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Dedicated to “The Curious Customer”.

An inevitable (but very enjoyable!!) part of my job as a Technical Manager @ Speed And Science is answering questions.

Out of many, one question keeps popping up: “Why Shovels? Don’t you guys know that MoCo stopped making them in 1984?” (someone will promptly point out that the good ‘ol Shovel finally gave ghost in 1985, like if that matters!) Fortunately the nay-sayers are by far outweighed by those of you who truly appreciate the opportunity offered by our dedicated Shovelhead product line, but I’m digressing.

As to the “why Shovels?” Quite simple. Towards the end of its production cycle, the Shovelhead engine was arguably the first Big Twin offering great potential for some serious power while still remaining relatively simple and extremely reliable (dripping oil don’t count). We have seen this as an opportunity, and given our extensive machining background and capability we have decided to turn our passion into something more tangible.

So, we have started with Dual Intake heads and they turned out absolutely awesome. That created a bit of a buzz and interest – and more questions, amongst which one prevailed: “How about just one carb?” Well, we have listened and made not one, but two different Y-split intakes. The questions now veered towards the alloy cylinders: “We want those to match your gorgeous heads too!!”. Some months later we have introduced our Big Bore Cylinders and Heads. In the heat of the moment we’ve also made two more Y-Split intakes to suit. As some of you may already know, we’re in the process of testing Billet Aluminum Rocker Boxes to crown our Shovelhead top end. To those of you who kept asking about them – Thank You.

So, questions. I think of it as a key piece to our success – after all it’s you, the people out there who use or consider using our products, giving us feedback and sparking new ideas. Manufacturing is a tricky business and sometimes you just need to follow your gut feeling, but in the end it’s all about sticking to your guns and believing, even if it means going against the flow. It’s a constant back-and-forth process of developing, changing and (hopefully) improving. So, by all means, please keep ‘em coming!

Motor forward,

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