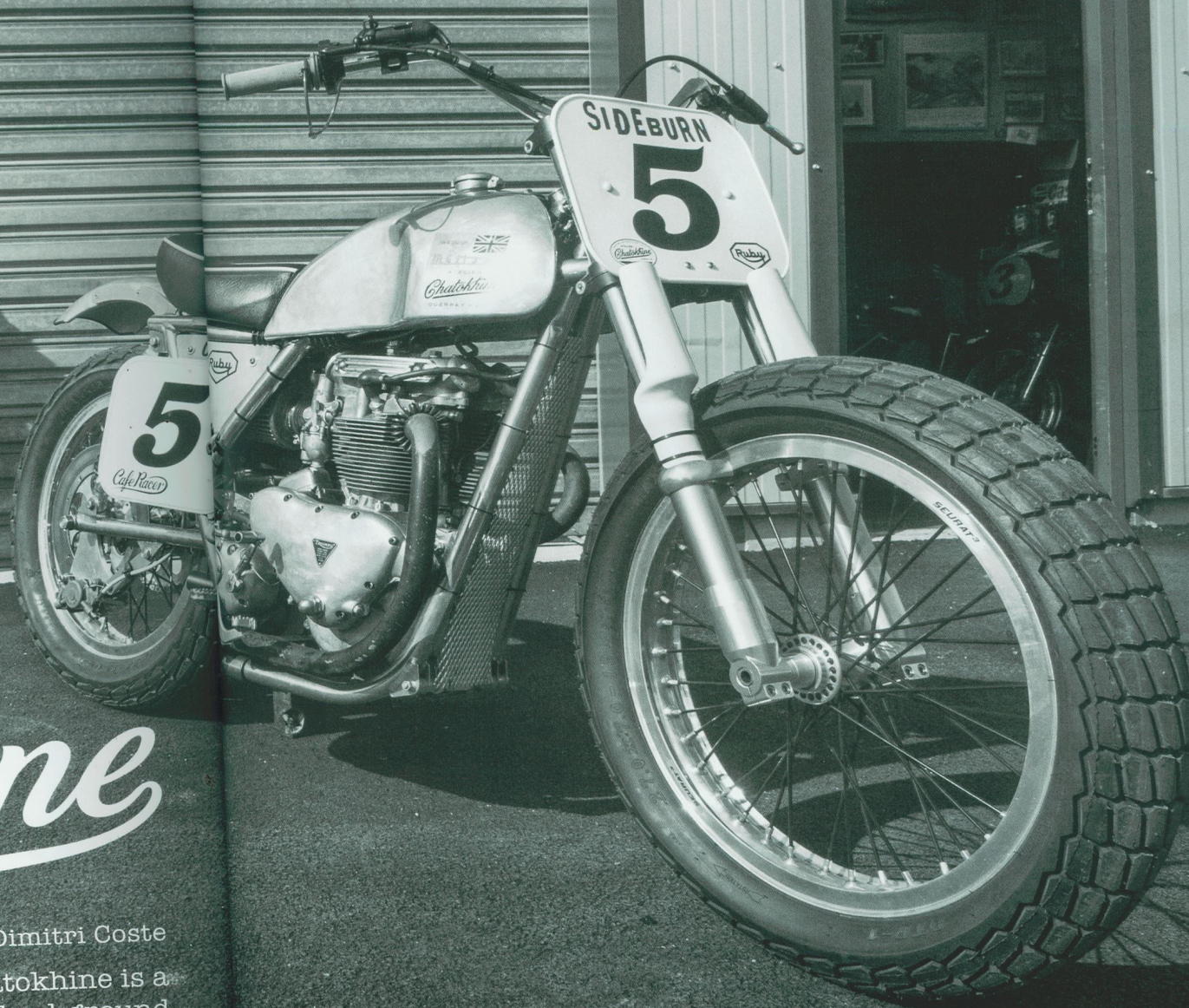


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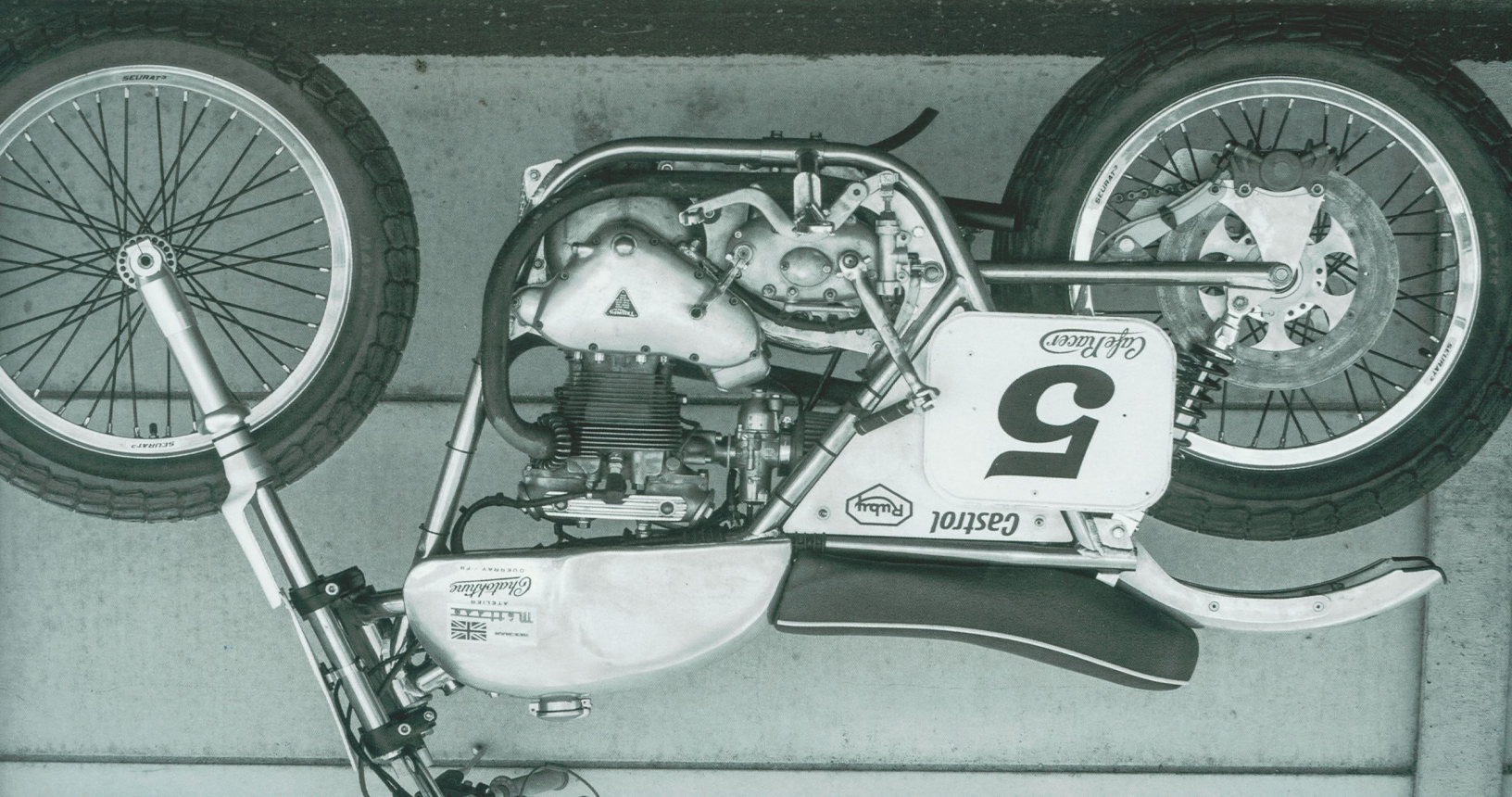
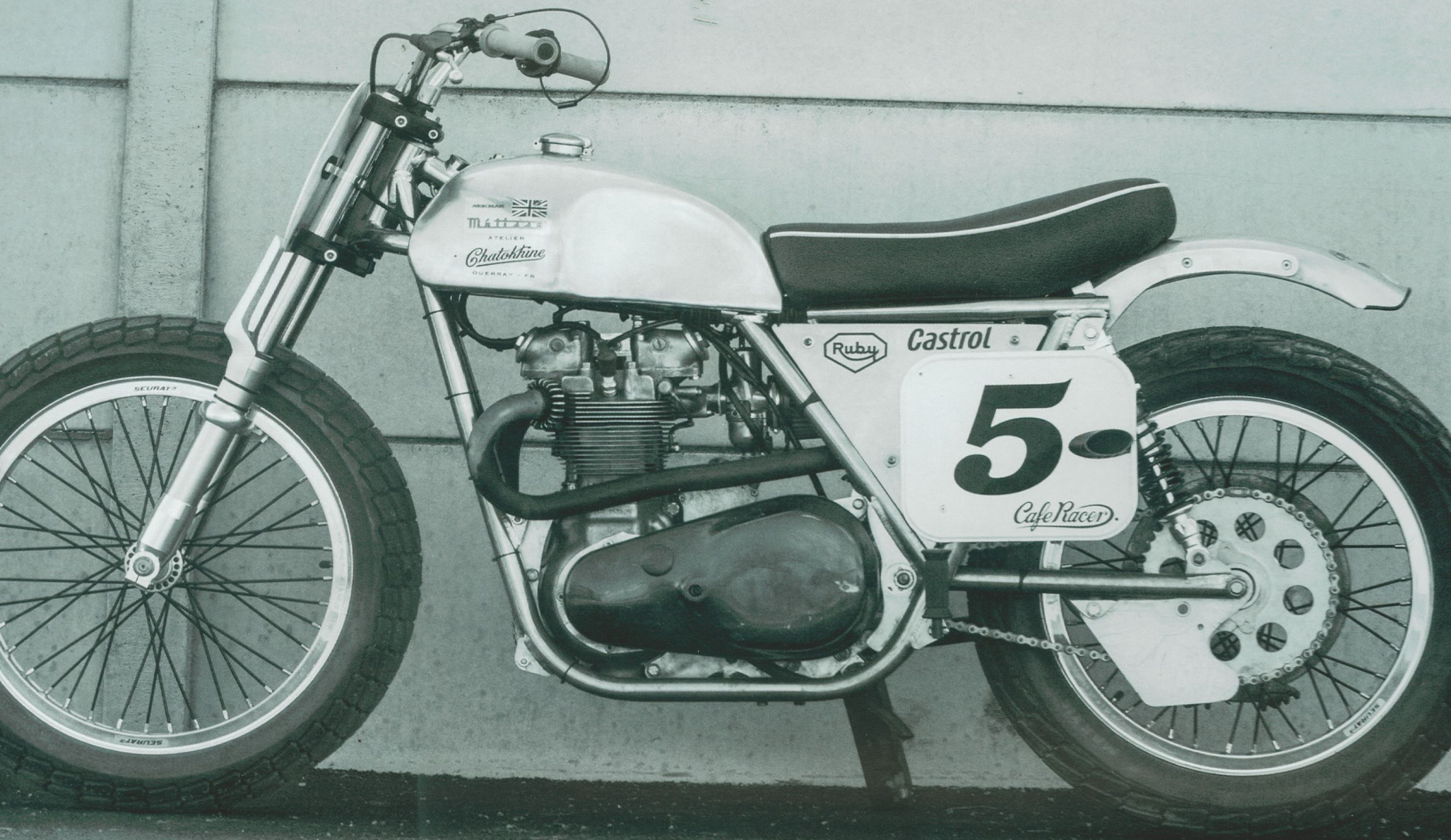
Fresh blood on the DTRA circuit, Frank Chatokhine is a very motivated cat with an impressive racing background

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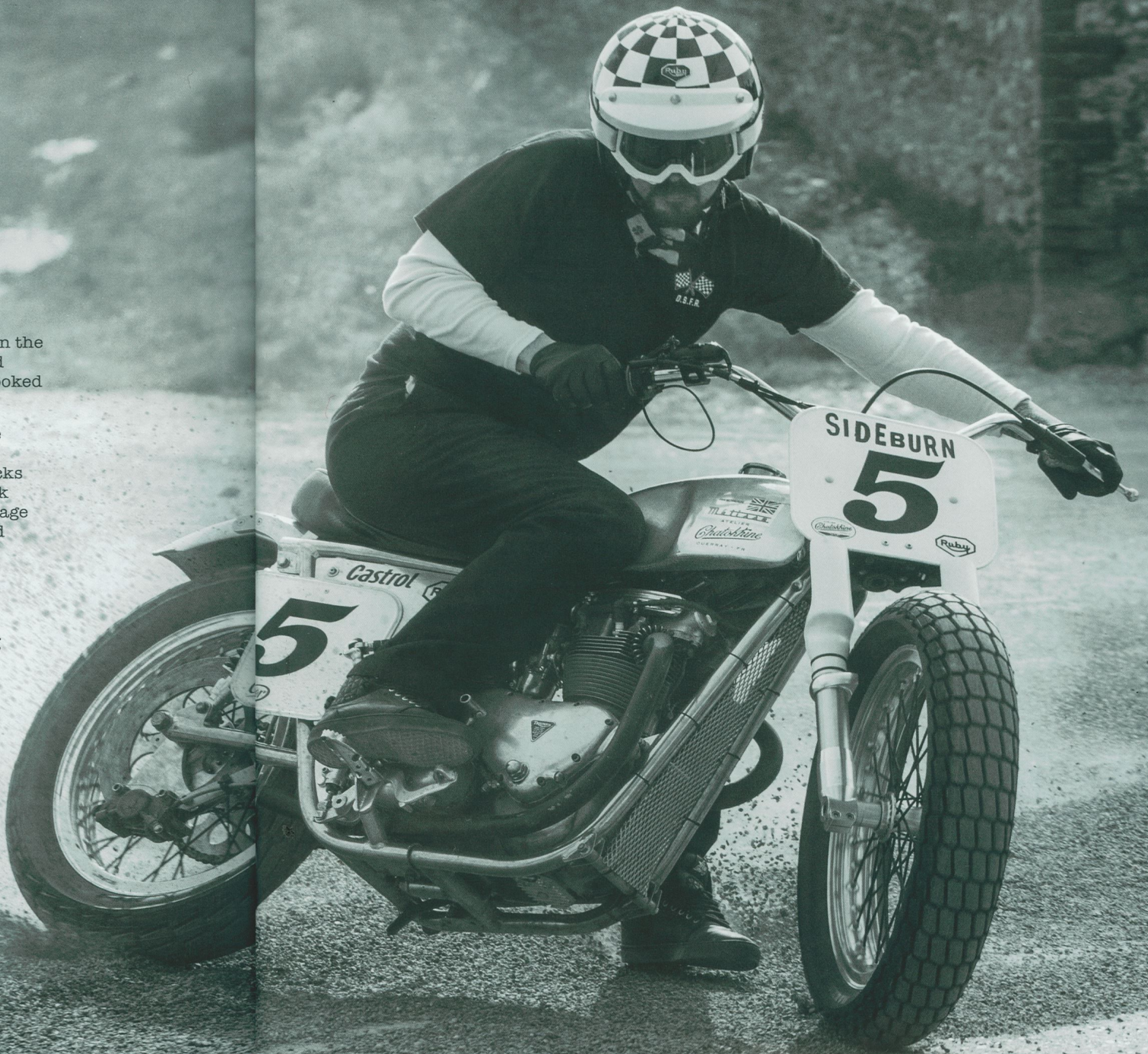
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Frank has raced on asphalt, in vintage trials, vintage motocross, vintage enduro, and is also superfast on modern Ducatis. For 2014, he decided to let his Speed Twin rest a bit and focus on flat track racing. After a DTRA practice day at Rye House last year, he got hooked and modified his Rickman Metisse into a mean-looking flat tracker, a roaring beast with maximum power. He's used to going all the way, no mid-range rpm, no compromise. After numerous hours spent wrenching on the Metisse, he figured it out and came up with a proper racing machine, and a huge load of motivation. He will also bring his good mood and a unique riding style along to this year's championship with his black and white chequered Ruby leathers and helmet. You got it. A serious and good man to bet on for the DTRA vintage class.

Watch out... and don't mess with him.



#### THE BIKE

Frank built the Rickman between 1995 and '96, when he was just 15 years old, for Marco Raymondin (Brooklands Motors) who used it off road and for some hillclimb races. The frame, a MK3, was tailor-made by Pat French with a few different details from a regular Rickman: different steering angle, a longer swingarm, and pushed-back pegs. The engine is a tricked 1954 Triumph T100 with a very different top end and a BSA Gold Star SC (scrambles) gearbox.

He bought the bike off Marco in 2010 and raced the Norman Scramble vintage MX at Beauval en Caux, then some off-road practice sessions. In 2012 he crashed it hard and seriously hurt his back. Since then, he doesn't do motocross, but he couldn't let it sleep in the garage and first thought about turning it into a street tracker or street crosser, but the bike is so radical it wasn't easy to do it without losing a bit of her soul. So when he heard about the DTRA it sounded just about right.

Frank loves this bike, the first he ever built entirely by himself, and intends to share its unique sound and madness at DTRA events.

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