

## POSTSCRIPT "To Gilroy Shoot Out"

If I was in the market for a Gilroy Chief, apart from upgrading to a six speed transmission what other mods would I do? I would treat the engine to a decent air cleaner and muffler to aid breathing but that's that for power because for every pony you add, the motor will lose out on tractability and to be honest I don't think the frame, brakes and suspension could cope with much more go.. I think you could probably mod the original Air Cleaner to Breath better. I did not care for the long "War Bonnet" Air Box on Chris's as it dug into my leg. I would not bother much with the brakes except for a (standard)braided line. If you needed more stopping power then I would be looking at twin discs. Custom fitted handlebars would be a must. The bars as supplied represent a Bow as in Bow and Arrows which is in keeping with the native American theme. As cruiser riders are aware, unlike a sport bike where body weight is on the wrists on a cruiser it is on your tailbone, this can make the plush seat a bit uncomfy and if you have a middle aged back it will start complaining before too long. The answer is to have rider and passenger back rest fitted for longer trips. Phil's bike has a backrest but the standard h/bar risers meant that I could not relax back on the rest and I had the remotest hope of reaching the bars. I developed a backache that day. That has never happened on The Red Bike so the culprit is either the Suzuki or Phil's bike. The way to do this mod is to sit on the bike, relax into the backrest and see where your hands want to be without stretching. It could be done with risers and tweaking the original bars (done, editor) thus saving a buck. The next "must do" is cruise control (This was fitted but Phillip removed it! editor). If you have not tried a backrest and Cruise control you have not lived. It's like air conditioner in your car. It goes from luxury to necessity on your first trip.

Of course by the time you have done all this you are starting to tail gate the brand new Charlotteville bikes as regards price. Well as the old saying goes, "If you want to play, get ready to pay"

There is a chance I may score a ride on a new model King's Mountain ,if I do I will happily share the experience via this magazine.

Safe riding

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