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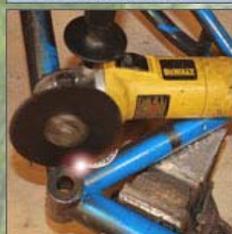
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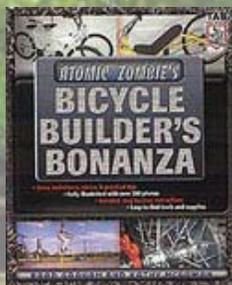
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Junk bikes get new life

"I picked a pair of old Schwinn OCC StingRay bikes from a the country, they were both in extremely bad condition. The chains were rusted solid and had to be cut off with a side grinder.

Everything on the bikes had to be sanded or wire brushed. The original frame configuration was a 20" wheel on the rear and a 24" wheel on the front.

I extended and lowered the rear drop outs, the front forks, and the kickstand in order to accommodate 26" wheels on the front and the back. I also had to recess the inside of the front forks to allow enough room for the 36v geared front wheel motor that I added. I moved the foot peg from the front forks to a rear location.

I built and welded on the front wheel disc brake mounting bracket and the rear rack. I mounted the 36v lithium battery to the front of the down tube.

I also cut and leaned the seat post back a few inches and gave the bike the blacked out treatment.

Hope you guys like it. Michael Welch."



Being a Zombie Made me a Bicycle Sociopath

"Like a mad slasher, whenever I see all but the nicest upright bikes, all I can think of is what would be the best way to cut them up and make them into rideable forms."

Read more and join the discussion: [Being a Zombie Made me a Bicycle Sociopath](#)



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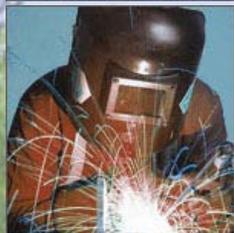
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*Vigilante Inferno by
Tim - UK*

"Hi folks!

Here is a picture of me riding the Vigilante I completed last year for the Lord Mayor of London's Skyride, that I took part in this weekend. It was like having a bad itch, trying to keep it under wraps for so long, but what a blast riding it through the streets of London!

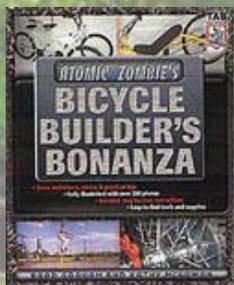
The pic is me riding along Embankment along the side of the river Thames, after passing

Buckingham palace and riding down The Mall! I felt like the king of the road! On this bike I think I was! The plans and instruction were great, and it was a blast to build and ride. I only had four spokes on the back, and decided the same on the front would be cool to!

I also added 5 speeds on the back and some small changes to the bars, and added a pivoting sissy bar friction brake that smells of burnt rubber when you use it, and at higher speeds actually smokes! How cool is that? To say I am happy with the bike, and had the best time ever would be an understatement! A grin from ear to ear that has been permanently fixed since the ride! All the very best, Tim Heyes"



VIGILANTE CHOPPER



"Hi. I'm completely sold in building custom bikes and here is one of my bikes so far. Have a look at my site, aroskustom.se for other up coming projects! Greetings from Sweden, Niklas."



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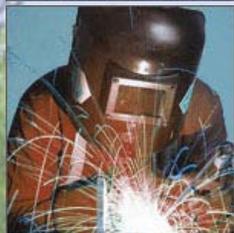
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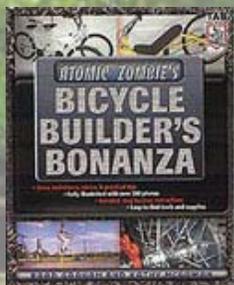
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KOOLKAT RECUMBENT

"Hi Brad/Kat. Thanks again for the inspiration.

Having bought a few plans, in the process of completing my quad with 2 wheel ratchet drive, I got a copy of the Bike Bonanza Book.

So after 2 days effort my son now has a KoolKat recumbent. Such an easy build should be recommend as the starting pint for everyone, as it is very pleasing to get such a good result so quickly.

Thanks again. Please post the photos if they are suitable. Kind regards, Tim aka go1000go."



Meridian from Iowa

"My latest build. Parts from 5 different bikes including the sweet multi-spoke front wheel and tire from a police auction bike. Did a slight adjustment to the seat for a more upright position. Thanks for the great plans! Best wishes on your new rural adventure, Dale Decorah, Iowa."

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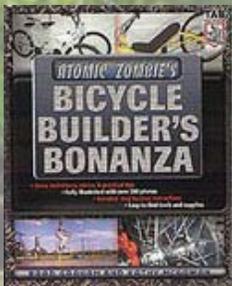
OBERON'S CHOPPER TRIKE IN CALIFORNIA

"Here are a few pictures of a Gladiator derived design I just finished. This one has motorcycle wheels and a curved tube frame."

Read more and join the discussion: [Oberon's Chopper Trike in CA](#)



Eric's many bikes, trikes, choppers and recumbents



CHOPPER FORK STRENGTH

"I recently picked up a chopper/lowrider project bike, have been tinkering with it, and am curious to the strength of the fork. It's a triple-tree style, 1.25" OD, 1/16" wall, 29" total length (tip to tip) fork, with a disc brake mount. The dropouts are 1/4".

Read more and join the discussion: [Chopper Fork Strength](#)



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