

ing to pay for it?" Customer, sensing (stupidly) that Mr. Majhor might be a reasonable man, responds forthrightly with the amount he feels it is worth. Now Cliff is in his element. Seizing the prize with both hands, and raising it over his head, he proceeds to pound it into a piece of vintage scrapmetal on the counter top. Holding up the ruined item before the disbelieving eyes of his now truly alarmed quarry, Cliff loudly proclaims, "I would sooner do this to it than sell it to you for that! Now get the @#\$\$% out of here!"

Our local area has a lively and thriving vintage motorcycle scene, and all of us Britbike fans have, sooner or later, come across Cliff Majhor. Sadly, his gold mine of vintage bikes and spares was never accessible to those of us who could have actually benefited from them.

We have local heroes. Witness Kenny Dreer of Vintage Rebuilds and lately of the resurrected Norton. Sadly, Majhor and his amazing collection of vintage British bikes and tons of OEM parts and spares will not be missed. They were never meant to be for us. That this collection, now in others' hands, is currently being sold over the Web is as fitting a footnote as anv to Maihor's legacy. He

was never here for us, anyway. In time, I won't have to wince as I pass his old "bike museum" on Sandy Boulevard. I, for one, can't wait until the place is emptied out and turned into a Starbucks or Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. You know, something we really need.

Paul Nadas
Portland, Oregon

Mark Hoyer's "Mining for Old" is just a gem of great writing. He includes everything I wanted to know about this, the ultimate "barn find." The story would have struck the same resonant chord in the *Atlantic Monthly*. Just superb. Where did you find this guy?

John Phillips
Editor-at-Large, *Car and Driver*

Little old shop on Sandy Boulevard in Portland, right next to the new Krispy Kreme...

Urban renewal

I've waited for a VR-powered sportbike ever since I first saw the factory Harley Superbike in the capable hands of Chris Carr. But did Harley sell the VR for the street? No. Did Harley give Erik Buell one of the motors to play with? No. I rode



a V-Rod as soon as my local dealer got his only example. I like the motor, but...

Make it look something like the "Ghetto Blaster" bike featured in December's *American Flyers*, though, and I'll buy one tomorrow.

Alan Amark
Placerville, California

Send that thing to Willie G. and let him see how close he was to an absolutely awesome look! Those guys at North American Warhorse did an outstanding job of turning a chrome-plated penis into a super-looking ride. It probably handles better, too.

James Daniel
Red Oak, Texas

Ex-rated

Kudos to David "Hood Ornament" Edwards on his *Up Front* column "Ex-files," pertaining to the Excelsior-Henderson fiasco. His reflections of the Excelsior-Henderson saga were not only honestly candid, but also a humorous >