



STREET FIGHTER **SPORTY**

GAIL'S H-D

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Originally, this sweet little sporty appeared in the March '04 issue of *HOT BIKE* magazine, but because it caught so many people's attention, we had to show it to you again. Mike Wilson and his wife, Gail, own Gail's H-D in



Belton, Missouri. As the head of the high-performance shop at the dealership, Mike wanted to build an alternative to all the stock H-Ds he saw on a daily basis, but he wanted to keep the driveline all-Motor-Company products.

Mike used a Motorcycle Works rigid 240 frame, specially designed for an XL motor, with a 33-degree rake, and stock stretch and down-tube measurements. To keep cost down, he bought an old Buell that

he snagged parts from wherever necessary, like when he needed a front end. The new bike would also use the old Buell 1200cc driveline, but he swapped the final belt drive for a chain. Carriage Works supplied the wheels, with 18-inchers at both ends, and PM calipers bring the bike to a stop.

Sheetmetal, with the exception of the front fender, was included with the rolling chassis, so Mike had no problem fitting it all to the



frame. The front fender was another part that he grabbed from the Buell. When the bike was ready, it was painted at Whiz Bang Customs with H.O.K. shades of cool.

In the end, Mike was really happy with the bike, but not as happy as his wife was. Since the bike was finished, Gail hasn't given Mike a chance to ride it yet! ■