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**More than 1,600 Attend First Annual
National Motorcycle Museum Vintage Rally**

ANAMOSA, Iowa - June 3-5 was a huge weekend in Anamosa, Iowa as the National Motorcycle Museum hosted the first ever Vintage Rally. More than 1,600 people attended this event and attendees weren't just from Eastern Iowa. Attendees from across the United States were in attendance, including Texas, South Carolina and Pennsylvania.

The dedication of the Museum's newest exhibit, Motorcycles at Work was held on Friday afternoon. Motorcycles at Work features motorcycles used in courier, police and military work. In all, seventeen of these motorcycles are on display in the Museum along with 25 related photographs.

Sixty-six Vintage bikes 1985 or earlier registered for Saturday's Vintage Bike Show and the two-day swap meet was a hit with vendors selling their wares and swapping motorcycling stories. The top two winners in each class were as follows:

Japanese: 1968-1975: first place, Joseph Byrd with a 1973 Kawasaki H2; second place, Joseph Byrd with a 1971 Kawasaki H1; **1976-1985:** first place, John Bagley with a 1977 Honda 750; second place, Craig Doty, 1981 Honda Gold Wing; **Specials & Customs through 1985:** first place, Mark Morrison with a 1973 Kawasaki A1R Replica 250; second



place, John Bagley with a 1973 Honda CB 750. **American: 1886-1929,** first place Vince Reece with a 1912 Henderson Model A; second place Bruce Holtan with a 1916 Indian Power Plus; **1930-1946:** first place, Harold Barrett with a 1944 Indian 741 Military; second place, Carey Schumacher with a 1947 Indian Chief with Sidecar; **1966-1975:** first place David and Brenda Lash with a 1968 Harley Davidson FLHB; second place Keith Gillmore with a 1968 Harley Davidson FLH; **1976-1985:** first place Carl Murray with a 1978 Harley Davidson FXS; second place, Roger Eliassen with a 1976 Harley Davidson FXE; **Minis and Scooters through 1985:** first place Byron Nesheim with a 1960 Harley Davidson Trooper; **Competition through 1985:** first place, Jeff Haberman with a 1914



Jefferson; **Specials and customs through 1985:** first place, Byron Nesheim with a 1966 Harley Davidson Sprint; second place, Dale Olson with a 1948 Lincoln Zephyr; **Sidecars through 1985:** Carey Schumacher with a 1947 Indian Chief with sidecar; **Best preserved/unrestored:** Harold Barrett with a 1944 Indian 741 Military.

European: 1941-1960: first place, Joe Rybachek with a 1954 Moto Guzzi Falcone Sport; second place, Robert Himmelman with a 1956 BMW R26; **1961-1973:** Bob Westercamp with a 1971 Ducati Silver Shotgun; **Competition through 1985:** first place, Brian Fowler with a 1969 CZ 360 Side Pipe; second place, Mitch Smith with a 1974 OSSA 250 Short Tracker; **Specials & Customs through 1985:** first place, Steve Levi with a 1972 OSSA Café Racer; second place, Bob Westercamp with a 1964 Ducati Diana Custom; **Best Preserved/Unrestored:** Robert Himmerman with a 1956 BMW R26 250. **British: 1900-1940:** Ron Spargo with a 1939 BSA M20; 1941-1960: Randy Baxter with a 1959 Triumph T120R Bonneville; **1961-1970:** first place, Danny Sellman with a 1965 Triumph T120C 650; second place, Ron Spargo with a 1962 Triumph 3TA 350; **1971-1985:** first place, John Knowelton with a 1975 Newton Roadster 850; second place, Orville Thein with a 1976 Triumph Bonneville 750; **Competition through 1985:** John Ross with a 1962 Norton Atlas; **Specials & Customs through 1985:** first place, EJ Fitzgerald with a 1969 Triumph T120R; second place, Liz Barnett with a 1970 Triumph TR6C. Steve Levi received the **Café Racer Award**. Vince Reece with a 1912 Henderson Model A received the **Best in Show Award**.



A group of motorcycle collectors/enthusiasts served as panel members for a discussion on motorcycle collecting and preservation held on Saturday at noon. Panel members included: Ray Sterns, Ed Vanaman, Dave Lash, Randy Baxter, Steve Dawdy and Jim Long. The discussion was moderated by Mark Mederski, special projects director.

The highlight of the Museum Vintage Rally was the expanded Women in Motorcycling section. On hand for the event were 33 Motor Maids from across the United States. Motor Maids is a long running women's motorcycle membership organization. It was

established in 1940. It is the first and oldest continuously operated women's motorcycling organization. There are approximately 1,200 members across the U.S. and Canada today.

And, as if that wasn't enough – you can now see up close and personal an authentic, restored 1920s gas station. This features a timeline explaining petroleum retailing and the expansion of motorized transportation in America.

A handful of riders took part in the Vintage Ride on Sunday morning making a 70 mile loop throughout Eastern Iowa.

John Parham, president of the National Motorcycle Museum Board of Directors stated, "As a first event, I am very pleased with the turnout. Thank you to our loyal supporters and attendees for making this event a true success. We could not have done it without all of you."

Cruise into the National Motorcycle Museum, located at 102 Chamber Drive in Anamosa, Iowa, and experience the extensive line of over 300 motorcycles from around the world as well as thousands of photographs, posters, postcards and pieces of motorcycle memorabilia, plus a fabulous collection of antique toys. Admission is \$8.00 while children 12 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. The Museum's summer hours are Monday - Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The National Motorcycle Museum is a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation. For more information, call 319-462-3925 or plan your visit to the Museum on the web at www.nationalmcmuseum.org.