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West Coast Choppers Vs. Orange County Choppers

First emerged the California custom bike shop, West Coast Choppers, and owner Jesse James when the Discovery Channel featured them in a show called "Motorcycle Mania". Soon they had their own show called, "Monster Garage". The ratings went out the window and Discovery knew they had unearthed a wellspring waiting to be tapped, but that was nothing compared to the follow up show called, "American Chopper".

American Chopper

West Coast Choppers is based in California and you might naturally think the same of ORANGE COUNTY CHOPPERS, but the Hudson Valley plays host to its very own county with the famous Los Angeles area name. The shop and the show is based in Orange County, New York in the town of Rock Tavern, about 80 miles from New York City. Discovery soon gave the fine folks at Orange County Ironworks, their very own show called, "American Chopper".

Orange County Chopper

"American Chopper" first aired on Discovery in September 2002 and quickly outpaced its predecessor, gaining twice the popularity right off the line. Orange County Choppers fame has spread like wildfire and you can see them on the cover of various magazines including, American Iron, the French mag - Freeway, the Norway publication - Biker Journal and the ever-popular Street Chopper.

Paul Teutul Sr.

Great American films like "Easy Rider" and Marlon Brando's "The Wild One" have inspired many to hop on the back of a hog or two, Paul Teutul Sr. was no exception. Having grown his Orange County Ironworks into a successful business he was able to utilize his downtime to create the custom bikes of Orange County Choppers. They debuted their first bike at Daytona Bike Oktoberfest 1999. The creation was dubbed, "True Blue", and was built in Paul's basement.



My Three Sons

Now more than 4 years later, Orange County Choppers has grown into what "American Iron" recognizes as one of the world's top 12 builders. Much of their success is due in a great part to Paul's three sons. Danny, 26, is the general manager of Orange County Ironworks, Paul Jr., 28, is the chief designer and fabricator of Orange County Choppers and 24 year old, Michael, answers phones and orders parts for the Chopper division. His 21-year-old daughter, Kristin, is not currently directly involved and is attending nursing school in Rochester, New York.

Jet Bike

One of the OCC's greatest achievements has been the "Jet Bike". The bike was inspired by the design of Navy aircraft carriers and was intended to honor the troops in Afghanistan. The Jet Bike's colossal creation was chronicled in the very first show for "American Chopper" in September 2002. And just like Rome, the "Jet Bike" was not built in a day, in fact its birth took a grueling 42 days from start to finish.

Spider Bike

Their custom chopper, the "Spider Bike" was one of only three bikes chosen in the world-class competition at the Rats Hole Custom Show in Daytona, Florida. That accolade gained them an all expenses paid trip to Germany to the site of one of the biggest auto and bike shows in the world. The "Spider Bike" was later purchased by musician Wyclef Jean of the Fugees.

Reality Show Drama?

Orange County Choppers is a family affair and thus already has built-in drama and tension from every day life, but the "American Chopper" producers decided to mix it up a bit by suggesting that the youngest son, Michael, be added to OCC roster and thus bring a bit more drama to the show. You see, Michael has a had a long history of not being able to handle his jobs and prefers the crazier parts of being a guy in his early 20's. Just see the show and see for yourself.

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