

Kevin's Canadian Trumpet



Well.....it seems that the older I get, the harder Canadian winters are to take! So to make the cold months pass a little quicker I like to get busy in the workshop. I've been building and fabricating for quite a few years now, having built and owned many Japanese and American bikes. Over the years I seem to have developed my own build style and I like to try to keep everything as clean, functional, exposed and very mechanical as I can.

Sometime ago, I got hold of a BSC rigid Triumph frame that I had tucked away, just waiting for a suitable donor bike to come along. Which brings me to this 72 T120R that I picked up a couple of years ago, it was a runner, but only just, and in need of a total rebuild

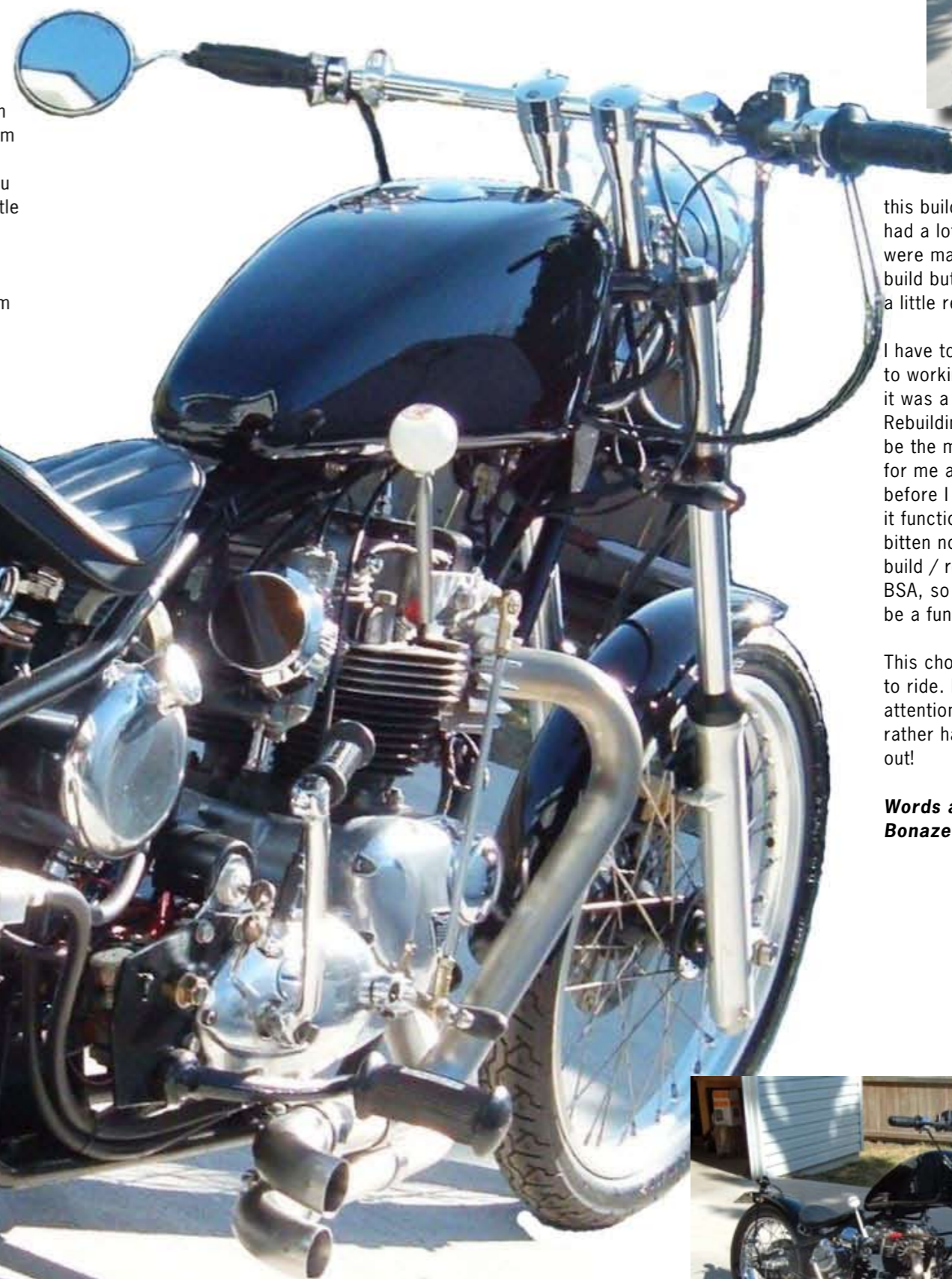
This build was actually a joint project because I really have to thank my 14 year old son Josh for all his help. This was his

first build so he had a lot of good fresh ideas that we incorporated into it. Josh got busy cleaning and washing parts and thinking the project out in his head. He had a vision of how it should look and it was

pretty close to mine, so we got busy.

The front end is actually a Suzuki set up and I machined a set of Triumph triple trees (sorry....yokes to you) to work with these forks. The front wheel is a 21" from a Yamaha and I machined an axle and spacers to bring it all together, but if you look around the bike you'll see lots of little details that we made ourselves.

So far it's taken a little over 2 years to get it where it is today. I learnt a lot from



this build and thanks to Josh's input, had a lot of fun along the way. There were many bumps through out this build but most were resolved through a little research and perseverance.

I have to admit that I was not used to working with Brit technology so it was a big learning curve for me. Rebuilding the gearbox proved to be the most trying part of the build for me as I had it apart 5 times before I was pleased with the way it functioned. But the Brit bug has bitten now, and we've just started a build / restoration on a little 1948 BSA, so we're hoping this is going to be a fun project as well.

This chop is fast, loud and great fun to ride. It seems to gather a lot of attention wherever it goes, so we're rather happy with the way it turned out!

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