

Raising your bars!!!

Every time I enter my favorite moto shop, GA Checkpoint ([www.gacheckpoint.com](http://www.gacheckpoint.com)), I seem to spend more money. It is true that these awesome machines need special care, however, I also find that because they are so much fun to ride I love spending money on improving them so that my fun meter reaches a new level on subsequent rides.

Last weekend I was in to finally upgrade my stock handle bar to a Renthal Bar. I had done this to my past bikes and found it a simple change to a lighter, stronger bar. Suddenly, Richie, my parts guy, showed me a set of clamps to make my bars higher and move to a fat bar. I was tentative as I did not want my bars too high but decided to give it a whirl.

I hammered home to change my bike over to this new set up. These after market handlebar clamps fit right in to the existing ones and bolt down. Now my clamps accepted a Renthal Flat bar, Mine in Gold, and it fit it nicely. I added a mountain bike aluminum bolt down handle bar grip that would never spin again and finally my bark busters with the new Acerbis kit for fat bars. It felt pretty damn good...

The true test would be out on the trails in Kelowna, BC. At first the bars seemed high, however they were comfortable. When I stood up I could not believe how wicked this set up felt. The bars were right there. I found myself death gripping less and I did not have to slouch to reach the bars when standing which is how I ride all the time.

Descending was also much better as the higher bars make steep terrain seem not so bad. I am so pumped on this set up that I have picked up another pair for Kim's KDX 200. She can't wait!!!!

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