

SAILING HOGS

KUSTOM CULTURE ON THE HIGH SEAS

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Some motorcycles are born out of a different era, some pay homage to the past, and others replicate. This bike, by Efram Mah of Kustom Culture Motorcycles (KCM), located in the San Francisco Bay Area, is a combination of the three; it has the flavor of an older bike with modern technology thrown in, yet still remains as aesthetically pleasing as something from the past. KCM was founded on the idea that old bikes are great, but most of the time you end up spending more time broken down on the side of the road than you do riding them. KCM has committed its manufacturing processes to producing the highest-quality parts and motorcycles, mimicking the old-style V-Twins, but using modern components to make the bikes more safe and reliable.

Back in early 2006, Dean and Debbie Anderson, of the Hogs on the High Seas Rally (HOHS), "the only floating motorcycle rally," commissioned Efram to build a Kustom Culture bike to be used as the Grand Prize on their '06 Alaskan cruise. If you didn't know, a couple of times a year the HOHS rally leaves port and hits the high seas as a traveling party packed with bikers for a motorcycle rally on a luxury cruise ship.

Every year, Dean and Debbie raffle off prizes as well as motorcycles, with all the proceeds going towards their Hogs on the High Seas Kidney Dialysis Fund. The fund was established to provide dialysis patients the opportunity to relax and enjoy a free cabin, airfare, and dialysis for the entire seven-day trip. ►



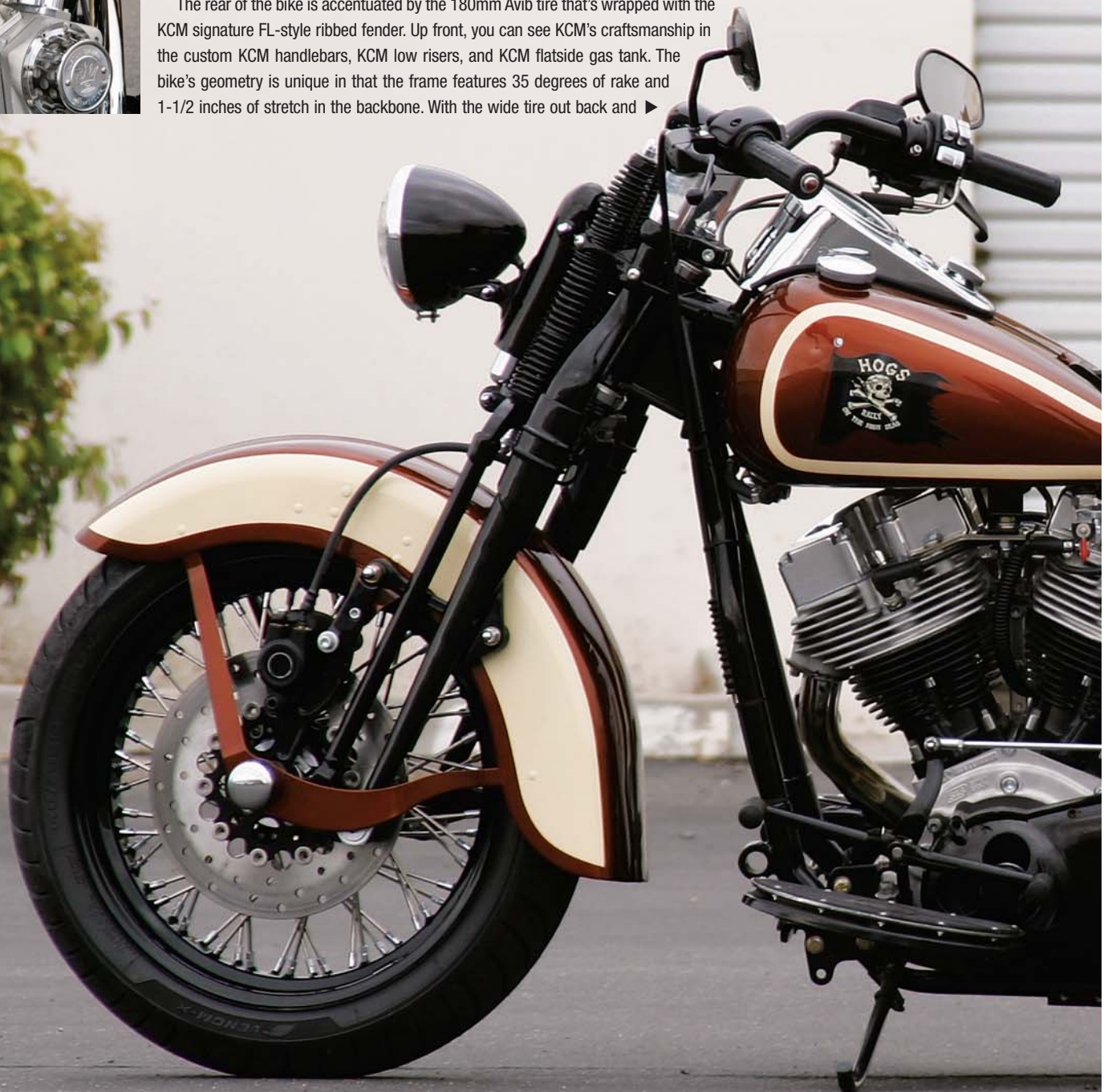


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Dean chose KCM because he knew he would get a uniquely styled custom bike that was a blast to ride. This bike is one of KCM's production Super 80 R American Classics, with an S&S 93ci shovelhead. However, this bike is more of a one-off custom with some distinctive parts (which are KCM through and through) than it is a production bike. The most obvious KCM part is the eye-catching, nine-hole primary drive, which dominates the left side of the bike with its gloss-black powdercoat and hot rod holes cut in the dry belt primary cover, revealing the inner workings of the Rivera primary-drive system. Turn signals, although cumbersome, are necessary, and KCM has a unique way to hide them and still be law-abiding—they're stealthily mounted under the KCM spring solo seat. Although it may look like any number of spring seats that are currently available, this seat is set up like the old pogo seats with improved dampening, so when it's time to take this beauty out on the open road, you can rack up the miles and still walk.



The rear of the bike is accentuated by the 180mm Avib tire that's wrapped with the KCM signature FL-style ribbed fender. Up front, you can see KCM's craftsmanship in the custom KCM handlebars, KCM low risers, and KCM flatside gas tank. The bike's geometry is unique in that the frame features 35 degrees of rake and 1-1/2 inches of stretch in the backbone. With the wide tire out back and ►





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the modern Springer up front, it's easy to see that KCM has embraced some modern trends and successfully mated them with the nostalgia of yesteryear's V-Twin. With all the bikes out there today, it's rare to come across a manufacturer with a signature style like KCM.

The entire week of the '06 Alaskan trip, everyone was excited to see who would win this KCM grand prize bike, and Martha Rychener of Smyrna, TN, turned out to be the lucky soul. Soon after learning she was a winner, she received a number of cash offers for the bike. But when all was said and done, Martha decided that since she and her husband already had bikes, they would donate it back to Hogs on the High Seas to be raffled off during the '07 Caribbean Cruise, which will be held November 4-11. Nobody was happier that more money would be donated to the dialysis foundation

than Dean and Debbie. While you don't have to be a cruise member to win the bike, there will only be 1,000 tickets sold, with past attendees getting first dibs. Then, starting March 1, 2007, the remaining tickets will be sold to the general public on the Hogs on the High Seas website (www.hogsonthehighseas.com). And while the '07 Caribbean Cruise is most likely sold out, that doesn't mean you can't sign up for one of the other future rallies. **HB**



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GENERAL	
OWNER	TO BE DETERMINED
SHOP	KUSTOM CULTURE MOTORCYCLES (KCM)
PHONE	(650) 871-8333
WEBSITE	WWW.KUSTOMCULTURE.BIZ
YEAR/MAKE/MODEL	'06/KUSTOM CULTURE/SUPER 80 R CLASSIC
FABRICATION	KCM
ASSEMBLY	KCM
BUILD TIME	TWO MONTHS
ENGINE	
YEAR/TYPE/SIZE	'06/S&S/93CI
BUILDER	S&S
CASES	S&S
FLYWHEELS	S&S
RODS	S&S
PISTONS	S&S
CYLINDERS	S&S
HEADS	S&S
VALVES	S&S
ROCKERS	S&S
ROCKER BOXES	S&S
PUSHRODS	S&S
PUSHROD TUBES	S&S
CAM	S&S
LIFTERS	S&S
CARBURETOR	S&S
AIR CLEANER	GOODSON
IGNITION	S&S
EXHAUST	KCM
TRANSMISSION	
YEAR/TYPE	'06/H-D SIX-SPEED
CASE	H-D
GEARS	H-D
CLUTCH	RIVERA
PRIMARY DRIVE	PRIMO

FRAME	
YEAR/TYPE	'06/KCM DOUBLE R
RAKE	35 DEGREES
STRETCH	1-1/2 INCHES OUT
SUSPENSION	
FRONT	H-D
TRIPLE-TREES	H-D
REAR	RIGID
SHOCKS	POGO SEAT SHOCK
WHEELS, TIRES, AND BRAKES	
FRONT	
BUILDER/SIZE	AMERICAN WIRE WHEEL/18X3.5
TIRE/SIZE	AVON/140
CALIPER	H-D
ROTOR	H-D
REAR	
BUILDER/SIZE	AMERICAN WIRE WHEEL/18X6
TIRE/SIZE	AVON/180
CALIPER	H-D
ROTOR	H-D
FINISH/PAINT	
COLORS	ROOT BEER/CREAM
PAINTER	MIKE TAYLOR DESIGNS
GRAPHICS	MIKE TAYLOR DESIGNS
PLATING/POLISHING	GLOBAL
POWDER COATING	WEST COAST POWDERCOATING
ACCESSORIES	
FRONT FENDER	H-D
REAR FENDER	KCM
GAS TANKS&CAPS	KCM
OIL TANK	H-D
DASH	H-D
GAUGES	H-D
HANDLEBARS	KCM
RISERS	KCM
MIRRORS	H-D
HAND CONTROLS	H-D

FOOT CONTROLS	H-D
FOOTPEGS	H-D
HEADLIGHT	H-D
TAILLIGHT	HUMMER
TURN SIGNALS	H-D
LICENSE MOUNT	H-D
SEAT	KCM
ELECTRICAL	KCM

