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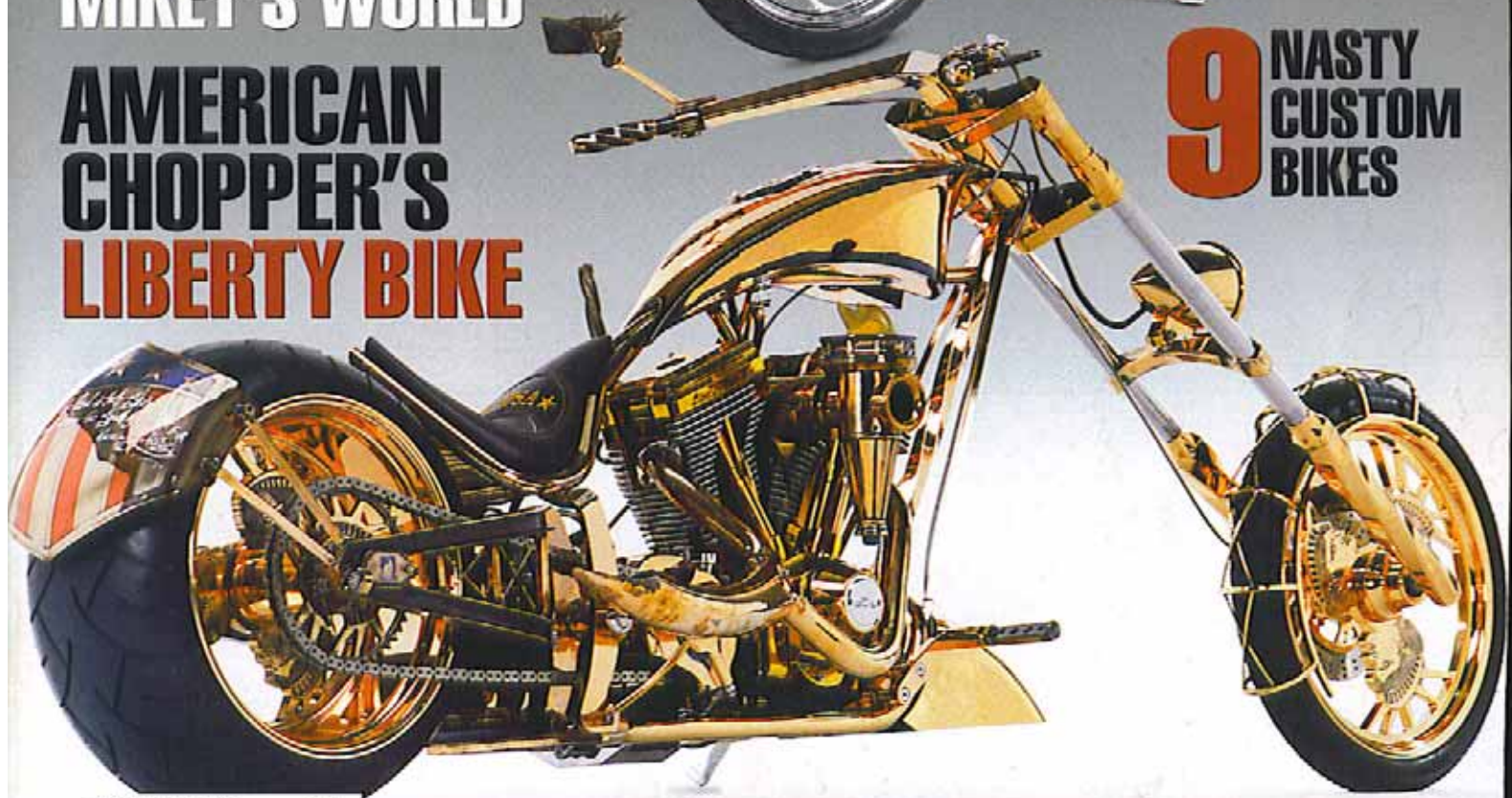
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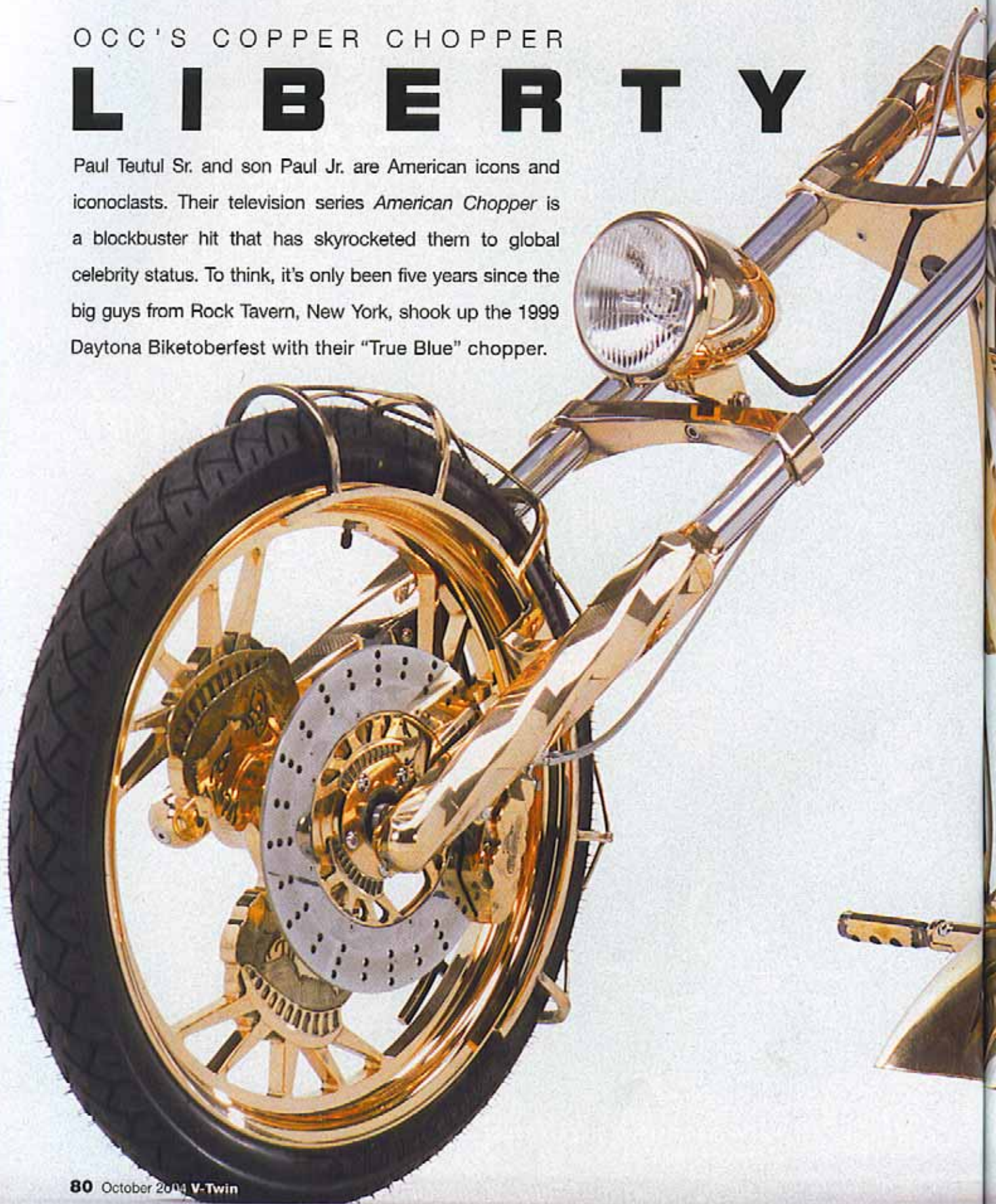


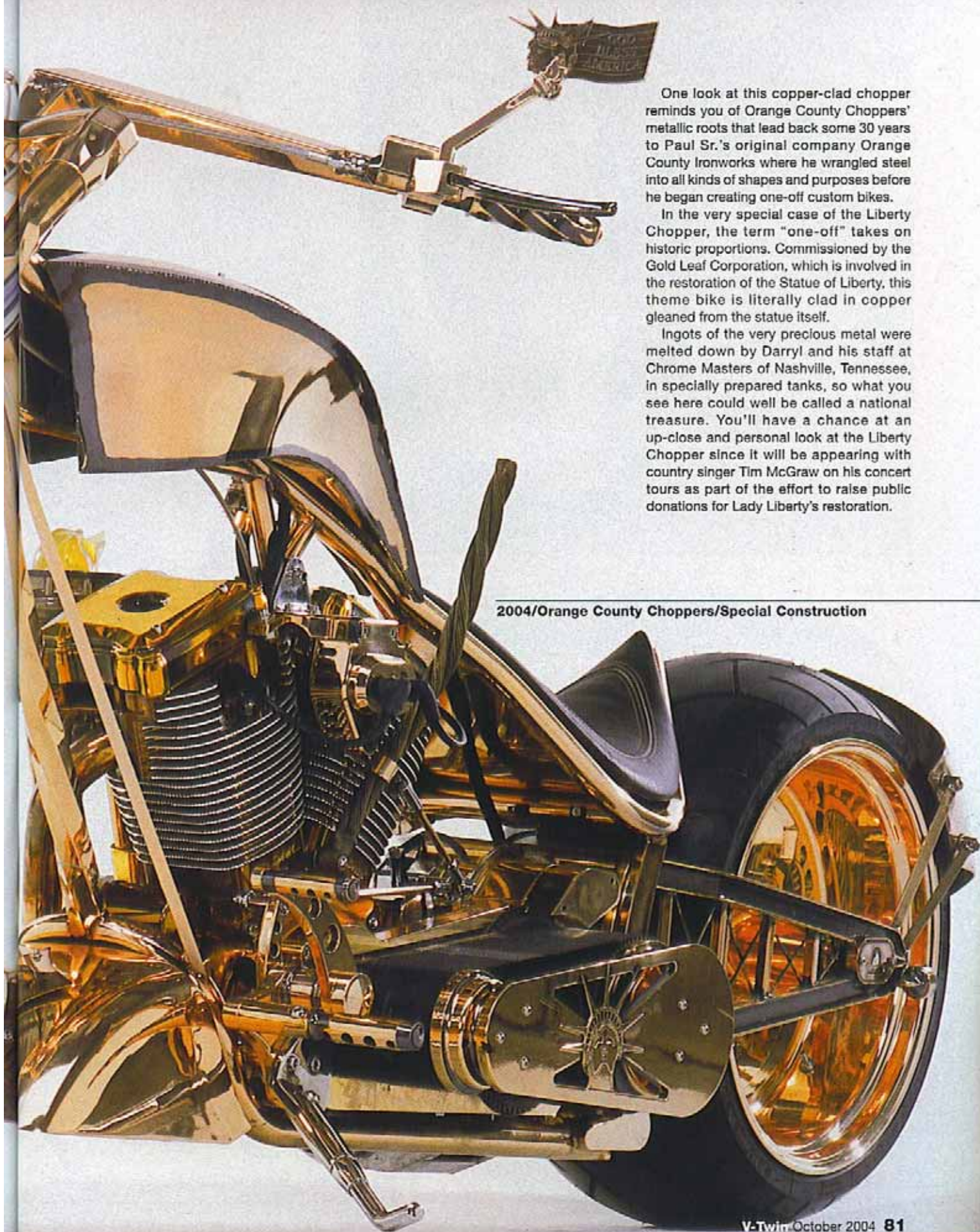
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LIBERTY

Paul Teutul Sr. and son Paul Jr. are American icons and iconoclasts. Their television series *American Chopper* is a blockbuster hit that has skyrocketed them to global celebrity status. To think, it's only been five years since the big guys from Rock Tavern, New York, shook up the 1999 Daytona Biketoberfest with their "True Blue" chopper.





One look at this copper-clad chopper reminds you of Orange County Choppers' metallic roots that lead back some 30 years to Paul Sr.'s original company Orange County Ironworks where he wrangled steel into all kinds of shapes and purposes before he began creating one-off custom bikes.

In the very special case of the Liberty Chopper, the term "one-off" takes on historic proportions. Commissioned by the Gold Leaf Corporation, which is involved in the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, this theme bike is literally clad in copper gleaned from the statue itself.

Ingots of the very precious metal were melted down by Darryl and his staff at Chrome Masters of Nashville, Tennessee, in specially prepared tanks, so what you see here could well be called a national treasure. You'll have a chance at an up-close and personal look at the Liberty Chopper since it will be appearing with country singer Tim McGraw on his concert tours as part of the effort to raise public donations for Lady Liberty's restoration.

2004/Orange County Choppers/Special Construction





Built around a custom one-off Racing Innovations frame, the bike is powered by a 131-inch H&L motor hooked up with a Baker 6-speed and a Karata belt drive with suspension via Legend Air Ride plus some very special features. When the bike is running, the top portion of the DaVinci carb actually lights up like Liberty's torch.

Another radical touch is the incorporation of an original section of twisted metal cable from the torch-lighting system that ran up the arm of the statue. It's now part of the bike's suicide shifter.

Even the mirrors echo the Statue of Liberty theme and were custom made by Eckcraft Metal Arts of Binghamton, New York. Special "Spirit of Liberty" emblems and artwork created by JB Grafix serve to further enhance the bike's heritage. As for the value of this bike...it's priceless.

If you missed the *American Chopper* episodes highlighting the Liberty Chopper, don't worry, it will be re-aired plenty of times. Meanwhile Paul, Paultie, Vinnie, Mikey, Nick, Christian, Steve, Ron, and the rest of the Orange County crew have just finished a couple of new theme bikes including one for the new sci-fi flick *I, Robot* starring Will Smith who dropped by to check out the futuristic machine. Naturally you'll be seeing that bike on the TV series and here in the pages of *V-Twin* magazine.

Thanks to OCC and all the precious-metal contributions from Americans across the country, our Statue of Liberty will be shining even more brightly. —Paul Garson



Owner: Gold Leaf Corporation

City: New York

General

Model: Liberty Chopper

Design: Orange County Choppers

Fabrication: Orange County Choppers

Chroming: Chrome Masters

Engine

Model: H&L

Displacement: 131 cubic inches

Carb: DaVinci

Exhaust: Martin Brothers/OCC

Frame

Builder: Racing Innovations

Type: superstretch

Rake: 45 degrees

Modifications: 6 up

Front end

Type: Perse twisted

Builder: Perse Performance

Paint

Painter: What paint?

Type/color: Statue of Liberty Copper clad

Special paint: artwork and clear coating

by JB Grafix

Accessories

Bars: Orange County Choppers

Grips: Perse twisted

Mirrors: Eckcraft Metal Arts

Seat: Danny Gray

Headlight: Arlen Ness

Taillight: Radiantz

Fenders: Orange County Choppers

Electrics: Orange County Choppers

Wheels: Rowe Machina

Brakes: HHI

Tires: Avon

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