

Laconia Frowns on Bad Boy Artist

Laconia New Hampshire gets 'the finger' in its Official Unofficial print for Motorcycle Week 2004

([PRWEB](#)) June 1, 2004 -- When you think of an official print for a motorcycle rally, you usually think of big crowds, fireworks and bikes. But Charlie St. Clair got a big surprise when he saw the new print by artist Anthony Sapienza, which features the famous biker and chopper builder Indian Larry "flipping the bird".

Sapienza himself had a whole different viewpoint though, "We photographed Indian Larry at his shop for the portrait and got some really great stuff, but as we were leaving, I asked Larry for one more photo -- for our operations manager Caleb, who couldn't make the shoot. I asked Larry to give him the finger and he did. It turned out to be a fantastic photo and it cried out to be made into the portrait."

So with that story, came the print's title, "To Caleb, with Love". For display purposes and not to offend any unsuspecting passers-by, the hand language will be covered with a de rigueur brown paper bag. If you want to see the uncensored version, you'll have to ask. "It's no worse than the legendary yet controversial album covers of the late sixties and early seventies", Sapienza reminded us (the self titled, Blind Faith and the Two Virgins album by John and Yoko for example), "At least Indian Larry isn't naked in our poster". The print will have the distinction of being the first Official Unofficial print for Laconia Motorcycle Week.

Sapienza has accomplished many things from his hometown of Warrensburg. He has won awards from the American Film Institute for two of his short films and he's gained acclaim for publishing Metropole, an electronic-only literary arts magazine that has featured such names as Stephen King, Peter Straub and Joyce Carol Oates. Lately, he has been painting portraits of people and motorcycles for a number of high-profile motorcycle rallies. Sapienza has been chosen to do the official prints for Laconia, New Hampshire and Thunder at Cooper's Lake in Pennsylvania. He has also done an officially authorized print for Lake George's Americade.

You can see the Laconia print and more of Sapienza's artwork at his web site: <http://www.anthonysapienza.com>



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