



Stripped Down Cycles by Oldskoolbob

How many shops do you know that would rather wrench on your shovelhead or pan than on your EVO? Sounds ridiculous doesn't it?

Don't get me wrong, Rod Davis the owner of Stripped Down Cycles is an authorized Harley Davidson technician. He is certified in all aspects of the Harley or V-Twin powerhouse, but old is the comfort zone for Rod. He is the only shop in the southern Illinois area that will work on these older motors.

This place is a one stop chop shop. He will do metal work, chopping, bobbing, or restoration work. He also

does rebuilds and transmission work; you name it he can do it. Rod will even change your oil. See if you get that at another custom shop!

Stripped Down Cycles uses old world technology mixed with new ideas, making for a powerful combination. Anybody can build a bike, but few can create Frankenstein beasts that win trophies. Seriously, this guy is talented. And as he will tell you, people look at him and laugh him off as a young punk who doesn't know anything about bikes. But when he starts to speak, and you actually see the work he has done, you'll want to kick your own ass for being a judgmental jerk!

Rod has wrenched on anything with wheels since his first tricycle! So getting his Harley Davidson certification was the right thing to do. However, after years of working for someone else, letting them have the glory and not being allowed creative control, Rod took a shot in the dark, opened Stripped Down Cycles in April of 2007 and hasn't regretted it since.

Stripped Down Cycles is located right on the main drag in DuBois, IL. This is a cruise, but there are great spots to stop on the way. From St. Louis, I-64 east to IL 177 (the Okawville exit), stay on IL 177 for approximately 12 miles to Addieville, IL where The Eagles Nest is located. It's easy to find in this town of only 300! Todd, the owner, runs a great spot and offers fish, chicken, steaks, his famous beer battered onion rings and more. Bikers are always welcome! Slide out of there, go left on IL 177 to IL 15 east to IL127. Alternatively, stay on I-64 east to IL 127 (Nashville exit), roll through Nashville and on the edge of town is South Side Bar and Grill featuring great food and live music. The night life is happening here! Say hi to Jason; he's always there. Approximately, 10 or so miles south on IL 127, turn left at the old Jolly Acres Tavern onto DuBois Road and follow that old rustic road into DuBois. Stripped Down Cycles is on the right at 162 West Broadway, Dubois IL (618/787-2201).

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