



## Martin Becker Heidelberg, Germany 2017 Highnecker

As of this writing, Martin Becker isn't the actual owner of this bike anymore. Martin, who owns a bike shop called MB Cycles in the beautiful German city of Heidelberg, has been building some very nice custom bikes there since 2001 and has even worked his way up to becoming the European Biker Build-Off winner in 2016. And Martin likes American V-twins.

Being that he's a professional, he sold this bike, which he calls a "Highnecker," to a fella he simply calls "Andy." Andy happens to be a very special customer of his. "Andy passed by my shop to pay for a bike he had bought at the Custombike Show, an Evo hardtail

Sportster," says Martin. "Sitting there, drinking coffee, Andy decided to order another custom motorcycle. After talking about different styles, he went for the Highneck Hardtail Chopper. I had built one a while ago, which he really loved." Being a businessman, Martin figured, why not? Even though the trend these days is heading in a different direction, Martin says he still likes those Highnecker. "Especially that 'King of the Road' feeling you get when you ride one of these huge frames," he adds.

One of the main reasons Martin likes old hardtail frames (Harley or aftermarket, like VG or Santec) is that they're already registered in Germany, so there's some customizing freedom in that otherwise very restricted country. Martin is never above taking some extra steps, like mounting everything and taking it down again to change the concept or

paint job, even at the last minute. His buddy at Chiko's Pinstriping always adds the final touch with some tasty custom paint.

After Martin had built this Highnecker, Andy came by to pay for it, and the same thing as before happened. "We were sitting there, drinking coffee, and Andy said he wanted another bike," Martin says. "This time he went for the MB Buell Hardtail Racer, which I raced at Glemseck 101." (That would be the biggest outdoor motorcycle event in Germany, just so you know.)

At that point, Martin decided to give Andy the "customer of the year premium status," Martin says. I'm guessing that makes Andy what they call a "whale" in casino slang. And sure enough... "Just two days ago he called and announced his next visit, with the next order. Crazy dude!" — *Tripper*

Photos: Melissa Rademacher



# Comin' At Ya



The astounding August issue of *Easyriders* (#541) rides to the righteous biker party known as Leesburg Bikefest and takes you to Mama Tried for a killer good time. Experience the ultimate custom extravaganza as we bring you killer coverage of the Easyriders Invitational Bike Show in Columbus, Ohio where we name the Bike of the Year and come with us to the Verona Motorbike Expo.

Custom bike features include Steven Youngblood's Ironhead Sportster along with Fox Hunt Winner Carrie, Toxic Bikes' Evo Chop from Germany, Eric Stein's pristine panhead, Dan Martin's Trask Street Glide, and Tony Geraci's old school Tried & True rigid shovel.

Get an inside look at 20 years of amazing moto art by David Uhl, kick back with some sweet biker fiction, laugh your ass off with our twisted humor and weep over plenty of pert hooters that are sadly only two-dimensional. All this and more is a summer heat stroke away in the August issue of *Easyriders*!

On sale July 3rd



The August issue of *V-Twin* (No. 205) is the "G-Rated" version of *Easyriders* and there is nothin' in it that you can't show your dear ol' mum.

On sale July 3rd