

## INTO THE RIDE #15

### A Do-It-Yourself Screamer Idler Improvement

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Sometimes that old saying about being too close to the forest to see the trees really hits home. A Screamer owner sent some wonderful suggestions on how to improve the idler system. Since the bike's inception the idler has been a 'work in progress'. Most have had good luck with the current system. However, there are always a percentage of users that beats the stats.

In this case the solution was so simple and staring us in the face it was laughable. The trick is to remove the arm and reposition it so both idler wheels manage the lower chain. Using a slightly longer bolt, spacers and washers you can convert your idler in minutes.

The photo shows the old and new side by side. Note how the chain routing is well clear of the front brake still has plenty of space between upper and lower chains. Look for more performance improvements for the Screamer as we near spring. I am sure you've guessed we will be trying shave some pounds installing Z-Seats, and some other mods in attempt to hot rod the Screamer. See you next month and ride safe! - Randy

#### Before



#### After



[Instructions](#) for modifying the Screamer idler  
[Rear Idler](#) Instructions

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