance of going splat. High school, dad leased Porsches, let me drive em alot. 1972 911T with Recaros, then a hot 1975 911S silver anniversary, then a 1978 Targa.....Now, get my buddy here stoked up and he'll tell you about his Supra Turbo.....do the research, they rule!!!!!!!!!MBB

Subject: Re: H2's were called "the widow maker"
Posted by Crazy Dave on Wed, 01 May 2002 17:33:38 GMT
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They used to be called "whispering death". Plenty of straight-line speed and power (for the time), wheelie prone, terrible breaks and flexible flyer chassis rigidity made them quite a handful. It could get you into a lot of trouble that it couldn't get you our of. Some of those 2-strokes still exist. I saw an RD350 on the street yesterday. That was probably the best of the breed.Dave

Subject: Re: "widow maker" - 509 horse Boss Hoss
Posted by Rider on Wed, 01 May 2002 19:28:40 GMT
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Saw a Boss Hoss (350 Chev small block) - with a 509 horse nitro kit on it at Americade last year. No wheelie bar or anything. There was a Boss Hoss trike with it done on a '55 Chev theme. Robins egg blue and white. Very nice.The 750's were wild in their day at over 12 seconds. Any current 600 sports out of the show room would kick their butt. Keep the rubber side down,Grant.

Subject: Wayne, this guy is in a class by himself.
Posted by Sam P. on Wed, 01 May 2002 19:31:10 GMT
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Here I am trying to find a couple of stinking PNP transistors for firing those z1 coils, and I stumble across this BATTERY powered dragbike (1st one used a 77 KZ1000 frame...god bless google).9.45 @ 152.07 in the quartermile, approx. 300 horse powerwww.killacycle.comwell worth checking their web site. the pictures of the battery arrays are out of this world. Sam

Subject: I guess I won't snicker at electric cars anymore!
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 01 May 2002 22:03:00 GMT
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Subject: Yikes!
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 01 May 2002 22:07:31 GMT
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Small block V8 with nitrous on a bike, nice. Rubber side down, good idea.

Subject: Re: H2's were called "the widow maker"
Posted by steve f on Wed, 01 May 2002 23:53:26 GMT
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Actually had the Kaw out on the street a bit last year. No it's not fast by today's standards. Mostly just gives terrible fuel economy, fouls plugs, and provides mosquito abatement. The throttle responds like an on/off switch, and handling leaves a lot to be desired. In the Chicago area we called them "killer kaws." The dealers groan when I try to find parts. But it is a fun bike.Steve