

Suicidal Trike

Believe it or not this 80 mph trike was built as a fun machine.

Originally fitted with a hotted Yamaha RD350 engine the package proved too peaky. A slightly smaller motocross single cylinder made it faster in the dirt.

We photographed this incredible machine with an Elsinore CR250M Honda engine. Even that had been ported and a special pipe made!

Because of the complete absence of weight the acceleration in a straight line is next to unbelievable. It'll out-drag anything. But that's only in a straight line over very smooth surface. Other terrain sees it become a Kamikaze Special!

The short little wheelbase results in near constant wheelies (hence the forward mounted seat-tank in a bid to put weight up front) and a never ending tendency for the steering to violently twitch to either side. This combined with the absence of suspension sees the machine become next to uncontrollable over most surfaces. With the souped-up RD350 racing engine many were injured as they learnt the hard way thinking it was a "fun bike".

Though the Elsie motor is more flexible and not given to suddenly shrieking in with 45 bhp thus throwing the rider off the back previously, the power unit is more forgivable. But it's still absolute hell compared to anything else we've ever seen.

We understand the owner has a very unusual sense of humour as well as a regular account at his local hospital.

