Vespa Spotting: One Gorgeous Tricycle!

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(photo courtesy of Calvin Tang) Here in Philippines, when one talks about a motorcycle mounted with a sidecar, the image of the good ol’ tricycle would immediately pop to any Filipino’s mind. The three-wheeler is essentially a mini-version of the more popular jeepney. It’s a workhorse that carries cargo and passengers which can easily fit narrow streets and alleyways unlike the other bigger public transports.

Yesterday, Eugene, a ride buddy and founder of Scoot66 (a riding club composed of Vespistis mostly based in southern Manila) posted in vespaclubph forum a couple a pictures of another “trike” not usually seen in the streets of Manila. It’s an immaculate white Vespa PX with a bullet-shaped, Cozy sidecar attached to it. My fascination with single seater, open and roofless sidecars may have been nurtured at a very young age while watching Star Rangers daily in the late 70s. But seeing the picture of those five superheroes now, I realize that their chosen mode of transport looks no different from the mobile patrol of the Barangay tanod (neighborhood peacekeepers) in our area. hahaha!

Here’s the front view of this drool-worthy Vespa sidecar:

So could this thing fit a grown man for a side passenger? Check out the sideview photo and see the legroom.
That looks pretty comfy. 😊 I haven’t seen this unit personally but I was told it has already been sold *(sans the scoot)* this morning. You see, there aren’t that much Vespa scooters in the country, but the Vespa sidecars come few and far in between. I’ve been told that there are only three units here in Manila so far.

It’s cool to have one but I simply don’t have an extra scoot to attach it to. 😖 I’ve done a little research and learned that *installation of a Cozy sidecar could be a DIY project*. If you’re in Manila and interested to get a sidecar for your scoot, you may *send a private message to Eugene aka Pietros Pizza*.

VesTODA na! 😊