



Over 150 molds have been made to cast parts as near to original as contemporary skills permit, including for the one-piece cast gas tank. The brass carb alone has more than 50 parts, and new molds were even made for the tires.

The Harley original could make up to fifty miles an hour in the right hands, but Mike is making no such claims for his motorcycle. "Really this is a tribute to the design and craftsmanship skills of the people who built these bikes. They did and achieved things, especially with their casting on areas like the fins, that we can't get anywhere near today," Mike said.

The bike is dripping with brass parts, as did the original, and nickel plating has been used wherever it was used on the original, chrome plating not then being an available technology.

Asked who he thinks will buy these bikes, Mike

says that as the word has got out among those who know about the project, they have had lots of interest from all kinds of businesses. "American v-twin dealers have shown a lot of interest," he said. "The board track version will be available with a plinth and a period backdrop, and lots of people have said they'd like one as a display item.

"Although they can't be ridden legally on the street for reasons of liability and emissions and such like, they are rideable and they do function in every respect, pedal starting on the tripod stand, then bleeding the belt in slowly, just like the originals.

"They are being manufactured as new motorcycles faithful to the original as can be," Mike said.



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Kerlen says that his company is making no reference to their 'Timeless' angle being in any sense a replica of Harley's 1910 model, but as a life-long mold maker, the excellence of the original castings were the start-point of his fascination with what he says is a "remarkably well thought out design".

