



HAYSEED

Rolling In It

Brothers Joe and Wayne Rakisits are two hay-haulin' hillbillies who fiddle around with some bikes out in the sticks of Grenada, California. Wayne wrenches on

the hay trucks and Joe drives a hay rig all over the place to broker the hay. The machines they love most are those that, in their opinions, best exemplify the rat rod. You are presently checking out their latest efforts to keep old-school alive.

They call this scoot "Hayseed" and it came together with some help from friends by working together after hours in their shop called J&W's Old Skool Garage. Joe had a vision of what he



wanted from the start; still there was lots of swappin' going on around in the garage. He describes the result as, "Really low and not the easiest bike to ride" and says, "but it sure ain't hard to look at."

Joe and Wayne created this look by embracing the technologies of the old-world masters of custom street machines. Although they didn't make

Taking a tip about old motors from Indian Larry, the boys went to their friends at Tech Cycle to clean up the starter area on a custom pan top. Joe and Wayne stuffed in a Baker 6-in-a-4-speed trans, retaining the kick functions. The choice of powdercoating the tinwork on their Hayseed is further proof that these guys make machines that will get

everything, Joe is rightfully proud of all the handmade parts that help make Hayseed look so good. There are many brass pieces, copper oil and fuel lines, and foot pedals stolen from a 1-ton 1938 Ford pick-up truck. It even has a Briggs and Stratton glass fuel bowl under the tank off of their dad's old welder from back in the '50s.





Owner: Joe Rakisits
City: Grenada, California

GENERAL

Fabrication: Joe and Wayne Rakisits, Darrin Joling, Mike Sandahl
Model: 2006 Redneck Bobber
Time: 6 months

ENGINE

Year/model: 2006/S.T.D. Panhead
Displacement: 93 cubic inches
Ignition: Spyke
Cam: Andrew's
Carb: S&S Super E
Pipes: Joe Rakisits

TRANSMISSION

Year/make: 2006/Baker 6-into-4

PAINT

Painter: Joe Rakisits
Type/color: Powder/orange and black
Special paint: pinstriping by Chaz Ling

FRAME

Year/make: 2006 Redneck Engineering
Type: bobber
Rake: 38 degrees
Stretch: 2 inches back
Modifications: everyone

ACCESSORIES

Bars: Joe Rakisits
Handlebar controls: used
Fenders: Joe Rakisits
Headlight: cheap
Taillight: Ford circa 1932
Pegs: Joe Rakisits
Foot controls: Joe Rakisits/FoMoCo
Electrics: Joe Rakisits
Gas tank: Redneck Enginuity
Oil tank: Redneck Enginuity
Primary: Tech Cycle
Seat: Joe Rakisits/Rod Murphy
Mirrors: Arlen Ness
Grips: rubber

their share of riding time. They enjoy their local scene where a handful of guys are running around on cool looking rods and bobbers. Joe and Wayne would love to organize a trip to Sturgis, but you can usually find 'em at Jolly's Club in Yreka, or the Corner Club in Montague.

Wherever they ride, it's easy to see they truly believe having fun is what it's all about. We were thinking that there are a few things of ours (yours, too) that this month's Fox Hunt winner, the lovely, just barely legal, Micaela, could jump-start. If you can't, you have much bigger problems.

—Bad Cheese



FRONT END

Type: springer
Triple trees: Redneck Engineering
Builder: Redneck Engineering

WHEELS

Hub: Black Bike
Size: 21-inch front, 18-inch rear
Tires: Metzeler
Brakes: Exile rear, none front
Photos: Mike Chase