New Valkyrie Owner FYIs

When you accelerate really hard, especially in 3rd and 4th, it sounds like your transmission is screaming. That's how the fat lady sings and it's normal. Gotta love straight cut gears.

When you're idling and let the clutch out it sounds like marbles are loose in the engine. That's normal and you're not losing your marbles.

If it's really cold and it's not starting or won't stay running, push down on the "choke" until it's all the way down...and then throw your whole body weight into it until you think it's going to break. NOW it's working (and it's not really a choke, it's a fuel enrichment thingy.

If you're excited because you just got a really low mileage Valk, well think about it. It's 16-20+ years old and unless you have immaculate service records you'll probably need timing belts, a new petcock, rear end service, etc. See the docs page for lots of help.

When you go to shift from 1st to 2nd it can really clunk and grind. Just put a little up pressure on the shifter before you engage the clutch to shift into 2nd and it'll be smooth as silk.