



**ROB SCHOPF**  
CHIEF MECHANIC

Born in Milwaukee, WI in 1966, Crew Chief Rob Schopf started working for Hal's Harley-Davidson in 1983. He attended Gateway Technical College for motorcycle repair, then graduated in 1985. Working at Hal's gave him the opportunity to enroll in Harley's PHD Program (Harley-Davidson training facility) from 1985 to the present. He has received the highest level of training available — "Master of Technology." Throughout the years he has attended weekend courses to further his knowledge in cylinder head air flow development, camshaft design, dynamometer training, power tuning for race bikes, machine shop practices, and most recent, fuel injection tuning. He worked with S & S Cycle's R & D department to help develop their Pro Stock engine program from 1998-2003. He did field testing on larger cubic inch street engines and other related products for S & S Cycle. He is currently an S & S Cycle Customer Advisory Council Member for the central U.S. through 2008.



**Achievements:**

1986 -1990: Street bike racing (1982 FXR, 88-cubic inch) at local drag strip for fun, building his appetite to run Pro.

1990: Race Winner: First Place in Pro-Stock Class at Sturgis Motorcycle Classic. Runner-up "King of the Hill" at Sturgis Motorcycle Classic. 2nd Place winner in Super Modified XL Class at All Harley AMRA event, at Great Lakes Dragway in Union Grove, WI.

1991: Race Winner: First Place in Street FL Class at Sturgis Motorcycle Classic. Built a shovelhead gas motor that was tested and ran out at 101-HP at the rear wheel on a dynamometer. This was unheard of at this time.

1992: Met Tom Bradford at the local drag strip during a drag race competition. The two hit it off right away, knowing they were destined for success.

1993 -1995: Joined Thunder Eagle Racing as Main Engine Builder, and would become the 2nd rider of a 2nd bike. In 1995, Rob and Tom decided to become a one bike team, knowing that they would become more competitive with Rob on the engine building/Crew Chief duties, and Tom doing the driving. Then in 1996, he began testing and building reliable engines for a Championship win.

1998 - Present: Engine development and maintenance on the 3 bikes that the team built; winning 5 National Championships and countless records.

2004: Competed in the S & S Cycle VFI 124" Challenge, and won 6 out of 7 categories of competition including, Best Horsepower, Best Burnout, Best ET in Drag Race, Best MPH in Drag Race, Number One Qualifier and Race Winner. Finished 2nd in the Teresi Dyno Drags

2005: Finished 1st in the Inaugural 124" Challenge Class in Gainesville, Fla., in the AHDRA Racing Association. Finished 1st (and current champion) in the Teresi Dyno Drags.

Future Goals: Continuing to improve the horsepower on our current NHRA bike. To win a Wally, then start winning championships. To give our supporters the most exposure and the best opportunities for success.