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MAGNIFICENT 7 THIS WEEK'S HOT BIKES

Best of the bunch from Bikeshed event in London

1.1967 Honda Cub CM91, 'Enid The Crooked Nose Stripper'

Original brakes on a Daytona Anima engine that's been bored out to 201cc? An additional 15hp of nitrous oxide to help turn 40bhp at the rear wheel? What could possibly go wrong?

2.2015 Yamaha XV950, 'Playa Del Rey'

The fact that Matt Black customs have managed to pull off a homage to the board-tracker – and done so by modifying a heavy and bulky XV950 from a beautiful mix of hand-crafted and bolt-on parts – is commendable. This is the latest addition to the Yamaha Yard Built series of officially-endorsed specials.

3.1930 Peugeot P50T, 'Aeropeu'

28kg of retro-mod' cute, packaged around a modern scale version of a WWI period, Gnome et Rhône overhead-valve, nine cylinder, aircraft engine.

4. Harley-Davidson XL1200 X, 'Miss Universe'

Built for an Australian client with a list of influences as long as it was wide, things could easily have gone astray for Shaw Speed & Custom on this build. But the final result, from the girder fork assembly through to the rear monoshock, is sublime.

5.1978 Laverda 500 Alpino, 'Monty'

From its Suzuki Bandit 600 swingarm and rear wheel, via its modified fuel-tank and through to its Ducati Monster 1000 fork and front wheel, the Mont should be barely recognisable from its original parentage. Yet somehow it's managed to keep the spirit of the Laverda alive.

6.1993 Ducati 900 Supersport, 'Vision of Velocity'

This Ducati build was a labour of love for Niels and Wildo of Wheels of Fortune. And rightly so; Niels works in the Dutch office of Ducati's marketing department, so he had a lot of people to potentially upset if he got it wrong!

7.1978 Suzuki GS1000, 'Wes'

The chaps at RaceFit went to town on this GS1000; the titanium exhaust system and a modified Spondon swingarm sit proudly alongside a list of specific, race modifications that just beg for the bike to be ridden.















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