

FOCUS:

AFT CUSTOMS-WORLD CLASS METRICS
IN THE BAY AREA'S BACKYARD

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I have started writing this piece several different times but have yet to finish it. As I move forward on the person, the company, the products.....the girls.....I always get side tracked. There is just so much information to include. Where do I begin? So with that said, consider this the first of many write-ups on AFT Customs.

AFT Customs is a small shop about 30 miles out of Lodi in Amador County. AFT Customs, a division of Amador Fine Tune, has been in business since 1987 under the operation of Jim Giuffra, one of the most renowned metric builders in the world. Jim has won more awards than I can count and his bikes have graced the pages of countless magazines.

Jim's reputation for quality, design and engineering is among the best in the industry. He works on all the top metric manufactured bikes while specializing in Hondas. Jim was one of the first 500 factory trained certified Honda technicians in the US and today he has nearly 30 years experience with motorcycles and customizing metric bikes. Originally starting customization on Gold Wing motorcycles for fitment, comfort and practicality, today Jim and AFT Customs builds some of the most radical metrics in the world. From modifying bikes to fit its rider or full one-off builds, Jim and his team can handle it all.

Being that Bay Area Cycle features bikes for sale, I thought displaying two of Jim's bikes that need to find a home made perfect sense. I have included the build sheets on the two bikes as well as a short list of the awards they have one. Both of these bikes have been in



numerous magazines. In fact, they are almost more famous than Jim, but that is certainly changing.

I will show you more works of art from Jim and AFT Customs in the months to come. Be sure to attend the Grand National Bike Show at the San Francisco Cow Palace, October 13th and 14th to meet Jim personally and have your picture taken with his bikes and his models.

750 Honda Aero-Built for Motorcycle Cruiser
Magazine/Honda Hoot
FOR SALE \$13,000 obo

Awards

1st place metric-Grand National Bike Show
2nd place custom bagger-Bay Area Bike Bash
Honda VTX 1300 \$25,000 obo
3rd Place world championships 2005 Sturgis
1st Rats Hole Customs, Sturgis
2nd Bike Fest Vegas
Outstanding detail, Grand National Bike Show
1st Place, Pro Class EasyRiders, Portland
1st L.A. Calendar Show Long Beach
Best in Show, Bay Area Bike Bash
1st Place, Radical Custom, Bay Area
Bike Bash





Credere (to believe) AFT Customs-Jim Giuffra and Ron Abel 2004 Honda VTX 1300

Performance: Engine: Design Performance 11:1 Pistons and Cams
Intake: Barons Customs
Exhaust: Hacker Pipes-AFT Customs design
Paint: Scott Hultquist/Riff Raff Customs
Plating/Polishing: Meclec Metal finishing
Seat: Duane Ballard
Drive: Designed Performance drive chain
Suspension Kewl Metal-rear air ride VTX 1800 Front forks
Frame-Stock/AFT Customs stretch 1 3/4 inch
Wheels: Weld
Tires Avon 250/40x18, 130/60x23
AFT Customs-Radiator kit, Handle bars, cleavage cover, fuel tank, fenders, swing arm-All fabrication
Cat Eye Customs: Grips, Pegs
Formotion-Diamond Clock
HHI Left Side drive, Brake Calipers
K-Tech-Master Cylinders
Kewl Metal-Triple Trees, rear air ride, fork lowers
L. Mallard: Glass Tube for radiator fluid (water dyed blue)
Motion Pro-Throttle Cables
Magna Braid-Spark Plug Wires, AFT Customs Design
Pingle-Petcock
Vortex-Foot rests/AFT Customs design
Paul Yaffe-Gas Cap
Knowles Design-Machine Work

Gutta Build Sheet 2006 Honda VT 750 Bagger By AFT Customs-Jim Giuffra/Ron Abel

AFT Customs- Suicide shifter, Throttle, Handle Bars, Risers, Cleavage Cover, Radiator Relocation Kit, Fuel Tank, Brake Pedal
Paint- Scott Hultquist of Riff Raff Customs
Chrome: Meclec
Powder Coating: RS Performance
Seat: Duane Ballard
Polishing AFT Customs
Anodizing LNL Anodizing
Baron Customs-BAR Suspension Front and Rear, Fork Bullets, Low profile gas cap
Avon-Azaro-st AV45 130/70 x 18 Azaro-st AV 46 160-70x17
Buchanans-Rims and Spokes 4.25x17/3.5x18
Motion Pro-Cables/Stainless Armor Coat
Pro-One-Grips, Tail Lights, Mirrors
Joker Machine-velocity stacks
Kellerman-Front Turn Signals
Interstate Battery-Interstate
Arlen Ness-License Plate holder
Champion Side Cars-Saddle bags
Thunder Mfg-Air Intake and Jet Kit
Spiegler-Brake Lines
EMGO-foot pegs
Pingle-Petcock

