

## Steve Cork's Rat- Bike



I picked up the bike new from the Warr's in Chelsea in November 1998. It was reputedly the very first Twin Cam Harley with the new model 88 cu in engine to arrive in the country – though this was probably a very clever sales pitch from John Warr aimed at a very gullible first time Harley rider! To be honest I didn't know the difference between a shovel, Evo engine or a Twin Cam anyway at that time!!

The bike was a 1999 model FXDX Dyna Superglide Sport and I immediately put on Stage 1 and loud pipes but very little else. Initially I was using the bike for daily commuting between Guildford and the

centre of London– rain or shine (and occasional ice and snow!) – and I had chosen the bike for its ease of cleaning and maintenance and lack of chrome to polish. Over time and rising mileage various modifications were made (and generous gifts added) – saddlebags for touring, highway pegs and high rise bars (gift from Boris) for cruising, fancy ram air filter, number plate surround from the dealer in Houston, Texas and skeleton side-stand (gift from Andy) added for looks, another louder set of pipes, with canvas wrapping added when they started to rust and black mirrors (gift from Keith) when the original chrome ones started to rust!



When I got rid of the bike in 2015 (to be replaced by a new Dyna Fat Bob) I had done well over 100,000 miles on it with no major issues other than replacement of tyres – and

replacement of two drive belts due to over-enthusiastic acceleration on a few occasions.



The bike carried me around Europe on a regular annual basis to attend various HOG rallies in France, Italy, Spain and Portugal and once to the Faaker Zee rally where we did the three countries in a day – Austria for breakfast, Slovenia for lunch and afternoon tea in Italy – highly recommended!