



**TWENTY FOUR WORLD-CLASS MOTORCYCLES WIN TOP HONORS AT THE  
FOURTH ANNUAL QUAIL MOTORCYCLE GATHERING**  
*1,500 Enthusiasts Gathered at Quail Lodge Golf Club in Carmel, Calif.  
to Pay Tribute to the Evolution of the Motorcycle*

**CARMEL, CALIF. (May 15, 2012)** – On Saturday, May 5, 2012, more than 1,500 motorcycle enthusiasts and collectors attended the fourth annual [Quail Motorcycle Gathering](#) at [Quail Lodge Golf Club](#) in Carmel, Calif. The daylong celebration paid tribute to the *Evolution of the Motorcycle*, while also showcasing 250 legendary motorcycles from the past and present, and concepts for the future.

The event featured some of the world’s most iconic and innovative bikes, as well as industry luminaries, including Marty Dickerson and his 1948 Vincent Rapide Racer (“Blue Bike”), legendary Italian motorcycle builder Giovanni Magni and his 1972 Magni Rocket 3, and three-time MotoGP World Champion Wayne Rainey. Other key motorcycles on display included Dan Gurney’s All-American Racer Gurney Alligator Motorcycle, Gary Kohs’ collection of 32 MV Agusta motorcycles featuring an ex-works 125cc MV Agusta, winner of the 2953 Isle of Man, Thom McIlhattan’s collection of Harley-Davidson motorcycles, including a 1909 Harley-Davidson Model 5A, and Steve Lawrence’s 1962 BSA Gold Star motorcycle.

For the first time, *The Quail* unveiled *The Quail Marketplace* – a new outdoor corral where guests perused and purchased vintage and modern motorcycles for sale by owners, which was a resounding success. Guests also enjoyed live entertainment and an All-American barbeque with beverages from Louis Roederer Champagne and local award-winning wineries and breweries. To kick off the weekend, 75 enthusiasts joined the sold-out *The Quail Ride* on Friday, May 4, 2012 for a one-day ride through 100 miles of Carmel and Salinas Valley back roads.

*The Quail Motorcycle Gathering* concluded with the Circle of Champions award ceremony presented by Breitling. This year, the Quail Motorcycle Gathering Judges Committee of industry

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experts included Chief Judge Somer Hooker, Ian Barry, Paul d'Orleans, Herb Harris, Mert Lawwill, Michael Lynch, Giovanni Magni, Ron Peck and Craig Vetter.

The 2012 Circle of Champions award winners were as follows:

### **Best of Show**

1974 MV Agusta 750 S owned by Simon Graham

### **Cycle World "Elegance in Action" Award**

1974 MV Agusta 750 S owned by Shinya Kimura

### **Spirit of the Quail Award**

1971 Magni Rocket 3 owned by Giovanni Magni

### **Competition Sport Award**

1963 Royal Enfield Flat Track Racer owned by Ray Abrams

### **Design and Style Award**

1941 Indian 841 Military Trans Verse owned by Clay Hudson

### **Innovation Award**

2011 Dan Gurney Alligator V-Gator presented by Thad Wolff on behalf of Dan Gurney

### **Industry Award**

2012 Crocker Big Tank owned by Michael Schacht

### **Superbike**

First Place: 1986 Ducati F1 Montjuich owned by Peter Richardson

Second Place: 1986 Honda VF1000R owned by Brian Light

### **Antique through 1940**

First Place: 1912 Excelsior 61C1 Chaw Drive owned by James Riffenburgh

Second Place: 1940 Indian Chief Police Special owned by Charles Syres

### **Competition through 1978**

First Place: 1957 Mondial 175 Gran Sport owned by John Goldman

Second Place: 2006 BUB Seven Streamliner owned by Dennis Manning

### **Custom/Modified through 2012**

First Place: 1974 MV Agusta 750 S owned by Shinya Kimura

Second Place: 1940 Indian 741 Scout owned by Jesse Bassett of The Gasbox

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### **American through 1978**

First Place: 1947 Indian Chief owned by Gene Brown

Second Place: 1937 Indian Four Model 437 owned by Bowman Motors

### **Japanese through 1978**

First Place: 1973 Kawasaki Z-1 900 owned by Damon Meek

Second Place: 1970 Kawasaki 250 F4 Sidewinder owned by Jarvis Gross

### **European through 1978**

First Place: 1961 BSA Gold Star Clubman's owned by Gene Brown

Second Place: 1950 Triumph 6T Thunderbird owned by Gregory Beck

### **Off Road through 1978**

First Place: 1968 Rickman Metisse 441 owned by Blair Beck

Second Place: 1966 Bultaco 250cc Metisse owned by Robbie Cadwallader

### **Craig Vetter Fuel Economy Challenge Award**

2011 Hayes Diesel MD690R2 owned by Fred Hayes

### **FIVA Preservation Award**

1914 Feilbach Limited owned by Bowman Motors

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