

## *It's a Proper Chopper* *(The end is nigh)*



*February 3<sup>rd</sup> and it's getting there, Maff found some spare time and a lot suddenly happened Another couple of days and it'll be time to move on.*

*It's 6<sup>th</sup> February, The fabrication is finished, the bike is in many pieces and I'm in "Griffs Reality Motor Works" with my virago in three heaps on the floor. One for spraying, one for powder coating and one for polishing.*

*Nick starts pulling out bits of bike coated in different silvers "Here's a few, but this is the one that you'll chose" Very astute Mr Anderson, the final one had a metal flake in it that will give a wicked sparkle in the sun. Maff thinks silver is too light for the green base that I want to use and it should be black, he's got a point and only hindsight will answer that question.*

*Next stop is downstairs to meet Tim The Artist, Who's been doing a lot of flames and skulls just lately. So, I start laying all of these photos of race horses, Playing cards, Chips, roulette wheels and anything that goes with it and ask him if he could lay it out roughly like this? A minute or so passes by and Tim says" The groups of horses won't work but..... This pair will, They're really going for it" With that I heave a sigh of relief and an hour or so later we have a plan. "One last thing, I don't think you should use silver, Nick's got a gold that is so strong it looks like bullion, go and have a look at it.*

*Nick? Can I see that gold bullion? He hasn't got any samples so he sticks his hand in it and pulls it out to show me. Talk about Goldfingers. It would work with the green and gambling theme but it would be just too BOLD. I'll stick with the silver.*

*A month has now gone by and I'm back at the chop shop with a heap of shiny new bits laid out in front of me. Nick & Maff are just about to go to Spain so nothing will happen until at least 18<sup>th</sup> March which is less than six weeks before The South West Custom Show where this is to be unveiled. Archie & Martin are putting together a platform with a stainless chequer plate top and spotlights to display it on. Am I Stressed?..... No.*



*Maff has made a beautiful job of grinding all the welds off, the silver really does sparkle and I have every confidence that it will be ready for the show.*

*It is now 17<sup>th</sup> March and the newsletter deadline is here, the show is in SIX WEEKS so you won't get to know until then what happens next. I've got a feeling that it's going to be one of those "Lets finish it off in the van on the way over" types of endings. Only time will tell.*