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L'Intrepide Pre-War
Indoor Racing

Big Wednesday
VW Van Fest

Colin Taub:
Teddy Boy Tailor

The Life
and Art of
Brian Bent

London - Naples
by Moto Guzzi

THE GREAT FROG

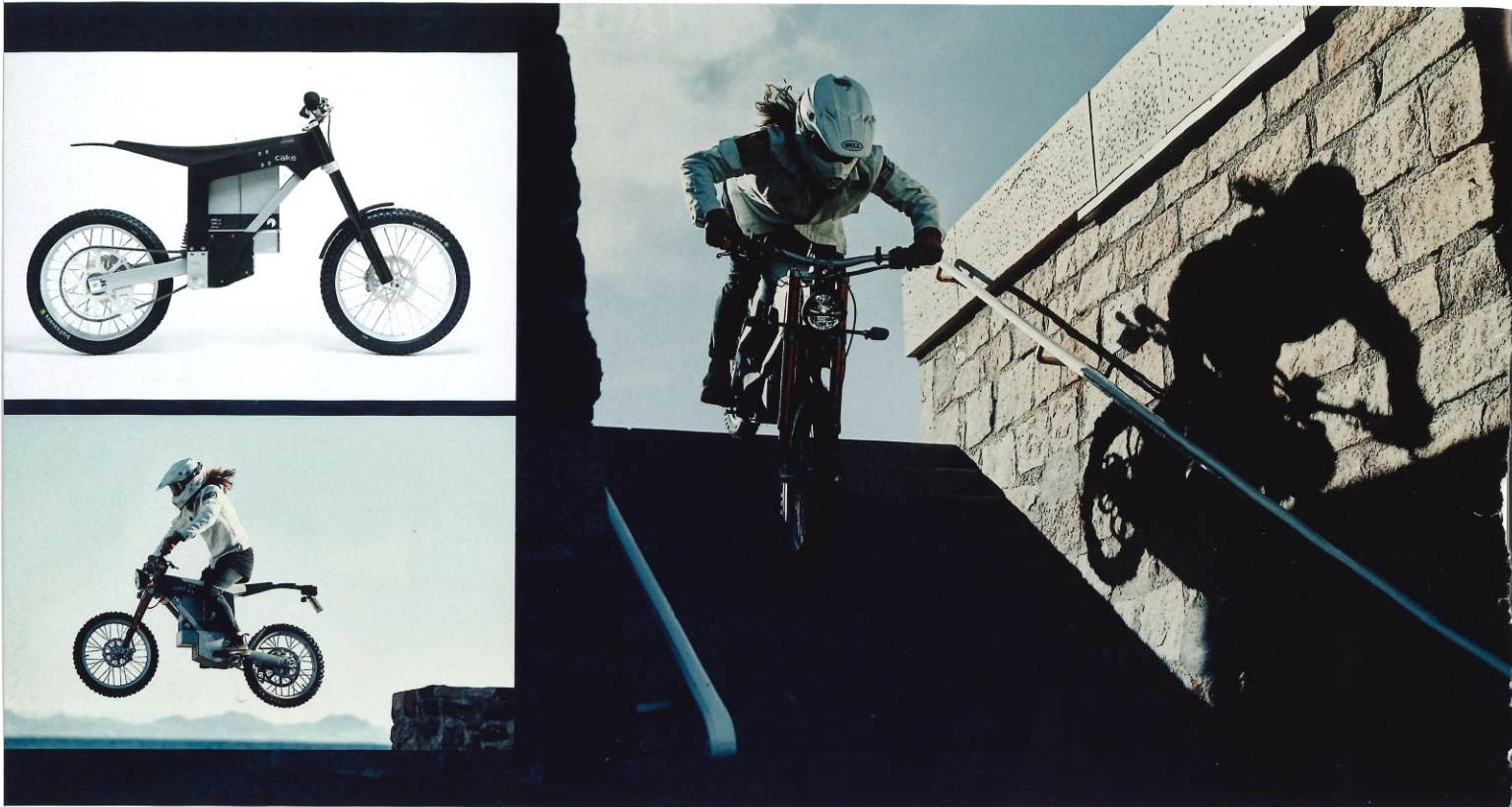
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ITALIA VINTAGE

Motorcycle builder Hugo de
Chavanes at the L'Intrepide
event, Lyon, 2020.

Ride Cake (Sweden) Photography: Laurent Nivalle



Not a BMX, not an off-road bicycle, not a mountain bike and not a moto-x machine, and yet it's all of these things. This is the Cake electric off-road-enduro-moto-x ride. It's light, nimble, fast and very conscious of its own minimalistic design. It looks like a piece of Scandinavian objects d'art, that might sit in one of those houses constructed from wood and concrete you see in magazines on contemporary architecture. If you are a loud pipes person, please do not recoil here. This doesn't seek to replace

your Iron Head but offers something quite different. What this vehicle proposes is so new that it's hard to envisage. It's as silent as a bicycle but offers impressive acceleration – when you consider that it looks close to a bicycle. It can power your phone and computer and help you lead a totally clean life. There are plans for a festival and a standardised track series to be launched in Saint Tropez. Called, Elektra Future, the event has been postponed until September 2020.

www.elektrafuture.com

Microlino (Switzerland)



There were two models of 'bubble' car' in the late 1950s and early 1960s from which the Microlino seems to take inspiration: the 300cc Isetta from BMW and Heinkel's 200cc Tojan (both had the same front opening mechanism). What is noteworthy here is that the BMW was the first car to pass the 94mpg (3L/100kms) mark in 1955.

Considering we have been trying to save the planet since around the same time, we haven't got that far. Nonetheless, cars like the alloy-bodied, all electric

Microlino are readdressing environmental concerns while still looking great. Too much to explain here, you need to get on their site (cost c.£10,000). Microlino-car.com