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# OCC's SAM'S CLUB BIKE

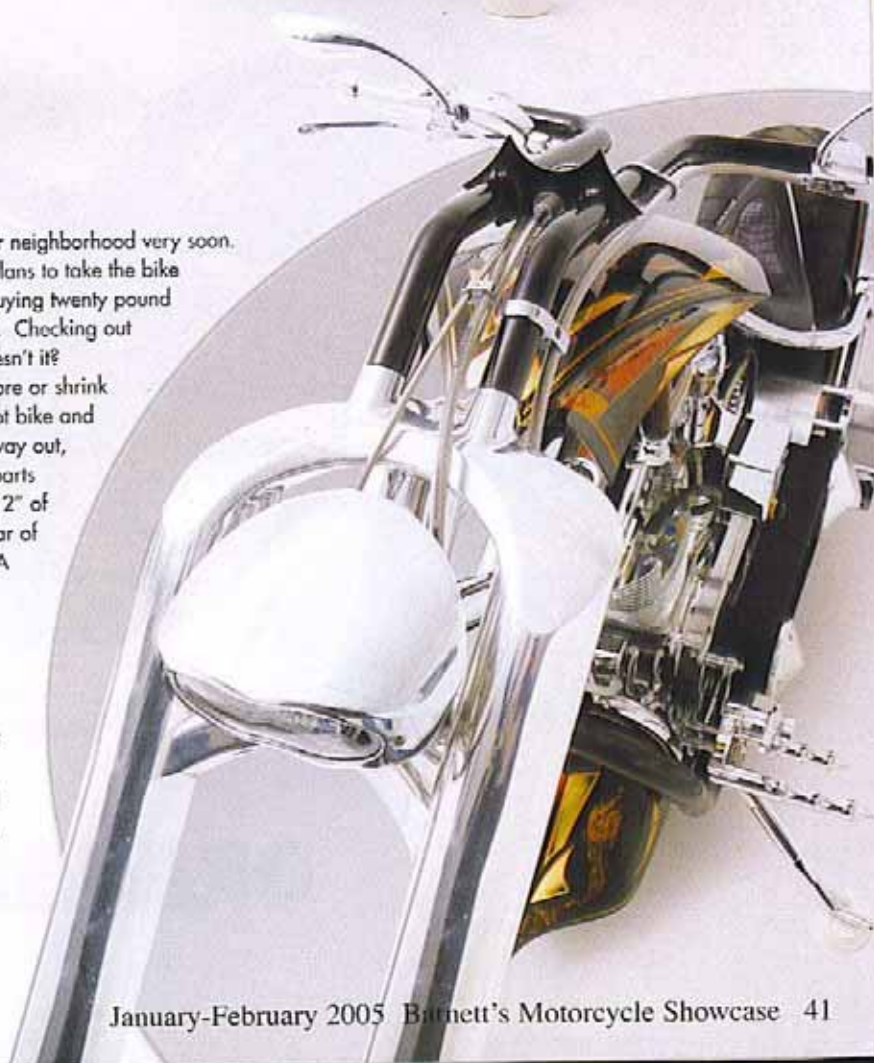


**B**elieve it or not, this OCC theme bike will be on its way to your neighborhood very soon. Unfortunately, no show was filmed around it but Sam's Club plans to take the bike store-to-store and display it for all you bike freaks out there buying twenty pound packages of bacon and six packs of adult-sized boxes of Grape Nuts. Checking out this chopper sure beats hanging out at the little café at Sam's now doesn't it?

Luckily for us, Sam's Club didn't want a bike shaped like their store or shrink wrapped with their logo. Instead, the execs seemed to like the I, Robot bike and asked Orange County Choppers to build them something similar: a way out, futuristic chopper. Rick Petka was put in charge of the mock up and parts ordering. He started out with a Racing Innovations rigid frame with 12" of stretch out, 4" up and a curved downtube. He then asked that the rear of the frame be stretched out 3" giving the bike its very unique stance. A special Karota primary belt was ordered to reach the transmission which was now a little further away than normal.

H & L was contacted to supply a 131 show polished engine. Diamondhead took charge of the fins and did their trademark diamond cutting to them. A six speed, right side drive Baker transmission was fitted with a chain final drive powering the 300 series rear tire. Hallcraft's supplied the wheels and OCC's in house painter Ralph Estrada painted the stripes on them. The oil tank was hidden away under the air dam, no problems with clearing the front wheel, the two parts missed each other by about two feet.

To keep with the futuristic and curvy styling of the frame, a set of Goldammer forks were installed. Check out the shot of the top triple clamp, no straight lines allowed apparently. A 3D Eurocomponents headlamp was used which OCC said was curved

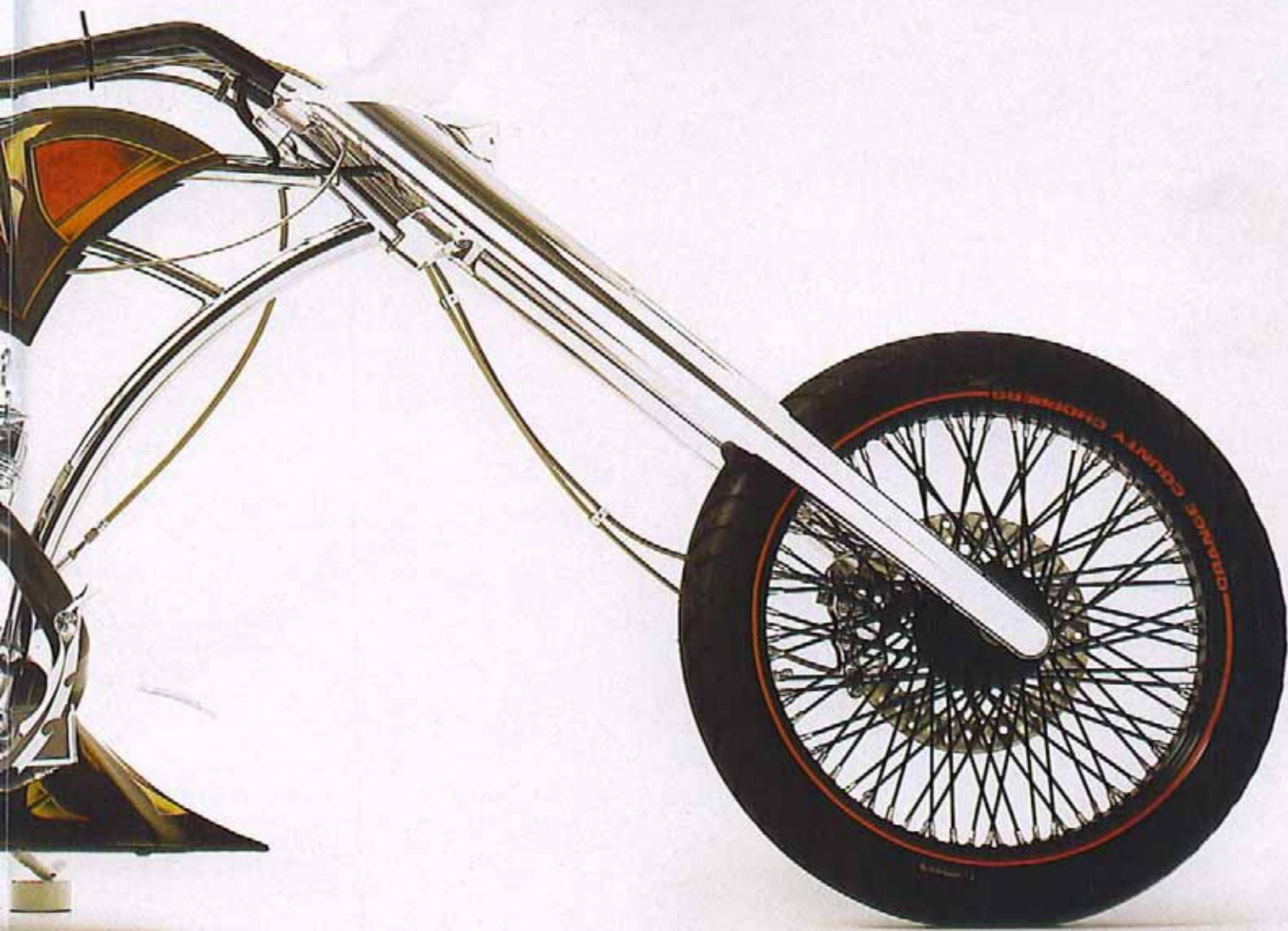


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**ORANGE COUNTY CHOPPER**



**ERS SAM'S CLUB BIKE**



**SPECIFICATIONS:**

**Builder:** Orange County Choppers,  
845-457-1992,  
Rock Tavern, NY  
[www.orangecountychoppers.com](http://www.orangecountychoppers.com)

**Mock up and Design:**  
Rick Petko

**Build:** Nick Hansford and Christian Welter

**Frame:** Racing Innovations, 50 degree rake, 12" out,  
4" up, and 3" rearward

**Transmission:** six speed, right side drive Baker

**Engine:** H & L 131" show polished, diamond cut fins  
by Diamondhead

**Wheels:** Hallcraft (I counted 80 spokes, Ron  
said 100, only our graphic artist who had to  
cut out between them electronically  
knows for sure)

**Primary:** special Karata

**Oil Tank:** OCC

**Gas Tank:** OCC

**Exhaust:** OCC

**Handlebars:** OCC

**Handlebar Controls:** Arlen Ness

**Seat:** Danny Gray Alligator

**Mirrors:** OMP

**Air Cleaner:** D & M

**Rear Tire:** Avon 300 series

**Brakes:** HHI

**Headlamp:** Eurocomponents "3D"

**Price:** Beyond the comprehension of  
non-corporate life forms.

**For Sale?:** Only if you know someone who  
works at the back door of a Sam's Club.



out of solid  
aluminum, weighing  
what felt like ten  
pounds. It fit in with the curves  
of the forks perfectly giving the Sam's Club bike it sleek,  
almost alien appearance at the front. Kind of expect a  
War of the Worlds death ray to shoot out of that head-  
lamp at any time.

An OCC custom exhaust, winding its way to  
each side of the bike complimented the exotic,  
curved gas tank build by Rick. There are no  
skulls or demons painted on the bike in defer-  
ence to Sam's / Walmart's family customer  
base. No sense in scaring the kids. Handmade  
handlebars and a Danny Gray alligator skinned seat  
completed the build along with Ness controls, OMP  
mirrors, D&M air cleaner, and HHI brakes.

After the mock up was complete, the bike was torn  
down and everything was sent to the finishers for  
paint, chrome, powdercoating, and the like. And  
through the miracle of television, it always seems  
like they get it back the next day. Well, as men-  
tioned earlier, this bike build wasn't filmed and in  
reality, about three months went by from parts  
ordering to rolling the beauty into its first wholesale  
warehouse store. OCC's Nick Hansford and  
Christian Welter handled the build up when the parts  
came back.

Special thanks go to Ron Salisbury at Orange County  
for getting all the info and great pictures to us in a timely  
fashion. The Sam's Club bike is super custom able to com-  
pete and do well at any bike show. Now if only we could  
get one at a discounted, Sam's Club price.....

- Mark Barnett  
Photos by Dino Petrocelli Photography