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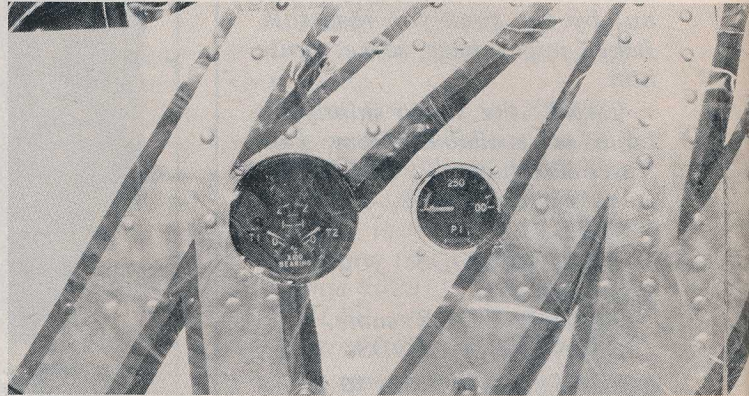
HARLEY-DAVIDSON EK3

by the Staff of Sky Bike

Failure succeeds again



Long travel front suspension in its compressed position.



The gauges tell the whole story. If you know what the gauges mean. Note the little do-hickeys on the side. A lighter overall weight could have been achieved by using titanium rivets.



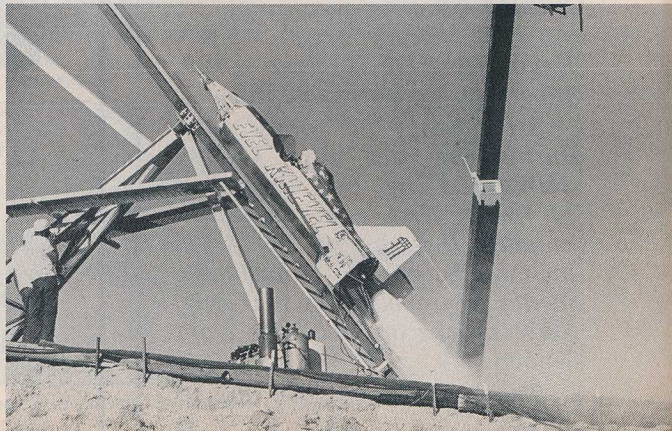
This is the working end. The whole bike is cluttered with wings, stabilizers and other nonsense. I don't agree with the placement of the decals. Too much wind resistance.



After spending all that money it still leaks. Two years ago the mound on which the ramp is built was going to be Evel's take-off ramp.



Now that's what we call an expensive loading ramp.

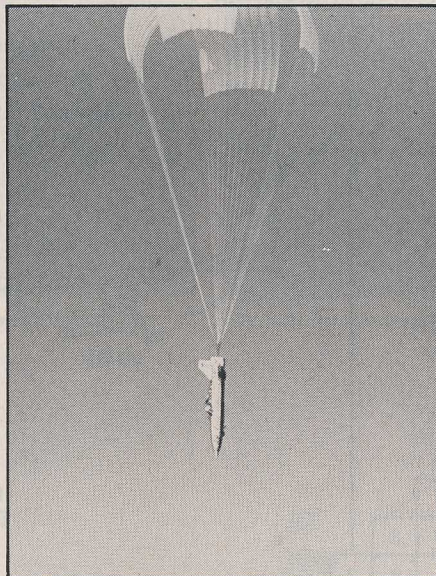




With the chute already open behind him and the shock fully extended in front, Evel Knievel and his three-wheeled Harley-Davidson(?) prepare for their joint landing into the canyon.



Fun and games in Idaho.



Going down for the third time.

PRICE: retail, approx. \$1.37 million (sounds good)
 ENGINE TYPE: Single cylinder, air-cooled, steam-powered
 DISPLACEMENT: 11,483cc of Snake River water
 BORE & STROKE: 3.76 inches x 3 gallons
 COMPRESSION RATIO: 7g's:1
 CARBURETION: # 670 jets
 HP @ RPM:
 (claimed) 4000 pounds of thrust
 (actual) not enough
 CLUTCH: Button type
 PRIMARY DRIVE: Is there any other way
 GEAR RATIOS: 1) up
 2) up
 3) level off
 4) down
 5) down
 6) crash
 FINAL DRIVE: Money
 1 -tooth countershaft
 9 -tooth rear sprocket
 AIR FILTRATION: Dual giant silk parachutes
 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: Funny colored wires
 LUBRICATION: ½-pint Jim Beam
 RECOMMENDED OIL: Alka-Seltzer
 FUEL CAPACITY: Never enough
 FRAME: Waterproof steel
 SUSPENSION:
 (front) Long travel telescopic shock
 (rear) Inborn padding
 WHEELS: Three or four
 TIRES:
 (front) 1 x 6 ramp type
 (rear) 6 x 1 ramp type
 DIMENSIONS
 Wheelbase: Bases between wheels
 Ground Clearance: Before: 3 inches
 After: -1 inches
 Seat Height: Sits tall in the saddle
 Handlebar width: 26 inches (varies)
 Weight: (claimed) Less than the Goodyear Blimp
 (actual) More with 1½ tanks of gas
 (on front wheel) 9%
 (on rear wheel) 92%
 BRAKES: Parachute (touchy)
 INSTRUMENTS: Pressure speedometer, clock (Greenwich), altimeter, gyro
 LIGHTS: Sure
 SILENCER: Large cane
 SPARK ARRESTOR: Security guards
 PRIMARY KICK: Should have
 PARTS PRICES (frequently replaced items)
 Piston assembly: \$1.00
 Rings: \$10.00
 Clutch cable: \$100.00
 Cylinder: \$1000.00
 Shift lever: \$10,000.00
 Brake pedal: \$100,000.00
 Clutch lever: \$1,000,000.00

