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THE DARK KNIGHT

The original Dark Knight, Sir Brunor le Noir, was a member of King Arthur's Round Table. He was known as such for his black horse and shield. According to legend his exceptional strength gave him the ability to successfully best 100 knights in a single battle.

If he were around today, Sir Brunor would be proud to ride D. J. Johal's long-legged black steed; it is a heavily customized 1999 H-D Street Glide.





Nickell's Custom Bike Designs brought DJ's iron horse to life. Jeff Nickell modified the bike's frame. To open its footprint and give it a thoroughbred stance, he replaced its heavy square backbone and dual downtubes with round backbone and single downtube. The modified frame has a 45-degree rake and 3-inch stretch.





Jeff filled the bike's flanks out with a Bad Dad gas tank and fenders from Fat Katz and Sinister Industries. The bike's bags were rebuilt with deep extensions and a set of frame covers were fabricated to complement

them. The frame, bags, and sheet metal were shot with a two-stage super black paint at Cherokee Auto Body.

Building on the linear style, Jeff installed a pair of Renegade Tahoe wheels: 23-inch front and





16-inch rear. The bike gets its sure-footedness from its Avon tires. The suspension starts with a 2-inch-under fork out front and ends with Arnott air suspension in the back. The custom handlebars were designed to hold





the rider square to the Corbin seat and keep his feet planted on the Battastini floorboards.

For dead-on reliability, the motor was upgraded to 96 inches but otherwise left stock. It drives the wheels through

a Harley-Davidson clutch and 5-speed tranny. The motor gets a unique sound from the Rinehart exhaust system.

For modern jousting, a more worthy steed could Sir Brunor not find.

—Tom McCrea



Owner: D. J. Johal

City: Lodi

State: California

GENERAL

Designer: Nickell's Custom Bike Designs

Year/make: 1999 H-D

Model: Street Glide

Time: 3 months

ENGINE

Year/make: 1999 H-D

Displacement: 96 cubic inches

Bottom End: H-D

Pistons: H-D

Heads: H-D

Cam: H-D

Lifters: H-D

Carburetor: H-D

Air cleaner: H-D

Pipes: Rinehart

TRANSMISSION

Year/make: 1999 H-D

Gears: 5-Speed

Primary: H-D

PAINTING

Painter: Cherokee

Auto Body

Type/color: super black two-stage

FRAME

Year/make: 1999 H-D

Type: FLT

Rake: 45 degrees

Stretch: 3 inches

Shocks: Arnott Air Ride

ACCESSORIES

Bars: Nickell's Custom

Handlebar controls: H-D

Fenders: Fat Katz/Sinister

Headlight: H-D

Taillight: Sinister

Pegs: Battastini

Speedo: H-D

Electrics: H-D

Gas tank: Bad Dad

Oil tank: H-D

Oil system: H-D

Seat: Corbin

Grips: Ness

Mirrors: Ness

FORKS

Type: H-D

Extension: 2 inches under

Wheels: Renegade

Style: Tahoe

Size: 23-inch front, 16-inch rear

Tires: Avon

Brakes: H-D

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