



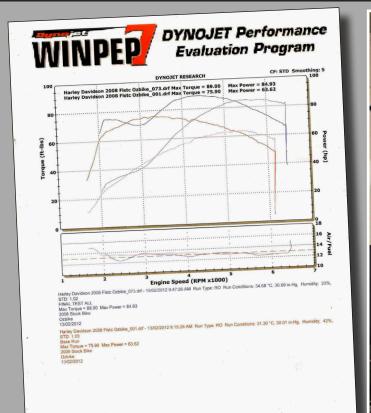
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before and after dyno runs to compare any power gains and to fit all the required parts and hardware free of charge. Another boost of confidence from Rollie who stands behind the products he sells.

So with our 2008 Heritage Softail still warm from the ride to Rollies Speed Shop, Rob, the workshop manager, wheeled her straight up onto the dyno to get some readings before the bike got the royal upgrade treatment. An embarrassing 63 hp with 76 ft pounds of torque was all the poor girl could muster and this was with a set of Screamin' Eagle slip-on mufflers and a high-flow air filter kit. Nothing to be real proud of there.

Once off the dyno and up on the stand, it was all systems go as Rob got stuck into the spanner work and stripped off the standard parts to make ready for her new, lumpier, bump sticks, etc. With the seat, pipes, right foot rest, spark plugs and air cleaner removed, the engine oil was draining as the standard pushrods got the quick release

Feuling/Freedom Exhausts Softail Upgrade



Words & pies by Chuck W Fariley

HE ORIGINAL email arrived from Evy at Ozbike some time ago. Feuling (one of the most respected aftermarket performance manufacturers in America) had offered a Stage Two Power Pack upgrade—cams, lifters, oil pump, pushrods, bearings, and a Dynojet Power Vision flash tuner—to some lucky bastard in exchange for a feature in the hallowed pages of Australia's best damn biker lifestyle magazine. Just so happens that Luke from Feuling was looking for a fairly stock 96 cube H-D for the parts to be fitted for evaluation.

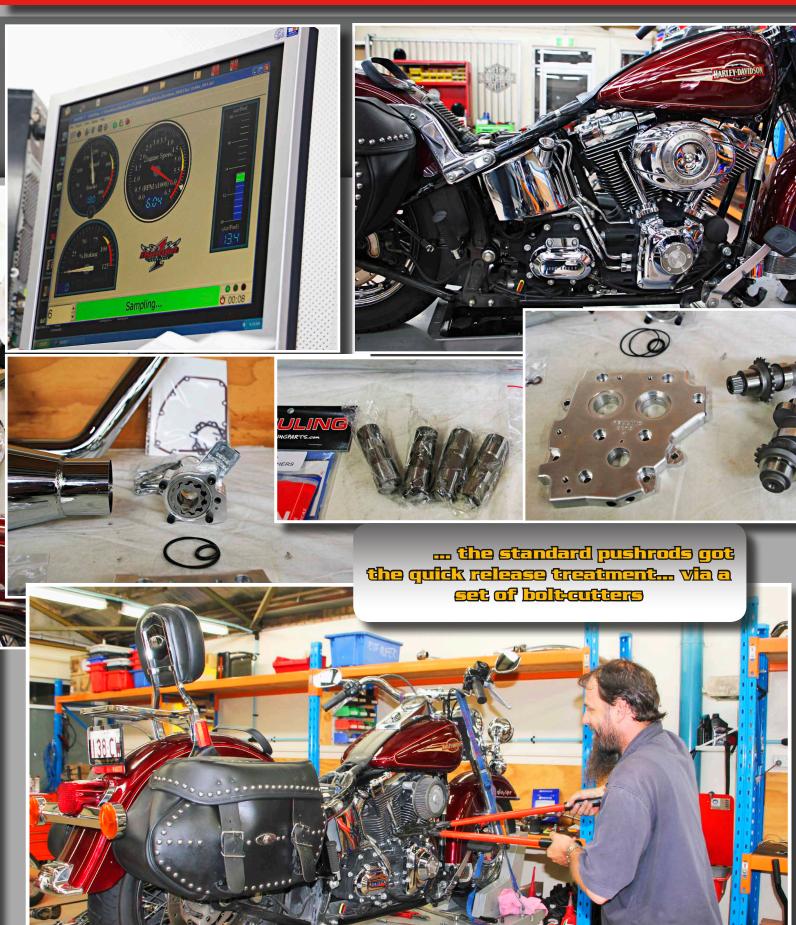
Here's where I come into this—lucky old me had just what the doctor ordered in the form of a 2008 Heritage Softail Classic that was crying out for some extra

horsepower.

The deal was done with some help from our good friends at Freedom Exhausts who supplied us with a Union 2-into-1 exhaust system.

I had met both Luke from Feuling and Martin from Freedom Exhausts at Rollies dealer/distributor expo late last year. Both these blokes were down-to-earth and great to do business with, and their knowledge and enthusiasm for their respective products was very confidence-boosting to say the least.

The third party to this project was none other than Rollies Speed Shop, the distributor for these and many other fine American V-twin products. Rollie agreed to do















treatment and were humanely put down via a set of boltcutters.

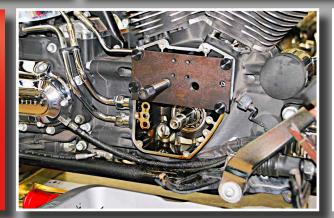
With the lifter blocks and cam cover out of the way, the cam and crank sprockets were chocked to keep them in place as the retaining bolts were cracked. The cam support plate came out next, closely followed by the cam roller bearings which are replaced by a set of 'full compliment' (which stands for a hell of a lot better than the originals) Timken roller bearings to better handle the load.

The Feuling Reaper 574 lift cams were fitted onto

the new, tougher-looking, cam support plate as well as the beefier, high-flow, Feuling oil pump. All this was assembled on the bench including the drive chain and hydraulic chain tensioner, before being re-installed in the cam chest after Rob gave it a thorough clean and liberal coating of engine assembly lube.

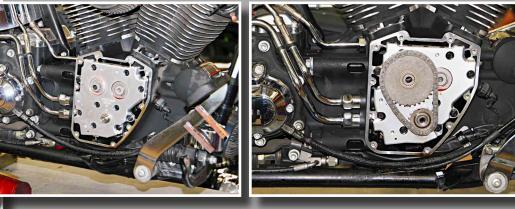
Once all the new gear was bolted into place, Rob checked the drive sprockets for alignment before the drive chain was re-fitted and the sprockets secured.

The cam cover was bolted back on only after















giving it another careful inspection to ensure that there is adequate clearance for all moving parts within the cam chest.

The lifter blocks were slotted into position and secured with the new pushrods and tubes partly assembled. The tubes are held in place with a pair of wooden clothes pegs as the new pushrods are adjusted to suit the cam lift.

With the engine all in one piece again, it was time to fit one of the smoothest looking exhausts that has ever been bolted to the side of a Harley. The Freedom Union 2-into-1 comes as a two-piece set-up and fitted perfectly

with hardly any fuss and swear words. A set of spacers comes with the kit to move the footboard out a few mil to allow more clearance. It's hard to describe the sound that these Freedom pipes omit, but in comparison, if a standard set of pipes were Mary Poppins, these Freedom pipes are Dirty Harry!

Fresh oil and a filter were added before the bike barked back into life, and it was time to wheel her up onto the dyno for a bit of fine tuning courtesy of Dynojet Power Vision flash tuner. Stay tuned (get it...TUNED) for a separate article on this amazing piece of kit next issue.















After a few hours on the dyno and a lot of smiles and nodding of heads from both Rob and his good friend and dyno wiz, Mark Carlsson from Serco Engineering, the readings were now a very respectable 85 hp at 89 ft pounds of torque. Now that's more like it!

Okay, so it did take a few hours to get right, but this flash tuner is a new piece of equipment on the market, and as with any customer's bike that finds its way into Rollies workshop, it doesn't leave until Rob is confident the bike is 100 percent spot-on.

On the road, the Heritage now is strong. It feels like a completely different bike. Of course the first thing I noticed was the new throaty bellow that resounds out of the tough-looking Freedom Exhaust system. Or as it is now affectionately known as the Chrome Plated Bazooka.

A quick blast up the Gateway motorway had me sitting back in the seat as I accelerated up to the 100 km/h speed limit in no time flat in third gear; the bike relished its new found power through the mid-range power curve. The throttle feels so much more responsive and the upgrades have converted the once sedated Heritage into a more solid feeling machine with gobs more power to use in all the right (you¹re a patient man, Rob); an Engineering for his expertise to tuning the bike. A great group professional to boot. So get on and check out these and the of awaken the sleeping giant that possibilities are endless!

places. Can't wait till the next poker run!

Two-up is an absolute breeze. With a twist of the wrist we were slicing through the rubbernecks in busy city traffic or just ambling along at 110 km/h on the freeway in fifth gear. It doesn't get much better than this!

In a nut shell, for the average rider, this upgrade is a very affordable way to gain some good usable horsepower without the added expense of unnecessary headwork, etc.

I would like to thank Luke from Feuling and Martin from Freedom Performance Exhausts for supplying their fine products for evaluation and for their good faith and patience. To Rollie and Rob, at Rollies Speed Shop, for giving me free rein in the workshop as I bugged Rob and photographed his every move for near on eight hours (you're a patient man, Rob); and Mark Carlsson from Serco Engineering for his expertise when it came to dynotuning the bike. A great group of people and thoroughly professional to boot. So get on Down to Rollies Speed Shop and check out these and the other top quality products to awaken the sleeping giant that lives in you stock H-D. The possibilities are endless!



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