



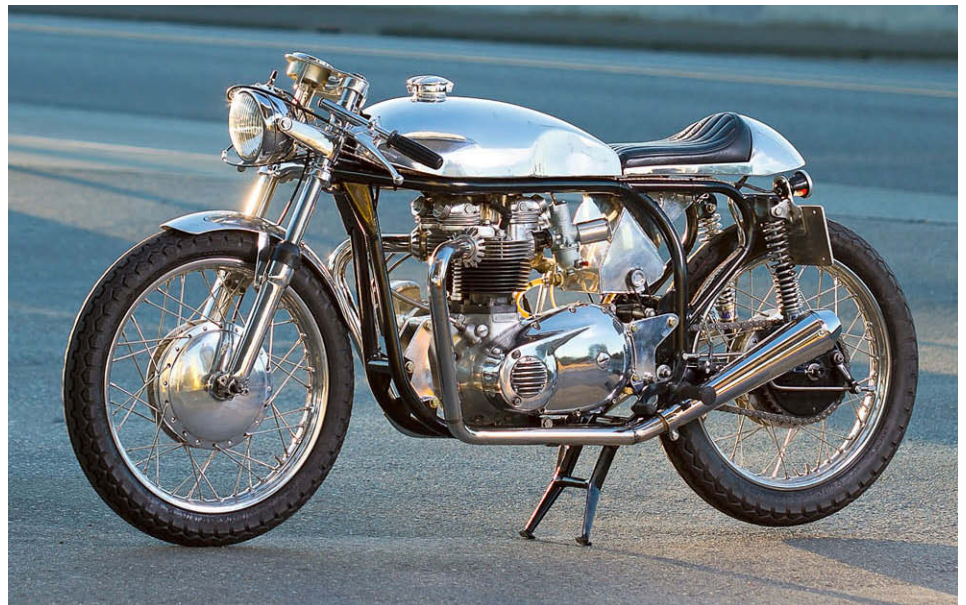
Wheelies builds Triton cafe

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Most builds we feature start out as a 'donor bike.' This Triton cafe racer started out as an idea—turned into reality by a builder with the chops to execute it.

Wheelies Motorcycles is a workshop, restaurant and retail space nestled in an industrial area of Victoria, British Columbia. Joel Harrison is the guy turning wrenches—handling everything from engine rebuilds to fabrication and upholstery with supernatural skill.

Joel specializes in vintage bikes. So when a customer (Mr. Purnell)



A modern-day Triton cafe racer built by Wheelie Motorcycles of Victoria, British Columbia

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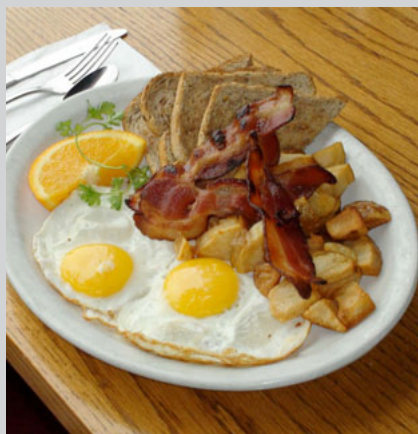
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Next Breakfast/Brunch

Sunday, December 6



WHERE:

Beach House Restaurant
5109 Cordova Bay Road
Victoria

WHEN:

9:30 am



Local bike shop creates rolling art



The creator Joel sourced parts both locally and from around the globe.

walked in looking for a Triton, he was in his element.

For the uninitiated: a Triton is typically a Triumph engine wedged into a Norton frame. So there's no single donor bike. "It took about six months to find all the important parts and rebuild the engine," says Joel.

Joel pieced the engine together

from parts he sourced locally, and bits he had kicking around his shop. The bottom end is from a 1967 Triumph TR6R, matched up to a 1970 Bonneville head. Extra grunt comes from an Airco 750cc big bore kit and MegaCycle cams.

The top end's been treated to Kibblewhite valves and guides, and there's a new magneto from Joe

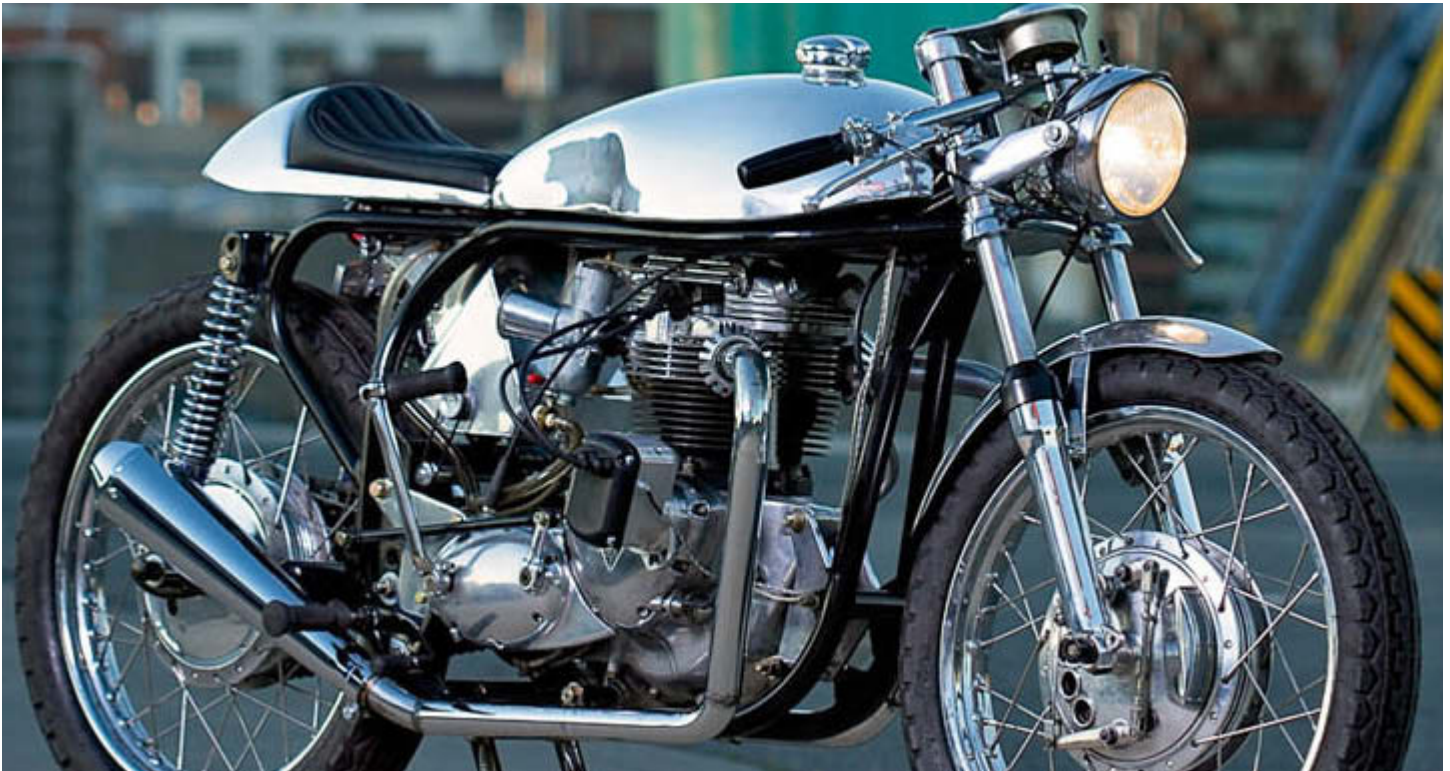
Hunt too.

The frame's a 1968 Norton Slimline Featherbed unit. Joel sourced it from a local shop specializing in British bikes, along with a Norton Commando front end. He then set about modifying the frame—re-tabling it, adding new engine mounts and fitting a center stand.

The forks have been upgraded with



Minimalist look highlights workmanship



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progressive springs, and shortened by 1¾ inches. They’re mounted via a custom triple clamp, made “the old-fashioned way—with a grinder and files.” Out back, a set of Hagon shocks keep things in check.

For the wheels, Joel laced up a new set of 19-inch rims with Dunlop rubber. The front hub is a Commando piece, equipped with a dual leading shoe drum brake, and the rear hub’s from an Atlas.

Legendary Motor Parts in Florida supplied the bodywork: a Lyta-style aluminum fuel tank and oil reservoir, with a matching tail unit. Joel modded the tail section to be shorter and narrower—to better

suit the tank—and added a simple, pleated leather pad. The bodywork is mounted on rubber grommets, with quick release pins making maintenance a breeze.

Turning his attention to the wiring, Joel hid an AntiGravity four-cell battery in the tail unit and set about building a simple, cloth-wrapped harness. Highlights include a Sparx high output regulator and a Wassell alternator.

The headlight’s an original 5¾-inch Triumph item, complemented by a simple tail light and license mount arrangement at the rear. And those gorgeous sweeping exhausts are TT-style Triumph pipes, cut and

welded to hug the frame’s lines and capped with simple reverse cone mufflers.

The foot controls are handmade, fitted with British rubber as an added touch. And the cockpit is super-clean, with clip-ons, minimal switchgear and a single dial sunken into the hand-made triple clamp.

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Mr. Purnell is already putting his new steed to good use—tearing up the country roads of Dawson Creek, BC. We’re jealous.



BMW RVI 25th Anniversary Mugs For Sale

by Chris Jones

It was on Oct. 10, 1990 that several BMW Riders gathered at the Juan De Fuca Rec. Centre to inaugurate the inception of the Riders of Vancouver Island Club.

That was so long ago for many current members, but every five years we have celebrated our existence with some event or article. For 5 and 10 years we met back in the same place where we initially met, toasted to each other with sodas, shared cake and coffee, and wished for another 5 years.

In 2005, Barry Salter suggested to me that the club needed caps. He would not take charge but I thought the idea had merit and proceeded to make it all happen. In 2010, several took charge of the event and organized a club ride. Now after 25 years and only a few of the original founders still around, I thought it was appropriate to acknowledge the milestone with a commemorative mug.

I approached the group at the Annual General Meeting, Oct. 24 and proposed a motion to create and produce a mug with \$700 from the Club's coffers used to offset the unit cost. It was passed.

I was pleased with the initial response at the Breakfast Meeting, Nov. 7 and sold the first 25 mugs - \$5 each (two for \$ten). The balance of the total mug count of 100 will be ready soon. I will have the mugs at the December Breakfast Meeting, and also at the TROC-Island View Beach.

You can pick yours up at the next meeting or call me Chris Jones, 250-592-4311 and I will arrange to deliver them or meet with you for coffee and hand them over.



These mugs will be heritage items. The current cost only lasts as long as these 100 mugs are for sale.

I have been BMW RVI Newsletter Editor three times, been Treasurer for a short while years ago, and have been instrumental in working on clothing logos, badges, pins, caps, and three iterations of mugs over the years. It has been my great pleasure to be part of this club from the beginning and look forward to many more years with all the fine people who ride motorcycles and belong to this club.

Club 2015~2016 Event Schedule

Date	Event	Location
Sunday, December 6	Monthly Gathering	Beach House Restaurant
Friday, January 1, 2016	TROC	Island View Beach & Bob's House
Saturday, January 9, 2016	Monthly Gathering	Cherries Breakfast Bistro
January 22-24, 2016	Vancouver Int'l Bike Show	Tradex/Abbotsford
Sunday, February 7, 2016	Monthly Gathering	Sea Glass Waterfront Grill
Saturday, February 21, 2016	Pot Luck - Chez Lucy's	620 Toronto Street, Victoria
Saturday, March 5, 2016	Monthly Gathering	Crooked Goose Bistro