



America's Car Museum Announces Top Bikes from 2016 Vintage Motorcycle Festival

'Best of Show' winner Tom Ruttan's 1949 Triumph Grand Prix takes top honors at the fifth annual 'The MEET at ACM' on July 30

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TACOMA, Wash. (Aug. 3, 2016) – Tom Ruttan's 1949 Triumph Grand Prix won Best of Show last weekend at the fifth annual Vintage Motorcycle Festival: The MEET at ACM. The event at America's Car Museum campus in Tacoma, Washington, featured a weekend of motorcycle-related activities including a Sunday ride coordinated by the local [Vintage Motorcycle Enthusiasts](#) bike club.

"The Meet is one of the staple Signature Events that demonstrates how ACM has become a thriving institution since our doors opened in 2012," said ACM President and COO Paul E. Miller. "Thanks to the hard work from the VMF Advisory Committee and the generous support of sponsors like Hagerty, many visitors flocked to the area and experienced firsthand what makes Tacoma such a great community."

Importantly, the Vintage Motorcycle Festival attracted hundreds of motorcycles and scooters built before 1991 to take part in its competition, which featured [18 award classes for both import and domestic makes](#). Of the hundreds of registered bikes on display, ACM's judges agree that Tom Ruttan's 1949 Triumph Grand Prix was deserving of the Best of Show.

"The turnout for this year's event brought out some of the best bikes I've ever seen," said Vintage Motorcycle Festival Advisory Board Chairman Mark Zenor. "The winners are truly stand-out bikes that any motorcycle enthusiast would be glad to have! Congratulations to all of this year's winners."

Guests also enjoyed a performance by the famous [Seattle Cossacks](#) Motorcycle Stunt and Drill Team, food trucks, vendor booths, free seminars and a Sunday ride to the Mt. Rainier valley.

Award winners are as follows:

Best of Show: 1949 Triumph Grand Prix owned by Tom Ruttan

Judges' Awards

"Best Desert Stormer": 1982 MZ Sidecar owned by Chris McKinney

"Best Throwback Tourer": 1978 Honda Goldwing Café owned by Chris Reiff

"Best Lil Black Honda": 1966 Honda CA 110 owned by Stewart Moss

"Best Battle-Scarred Survivor": 1965 Royal Enfield Interceptor owned by Don Chesterfield

"Best Polisher's Nightmare": BSA Gold Star Café owned by Craig Stegall

Class Awards

Antique American Pre 1940

1. 1941 Indian Chief owned by Kevin Bausch
2. 1917 Indian Power Plus owned by Ron Rumdolz

Classic European

1. 1967 Bultaco Metralla Mk 11 owned by Julie Hayes
2. 1978 Bultaco Streaker owned by Harry Gamble

Classic American – Post WWII

1. 1947 H-D FL Knucklehead owned by Kenneth Engle
2. 1956 H-D KHK owned by Steve Bell
3. 1949 Indian Scout owned by Victor Wilson

Vintage British – Other

1. 1938 Brough SS100 owned by Doug Saugen
2. 1959 Matchless G80TCS owned by Ron Predmore
3. 1950 Velocette MAC owned by Allyne Smith

Vintage BSA

1. 1953 BSA Bantam owned by Craig Stegall
2. 1968 BSA Firebird owned by Sean Curtis
3. 1966 BSA Lightning owned by Bruce Larson

Vintage Norton

1. 1969 Norton 750S owned by Doug Saugen
2. 1974 Norton Commando 850 owned by Will Watchel
3. 1971 Norton Roadster owned by Lorin Smith

Vintage Triumph

1. 1970 Triumph T120 Bonneville owned by Fred McNabb
2. 1948 Triumph T100 owned by Roy Mendenhall
3. 1970 Triumph T100C owned by Robert Belland

Vintage German

1. 1969 BMW R60/2 owned by Kenneth Morris
2. 1958 BMW Sidecar / Trailer owned by Bruce Frey
3. 1963 BMW R27 owned by Todd Webber

Vintage Italian

1. 1971 Laverda SF owned by Donn Tanner
2. 1970 Ducati 450 Jupiter owned by Lorin Smith
3. 1959 MV Agusta 125TREL owned by Jim Bush

Vintage Japanese – Other

1. 1973 Kawasaki Z1 owned by Bob Wells
2. 1977 Kawasaki KZ1000 LTD owned by Dave McClung
3. 1973 Kawasaki A7-SS Avenger owned by Chris McKinney

Vintage Honda Presented by Brown Maloney

1. 1973 Honda CB350 Four owned by Sturart Moss
2. 1983 Honda CB1100 F owned by Frank Shuck
3. 1977 Honda CB400 F owned by Pat Samsell

Vintage Yamaha

1. 1969 Yamaha YR3 owned by Ed Lederis
2. 1977 Yamaha RD400 owned by Michael Bleaske
3. 1973 Yamaha DT3 owned by Alfred Latham

Motocross Pre 1974 & Earlier

1. 1959 Ducati 200MX owned by Gary Lewis
2. 1973 Honda CR250 Elsinore owned by Doug Illsley
3. 1966 Matchless G85CS owned by Ron Predmore

Motocross Post 1975 Evo-MX

1. 1976 Husqvarna 200GP owned by Chris Lucas

Best Café Racer

1. 1975 Honda CB750 Four owned by Jeff Horton
2. 1980 Suzuki GS750 owned by Dennis Torgeson
3. 1974 Honda CB550 owned by Tyler Hewitt

Vintage Competition

1. 1966 Triumph TT Special owned by Tom Ruttan
2. 1974 Suzuki RL250 owned by John Glaiser
3. 1968 H-D XLR owned by Ian Tooth

Custom Bobber/Chopper

1. 1971 Triumph Bonneville owned by John Finigan
2. 1970 Triumph Bonneville owned by George Mocerri
3. 1971 Norton Commando owned by Larry Nutt

Classic Powered Bike/Scooter

1. 1980 Yamaha QT50 owned by M. McDowell
2. 1962 Minibike owned by Ken Barton
3. 1981 Yamaha QT50 owned by M. McDowell

For more information and event photos, visit www.vintagemotorcyclefestival.com.

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