

Custom motorcycles...we drool over them at bike shows and we all want one of those "money-is-no-object, one-off, high-end, paint job you can see for miles" kinda' bikes. A lucky few of us have the bucks to buy a custom. A few more of us have the skills to build one from the ground up. Most of us, however, take a base-level bike and go through a process of creating ideas, jotting down notes, cutting pictures out of magazines, adding new parts, modifying exiting components, and maybe working with a builder to get our bike to that custom level we dream about.

## THE "SKULLS" OF SCOTT HANSEN

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In May of 2011, I met Scott Hansen and his Custom Street Glide at the 2011 Hill Country Rally in Fredericksburg. It was a great weekend for a rally. As I walked through the parking area admiring all the bikes, this low-slung, candy red bike with flames and ghosted skulls really stood out from the crowd. Not by coincidence, the bike is named "Skulls". Check out the pictures to see why!

The bike is loaded with custom, one-off features including a stretched tank and bags, a custom rear fender, and a really cool



horn cover that's actually contoured to fits the angle of the cylinders

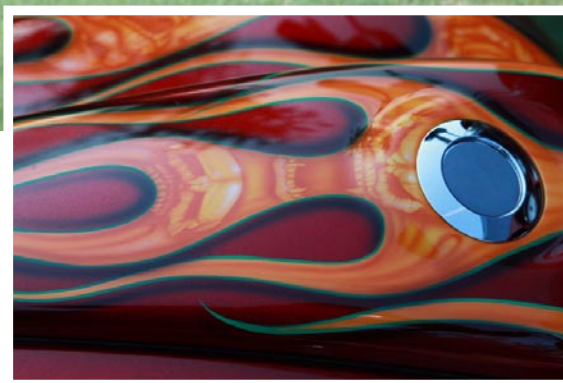
rather than being some chrome appendage hanging off the engine. So, with camera in hand, I snapped a few pictures for Thunder Roads Texas and began to talk to Scott about his sweet ride.

"I've been riding my whole life," Scott said, "and I usually make two or three rallies around the state each year. I always try to make the Big Texas Toy Run". Scott rides frequently in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and does a lot of riding in the Hill Country as well! His most interesting ride was in Hawaii. "My wife Mary and I went to Hawaii for a week and we rode around the island on my brother-in-law's bike

2008 Harley-Davidson  
Street Glide Custom



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and just had a great time. I always wanted to ride a bike on the Big Island, so that's just what we did", said Scott. I then told Scott that I was extremely jealous as I knew that would be a ride to remember!

We proceeded to talk more about the bike. Scott said, "I bought the bike used and my original idea for this bike was just what you see. Once I had the idea in my head, I talked with Joe Martin of Martin Brothers Bikes here in Dallas. I'd seen a lot of his work and so I picked Joe to complete my bike. I knew it was going to turn out great because he is so

good at what he does". Of course, every bike builder has to put some other their signature style into whatever they are building. Scott continued, "During the build Joe called me and told me he was going to add a little more flash to the bike. Knowing Joe for many years, I told him to go with it". Part of that flash, and the part the pictures don't do justice to, is the heavy metal flake in the paint. The red paint stands out in the shade, but in the sun, the metal flake matches the chrome and makes the bike shimmer like a new diamond. Along with a lot of internal engine goodies, one of the unique "hidden features" of the bike is an air suspension. The bike can be dropped up to 4 inches – even with the bike in motion – for a longer, lower

stance. "I've entered a few bike shows" says Scott, "and most recently I placed 1st in the Best of Bagger's class at the Hill Country Run".

So, what motivates Scott to ride? If you are a biker reading this article, then it's not a different story for many. "I started riding at a very young age and I knew I wanted to ride as long as life would let me. I ride motorcycles because it helps me forget about the stresses of life. It helps me relax and enjoy life just that much more". Amen, brother, amen.

