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CLAY model gives clear indication of how Fischer FTR1000 will look in the flesh

He might be ploughing a lot of his own money into the project, but Fischer believes there's a massive market for the bike to tap into. He said: "Sports bikes are a big slice of the U.S. market that simply hasn't been touched by other

American companies - and I really don't see why not. We're going to address the need for an American sport bike manufacturer."

Fischer also has plans to get onto the racetrack as soon as he can. He said: "Of

course we want to race, but I don't know when. I've been talking to the AMA about homologation, and there are other U.S. series we may be able to enter sooner, as they don't have such tough homologation rules."



THE last great American superbike hope was the ill-fated Harley-Davidson VR1000

Schwantz replica GSX-R at NEC



CRESCENT'S 'Bevvin' Kevin GSX-R750 features special paint and a host of tuning options

THERE are few names in racing as evocative as Kevin Schwantz - and soon 34 riders will be able to ride away on bespoke Schwantz-replica Suzuki GSX-R750s.

British superbike team Crescent is creating the bikes as a tribute to Schwantz and will unveil the first one at the NEC show next week. But MCN has exclusively gained pictures of the bike in advance.

For £8799, just £550 more than standard, you get custom Schwantz-replica paintwork by Dream Machine. Each bike is signed by Schwantz and comes with uprated brakes including six-pot front calipers and a Brembo GP master cylinder.

But you'll have to be quick because just 34 are being built - reflecting the famous race number used by Schwantz throughout his career.

Crescent is also offering a range of extra-cost upgrades that can turn the bike into something that has the performance to match its race-bred colour scheme.

Options range from the Yoshimura Tri-Oval can shown on the bike pictured to a full BSB-spec engine tune that should hike power from 139bhp to over 160bhp.

With all the options the price tops £20,000. But that includes a Yoshimura close-ratio gearbox, race-spec slipper clutch, Ohlins superbike forks and ultra-light OZ forged alloy wheels.

The version which will appear at the NEC will include a revised design on the upper side fairings as well as Pepsi and Lucky Strike logos on the front hugger.

Anyone who buys one will also be offered a special rate on Schwantz's race school, Schwantz-branded kit and the opportunity to meet Kevin next year. And they will go into a draw to win a VIP trip to America to take part in Schwantz's full three-day race school at Road Atlanta in Georgia.

All the details of the extras, and the prize draw, will be announced when the bike is officially unveiled at the NEC show.

THE OPTIONS LIST

OZ forged alloy wheels	£999
Revised heat treated aluminium sprocket	£20
Ohlins superbike forks	£1550
Ohlins twin-speed rear shock	£599
Draining 'wavy' front disc (pat)	£330
Draining 'wavy' rear disc	£69
Brembo rear caliper	£75
Crescent factory replica footrest kit	£280
Yoshimura O2 high light adjuster	£105
Yoshimura in-out full system	£825
Yoshimura 3rd-out can	£440
Yoshimura round alloy can	£299
Dynastar Power Commander	£284
Tandem backstuffer	£399
Crescent undertray with light	£119
Crescent lined double bubble screen	£69
Fiberglass hugger	£79
Carbon fibre winged hugger	£340
Race style clip-on handlebars	£117
Revised grips	£9.95
Crescent tank pad	£19.99
Crescent carbon rear sprocket guard	£79.99
Crescent stainless steel footrests	£23
Stainless steel pit stand	£60
BSB engine tune	£1490
Yoshimura close ratio gearbox	£2160
Yoshimura close ratio gearbox	£329
Crescent alloy clutch basket	£1880
Crescent design BSB slipper clutch	£1880
TOTAL	£12,976.39



PAINT job inspired by Schwantz's helmets

IN BRIEF

DEAF RACER GETS AWARD

POP Band Liberty X will present the Motorcycle Industry Association's Outstanding Achievement Award next Thursday to a profoundly-deaf 11-year-old who races top level motocross. Josh Watermann from Gloucester started riding when he was six and is now one of the best riders in the UK in his age group.

KATANA TO RESURFACE?

SUZUKI is to launch a GSX-R1000-powered naked bike next year - and while Europeans want it to look like the B-King concept bike, in Japan there's pressure to style it like an old Katana. Japanese mag Auto-By even mocked up how a 21st century Katana could look.



CAMERON DIAZ FLIPS!

BACKFLIP-meister Mike Metzger's trademark stunt will feature in the new *Charlie's Angels* sequel. Metzger doubled for none other than Cameron Diaz, and wore a chest guard with ample false breasts...

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