

He spent 2 1/2 years building the '32 Ford Trike which sports a 4 cylinder Peugeot 504 Turbo-Diesel and 5 speed transmission. Named "Plum Crazy," this rig is no Trailer Queen. He has driven it from his home in Minnesota to Daytona, Florida, nine times – stopping only for gas and a quick break at a "bare it all" place in Ocala, FL (you can't spend all your time behind a welding mask). From snowstorms to monsoons this trike has seen it all.

His next creation was a '26 Essex Trike for his wife. Called "Plum Crazy 2," he spent about nine years building it from start to finish. This one is powered by a 4 cylinder Peugeot 505 Turbo-Diesel and 5 speed tranny.

You would think this might be enough wrenching for most motorcycle enthusiasts, but not Sonny. For 30 years he listened while people talked of building V-8 powered two-wheelers. When the Boss Hoss was introduced he became determined to build a diesel bike. His thought was to have Boss Hoss build a frame to house a 6.2-liter diesel. Discussing this with Boss Hoss in Daytona was a dead-end road without a turn-around. They laughed and thought why would anyone ruin one of their bikes with a diesel? They wouldn't build one for him.

The project sat for a few years until fate reared its head and Sonny ran into Scott from Kannon Cycles of Ketchum, Oklahoma. They discussed Sonny's idea and Scott agreed Kannon could build the custom frame he needed. Now it was the moment of truth. After a year, Sonny called Scott to see if the "will" was still there and Scott said, "Let's go for it." Sonny prepared the engine and loaded it up for the trip to Oklahoma; three months later the frame and motor were ready for him.



Back home in Minnesota, Sonny spent the next six months completing the bike called (what else?) "Plum Crazy 3". When the big day came for the first ride, he was in for a few surprises. 1500 pounds of motorcycle can be a handful just lifting off the side stand, much less that first ride. But tame it he did; now the bike has 5,000 miles on it from last summer's riding. Obviously Sonny can't wait for the snow to melt so he can get rolling again.

Sonny has been doing bike shows promoting Kannon Motorcycles and would like to be a full-fledged Kannon dealer. Dealer or not, one look at his custom bike and you'll know he certainly is an ambassador of good will for Kannon craftsmanship.

As I looked over Sonny's handiwork, I couldn't help but wonder about "Plum Crazy 4."

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