



# REINKE BROS

Our October photoshoot for Thunder Roads Colorado took a bit of doing and several people coming together to make it happen. Lisa and I talked about the project back in May, I kept my eyes open looking for the perfect bike and I wanted very much to do the photos at Reinke Brothers Haunted Mansion in Littleton.

Vampire teeth! Lisa's fangs are not plastic pop-ins, these are the teeth she smiles with year round. Of course everyone who meets her including myself has to ask the obvious question, "Are those your real teeth?" Depending on her mood she will either smile at you or bare all for a test-bite preview and say, "Yes, they are." I can vouch for her that she always has them—even at work escorting patients to the exam rooms. So of course I was more than pleased that she was interested in being on this project.

Then there is Drew, a very handsome young front man on the local band scene that I enjoy chasing around with my camera whenever I can. The first time I met Drew he was singing with a band performing at one of the Bike Runs I was on last summer. He was comfortable with the camera in his face and was playing into the camera and this always

makes great photographs. Drew's gothic side comes out on occasion on Facebook so I had asked him to join us as well.

I knew both Lisa (you may have seen her before on a motorcycle centerfold) and Drew have modeling experience in the past so this made my job easy, but I just could not find that perfect bike or get a hold of Reinke Brothers.

I had just thrown a Hail-Mary pass on Facebook to find a bike, since the one I wanted was on its way to Las Vegas for a show; another I had in mind from Paper Cycles is on hold for a future shoot. But then I went to cover the Bike Show at Mile High Harley Davidson in Aurora. I walked in and started to drool and had to pop my eyeballs back into my head. I have never seen so many high end show bikes in one place. Someone grabbed me and said you've got to see this bobber, so off we went to check it out and the stars aligned and a full Halloween moon came out and I knew it was the one! A springer front end with so much gleam and detail I quickly asked whose bike it was so I could try to persuade the owner to bring it to Reinke's and get the Vampires to sit on it for a photo shoot. Dave Weaver was happy to bring his beautiful custom bike!



Dave Weaver

That was the last puzzle piece we needed for this shoot and were good to go.

If you have lived in Colorado a long time you have either heard of or have been to Reinke Bros Inc. in Littleton. It is an 'Open Year Round Costume Shop' with one of the best Haunted House attractions in the Denver area during the Halloween season.

My first thoughts were of setting up in the store, the bike was small enough we could put it in one of the aisles. I heard through the grapevine about the hail damage the roof of the store had suffered last spring and my idea was fading away quickly, the more I listened to what the store was going through in trying to repair the building and save all the treasures that are inside the more my heart sunk for this 35 year resident of the business and all things creepy community member.

Fortunately my dear friend Dave of the Dave Frisk band who plays that live back ground boogie music in the store (all of the band in fabulous Halloween costume tradition, while hundreds of screaming guests are being ushered through the delightful scares in the Haunted Mansion) was able to get me in touch with Greg Reinke.

By this time, we only had two weeks to get this done before the deadline for print was on my doorstep and it would be too late. But when Greg started telling me about the big party they were going to have (the day before the dead deadline) with the *Imagined Wall*



Festival that should have freshly finished 16 x 16 foot wall murals on their building I decided to wait until the last minute and move the photo shoot outside in front of the new mural paintings. I wonder which walls won the cash prizes and the People's Choice award? All of the artwork on the walls was done by artists that donated their time, effort and talent. Great work!

The day of the photoshoot, everyone showed up, the bike was gleaming, the vampires weren't melting in the lowering sun and a surprise bonus was Drew's friend Crystal coming along for the fun as well. The Imagined Wall Festival paintings were finished and the party in the parking lot was getting started with a band, some food, the wall artists and an **OPEN** sign flashing to welcome everyone into the Reinke Bros store. Thanks again to everyone participating, it was a fun Halloween shoot.

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Models: Drew Bentley, Chrystal Lynn, Lisa Opperman

Reinke Bros Inc. is located at 5663 S Prince St., Littleton CO

And can be found on Facebook at Reinke Brothers, Inc.

## MOTORCYCLE SPECIFICATIONS:

Owner: Dave Weaver

Builder: Charlie "Coop" Cooper & Dave Weaver

Manufactured at Suicide Cycles, Manchester Maryland

Frame: Paughco (modified)

Engine: 2006 S&S 93 cubic inch Shovel Head

Transmission: JIMS (modified)

Painting: Cliff & Skip, Hanover PA

Front End: Paughco Springer

Primary: BDL 3 inch

Wheels: 21' front, 16' rear

Seat: Jeff Carnes Custom Leather

Hand Made or Modified: Oil bag, tank, foot controls, oil filter bracket, hand grips, copper oil lines, rear fender and lots of other parts

Other Items: Suicide Shifter, Hardtail, Kicker only, no turn signals, view-type fuel gauge, no front fender

