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## **National Motorcycle Museum**

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## *Elmer Trett's "Mountain Magic"... now on display at the National Motorcycle Museum.*

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Mountain Magic, the last and greatest of Elmer Trett's record-breaking top fuel dragsters, has been acquired by the National Motorcycle Museum, where it is now on display in Anamosa, Iowa. After three decades at the top of his field, Trett was killed aboard this machine at the age of 53 during an exhibition run at Indianapolis Raceway Park on September 1, 1996. After its restoration by the Trett Family, Mountain Magic was displayed for a period of time at restaurants in Orlando (Race Rock Café) and Las Vegas before returning home to Demorest, Georgia. Feeling that the machine needed to be enjoyed by Trett's fans and the public, his widow Jackie decided recently to seek a permanent home. At the National Motorcycle Museum, it has become one of the crown jewels of the facility's drag racing collection.

Trett, born in Kentucky in 1943, started drag racing in the 1960s, moving to the top fuel class in 1976. With the support of his family/crew, which included Jackie and daughters Gina and Kelly, Trett became the first man to break 200, 210, 220, and 230 miles per hour aboard a motorcycle in a quarter mile. Trett not only dominated, but mentored the top fuel class, working tirelessly to promote the big machines by encouraging other builders and often sharing technical information with his top rivals. Shortly before his death he achieved 235 miles per hour and an elapsed time of 6.06 seconds. It was a given that Elmer Trett would be the first motorcyclist to enter the five second range when his career ended in tragedy.

Elmer Trett was named one of top 50 "drivers" of all time by the National Hot Rod Association, and is a member of both the Motorcycle Hall of Fame and the International Drag Racing Hall of Fame.

On display with Trett's bike are his helmet, leathers, and other memorabilia. The National Motorcycle Museum is also looking for a Kenny Youngblood print of Trett's famous 234 mph pass at Atco, New Jersey in 1994. Anyone who has such a print and will consider placing it on display should contact Jeff Wiley at [JWiley@jpcycles.com](mailto:JWiley@jpcycles.com).

Don't miss your chance to see this fantastic machine at the National Motorcycle Museum. The museum is open daily, and located just 20 minutes away from Cedar Rapids, Iowa in downtown Anamosa.

Cruise into the museum, and experience our extensive collection of over 190 vintage motorcycles, thousands of photographs, posters, postcards and pieces of motorcycle memorabilia, plus a fabulous collection of antique toys. Come see for yourself why we were voted Iowa's Tourism Attraction of the Year in 2001. The National Motorcycle Museum is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 corporation. For more information, contact the National Motorcycle Museum at **319-462-3925** or go to their website at [www.nationalmcmuseum.org](http://www.nationalmcmuseum.org).

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