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The beating heart, the pounding pulse, the pumping pistons of the American motorcycle scene...

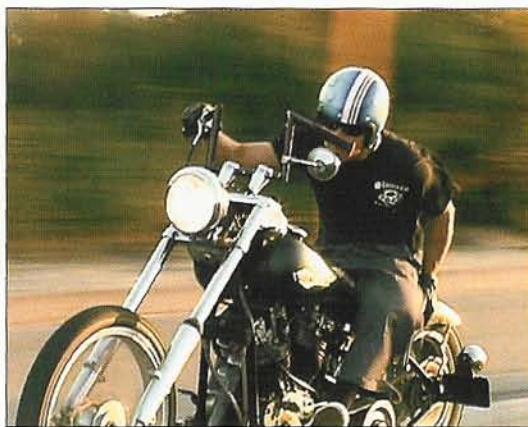
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The wages of sin are cool choppers

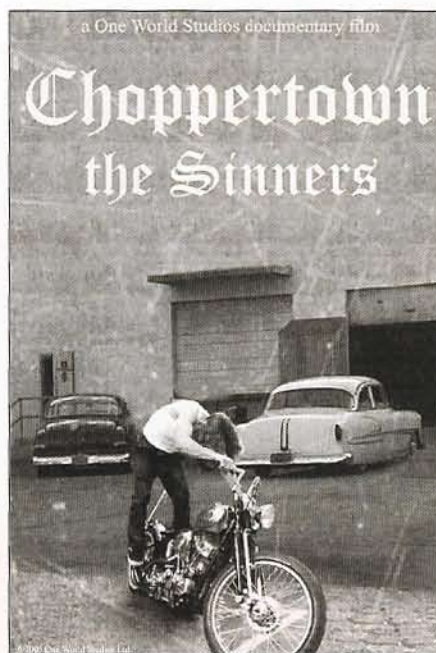
I remember first spotting several members of Southern California's unusual-looking motorcycle group The Sinners during a visit to LaLaLand a few years back. With their vintage, metalflake motorcycle helmets, high-cuffed blue jeans and funky, 1950s-style bobbers, these guys made onlookers feel like they'd just stumbled into a vintage Danny Lyon photograph. Apparently other folks have found this dedicated crew of antique motorcycle and hot rod buffs interesting as well, because there's a new documentary film about the Sinners on the market.

The recently released DVD called *Choppertown*, produced and directed by Scott DiLally and Zack Coffman, gained critical acclaim from sources as diverse as *Cycle World* magazine and the judges at the prestigious Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. And why? Well, this DVD works mainly because of its up-close and unflinching look at a summer-long venture to build an old-school chopper from scratch. We're talking about guys launching into a project bike with little more to start with than a rigid frame, some basic hand tools, and a dream.

So while the boob tube is filled with portrayals of big-money chopper builders bolting together six-figure beauties from a wish-list of top-shelf aftermarket parts, *Choppertown*



The Sinners: Flat black and bright metalflake.



One world, one love—cool choppers.

takes a decidedly low-tech approach to the custom motorcycle game. The DVD shows club members struggling to piece together their bare-knuckle project bikes, using only their wits, friends, some second-hand parts and lots of cheap beer to accomplish the task. There may be less on-screen action than you'd find in, say, *The World's Fastest Indian*, but for a rare sociological view of what young folks today find fascinating about antique custom bikes—and enough rockabilly music to fuel an Elvis impersonator's convention—you can't go wrong with this one. Available now through producers One World Studios at www.choppertown.net. And don't forget to pack your Brylcreem. — Mike Seate