

Motorcyclists, TV fans flock to Carlisle Summer Bike Fest American Chopper stars, other attractions draw record numbers July 23-25

The Carlisle (Pa.) Fairgrounds made the transition from four-wheeled to two-wheeled vehicles at Carlisle Summer Bike Fest, July 23-25. A record 56,087 people visited the event over the weekend, many to see the group from Orange County Choppers.

CARLISLE, Pa ([PRWEB](#)) July 29, 2004 -- Famous chopper builders and stars of the Discovery Channel's American Chopper, Paul Sr., Paul Jr. and Mikey Teutul, as well as Vinnie and Cody, appeared at the Carlisle Summer Bike Fest. Thousands of bike enthusiasts and those who just love watching the family dynamics of American Chopper stood in line for hours to get autographs and talk to the crew of Orange County Choppers, the shop Paul Teutul Sr. opened in 1999 to customize bikes. "We'd like to thank all the fans that came out who've helped make us a huge success," said Keith Quill, director of operations for OCC. "We'd like to apologize if there was anyone we didn't get to see. We didn't expect such a huge turnout."

The Custom Builder Roundtable featured the best custom motorcycle design minds from the East Coast to the West Coast. Legendary builders Donnie Smith, Dave Perewitz, Roger Bourget, Eddie Trotta and other authorities on high-performance motorcycle products answered questions about the latest trends in custom motorcycle building and the future of the custom-building hobby. Michele Smith, host of Speed Channel's American Thunder, was the moderator of the Roundtable and also signed autographs for fans throughout the weekend.

Also at Bike Fest, the StarBoyz stunt riders amazed crowds with their insane performances. Other attractions included a judged bike show, Bike & Rider custom bike competition, regional builder competition and a special invitational display. A 19,000-square-foot Harley-Davidson mall offered accessories and apparel for enthusiasts, and thousands of outdoor vendors sold all kinds of motorcycle equipment as well.

Ed Kerr and Rod Jones (Jonesy's Custom Cycles), both of Carlisle, won the Custom Builders Competition. Nicole Iacono of Hockessin, Del., won the beauty contest to be named Ms. Carlisle Summer Bike Fest. Bill Foster of Hanover, Pa., won the burnout competition and \$500 from Koup's Cycle Shop. Leah Gable of Elizabethtown, Pa., won the 2004 Kawasaki Ninja ZX-6RR giveaway on Saturday, sponsored by Koup's Cycle Shop and Cumberland Kawasaki. Todd Burrows of Muncy, Pa., won the Vivid Black 2004 Harley-Davidson FXDI Dyna Super Glide Injected, provided by Appalachian Harley-Davidson, on Sunday.

Carlisle Events' project motorcycle, customized by local and national builders, was unveiled at Carlisle Summer Bike Fest. The bike will be featured in V-Twin magazine and ultimately be sold, with all profits benefiting the Chip Miller Charitable Foundation. Also, Michael Lichter, nationally known motorcycle photographer, displayed a gallery of his work and explained the story behind each photo on display during his seminars held throughout the weekend.

The Cumberland Valley Harley Owners Group hosted a live auction to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Auctioned items included Harley-Davidson apparel and accessories, memorabilia and more. The auction raised \$1,871 for the MDA, with many large items donated by Appalachian Harley-Davidson of New



Kingstown, Pa. Scott Frederick, director of the Harrisburg MDA, said his organization was "very happy" with the results. "Overall, we didn't expect it to bring that much, so it was good," he said.

Buell offered demo rides on its newest models. Attendees could compare their bikes' horsepower with others in the Teresi Dyno Drags, or check and improve their bikes' performance with dyno testing and tuning by American Cycle Performance. The Carlisle Thunder Motorcycle Auction offered bikes of all years, makes and models for auction. BattleTrax returned with a course for all types of motorcycles and all levels of riding skill that lets riders explore handling and braking limits in a safe, challenging environment. Observed Trials competition, children's activities and free seminars rounded out the weekend's activities.

The 2005 edition of the Carlisle Summer Bike Fest takes place July 22-24. Visit www.bikesatcarlisle.com or call the Carlisle Events Info Line at (717) 243-7855 to learn more about the Carlisle Summer Bike Fest.

Also, don't miss the 20th annual York Open House at the York (Pa.) Fairgrounds & Expo Center, Sept. 23-25. See www.yorkopenhouse.com for details.

Carlisle Events, host of 12 collector car, truck and motorcycle events a year, attracted more than half a million people to its events in 2003. Included in the annual schedule are two huge automotive swap meets and individual specialty shows featuring Corvettes, Fords, GMs, Chryslers, trucks, motorcycles, sport compacts and imports. Founded in 1974 by friends Bill Miller and Chip Miller, the "Cars at Carlisle" shows have attracted automotive enthusiasts from around the world.

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