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New bike - Officially launched

If you remember we took the bike to the NEC late last year to gauge peoples reaction to the part built project and to see if we could find a name. It had no radiators or water system, no electrics and was in a very “prototype” position.

We had a great time and boxes full of entries for the naming competition. After much thought we chose the name we liked the most and which described how other people had perceived the bike. Goodridge offered us the chance to launch the bike properly at the Excel London motorcycle show.

Goodridge invited the lady who came up with the name with her husband to fly all the way down from Scotland! On Saturday of the show Carolynn and her husband Sandy arrived bang on time and ready to go. Once again we were pleasantly surprised and delighted at the audience who received us. Martin from Goodridge had made a nice cover for the bike (which had remained in place all Friday much to show goers intrigue) and between us we had contacted the press.

Amazingly not only did Motorcycle news turn up (Excel is their show!) But they then went on to give us the largest piece by far for the show in MCN. As the UK’s biggest selling motorcycle news paper this was fantastic. We beat all the Moto GP celebrities, new bike launches, even MCN s own show specials. We got not only a great write up but a great photo too... what a brilliant start.

So what is it called?

Welcome to...



Carolynn and the world see the bike for the first time.

This bike is brimming with new technology and innovative ideas which is why it has taken us a little longer than expected to get up and running.

Note:

1. 4 radiators down low. We believe we are the first bike to have this configuration ever.

2. Mass centralised tank. This means the fuel ALWAYS lowers to the centre of the bike. The shape of the tank is mostly hidden.

3. A brand new air box with “AIR-TECH” air resonance technology, developed in house with help from a student at Cranfield University in 2012. This technology is subject to a 3 year Non disclosure agreement we think it is that significant.

4. Brand new ECU and wiring solution. Thanks to Deutsch and Magneti Marelli.

5. Brand new sensor package and a brand new sensor sponsor and partner with KA sensors (more on this in the next news letter).

6. New suspension package from Nitron using their latest big piston technology.

7. Completely new chassis. Yes it may look the same but only 3 things carry over from the old bike. Every thing else has been completely redesigned. We have a new lighter and stronger Omega frame coming soon too and it hasn’t even turned a wheel yet!

8. Larger capacity 1200cc engine pumping a healthy 190 - 200bhp. 9 : Lighter chassis and once we have tested we have already spotted areas where it can be even lighter. There are many other things too, but we can bring these to the fore as we go.

For now though thank you for your patience and we will be racing her very shortly.



She has a name.



A great day and weekend.



The first time the sun shone in 9 months... we wheeled her out of the workshop.

Next issue... testing and new sponsors.

Regards

Ben Shaughnessy
Alto performance racing 2013.