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1913 Flying Merkel Twin Named “Best of Show” At The Quail Motorcycle Gathering

Attended by more than 3,000 people from around the world, the annual event included appearances by icons of motorcycle racing and design, an array of artisanal local cuisine and a stunning display of the rarest, fastest and most beautiful motorcycles in history.

Carmel, California (May 5, 2018) – A 1913 Flying Merkel Twin owned by Douglas and Marian McKenzie was awarded “Best of Show” out of more than 350 entrants today at *The Quail Motorcycle Gathering* presented by GEICO Motorcycle, a Peninsula Hotels Signature Event. More than 3,000 spectators gathered on the lawns of Quail Lodge & Golf Club for the show’s much-anticipated awards ceremony, which recognized the antique bike for its presentation as well as its historical and cultural significance.

The 10th Anniversary event presented a grand selection of pre- and post-war sports and racing bikes as well as live music, lifestyle vendors, local wines and gourmet cuisine—highlighted by a custom-designed lunch menu by Componere Fine Catering and Michelin-starred chef Curtis Duffy.

Traditional classes that included American, British, Italian, Other European, Japanese, Competition On Road, Competition Off Road, Antique, Custom/Modified, and Extraordinary Bicycles and Scooters, lined *The Quail Motorcycle Gathering* Event Field for guests to explore.

In addition to the “Best in Class” awards given in each of the above categories, the following top honors were announced:

- Spirit of The Quail Award
1920 Indian Streamliner
Clyde Crouch – Texas
Competition On Road Class

- Industry Award
1960 Harley-Davidson Super 10
Jackson Burrows – Canada
Custom/Modified Class
- Innovation Award
2020 Curtiss Zeus
Curtiss Motorcycles – Alabama
- Design and Style Award
1968 Ducati 250 Narrow Case
Analog Motorcycles – Illinois
Custom/Modified Class
- AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame Heritage Award
1971 Honda CT-70
Steve Mast – California
Japanese Class
- HVA Preservation Award
1920 Indian Streamliner
Clyde Crouch – Texas
Competition On Road Class
- Significance in Racing Award
1981 Freddie Spencer’s Factory Honda Racing NS-750 Flat Tracker
Anthony Giammanco – California
Competition Off Road Class
- Why We Ride Award
1970 Indian Little Indian
Clive Belvoir – California
American Class 1936-1979

The event also showcased four featured displays that were special for this year’s show. The first of which, Arlen Ness Private Collection, honored the 2018 “Legend of the Sport” Arlen Ness, his son Cory Ness and grandson Zach Ness for their many contributions to the motorcycling community. Personal builds from their Dublin, California museum were displayed on the grasses such as the Art Deco-inspired “SmoothNess” and the “Curvaceous-Ness,” which has been featured in the Smithsonian Institution’s National Design Museum.

Other featured classes recognized cutting-edge Electric Motorcycles, artfully-crafted Café Racers and the 25th Anniversary of the Ducati Monster. Bikes on display ranged from a 1973 Corbin Electric X1 “City Bike” to an aluminum 1971 Triumph T 100 R Daytona, to a rarely-seen 2007 Ducati S4RS Monster Testastretta.

Throughout the event, guests were given the opportunity to try out the latest products from the industry’s top manufacturers, which included everything from gear to motorcycles. Shoei Helmets allowed guests to

test its products during demo rides, which were offered by event sponsors Zero, Royal Enfield and Moto Guzzi. Honda also offered demo opportunities on the all-new Gold Wing, while it displayed every generation of the Gold Wing ever made.

The 2018 show also marked the launches of two bespoke motorcycles. ARCH Motorcycle debuted its limited-edition Method 143, featuring a carbon fiber mono-cell chassis and a 2,343ci S&S V-Twin engine. Meanwhile, Curtiss Motorcycle Company made its worldwide debut and unveiled the Zeus concept electric bike.

“The success of this year’s *The Quail Motorcycle Gathering* was truly overwhelming,” said Gordon McCall, Director of Motorsports for The Peninsula Signature Events. “From the immense support of our sponsors, to the involvement of star chef Curtis Duffy, to the diverse range of amazing motorcycles, we are so proud of how far we’ve come in the past ten years and are thrilled to see what 2019 will have to offer.”

Next year’s show is already scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2019. Tickets will go on sale in the fall. To learn more, please visit the [event website](#), and follow the action on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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About The Peninsula Signature Events

The Peninsula Signature Events is organized by The Peninsula Hotels, dedicated to creating world-class bespoke events at its properties in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Tokyo, Beijing, New York, Chicago, Beverly Hills, Bangkok, Manila, and Paris - future openings, Yangon and London. [Quail Lodge & Golf Club](#) is home to the following Peninsula Signature Events: *The Quail Ride*, *The Quail Motorcycle Gathering*, *The Quail Rally* and *The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering*. <http://signatureevents.peninsula.com>.

Fast Facts

- More than 3,000 attendants
- More than 350 bikes on display
- Four featured classes
 - Arlen Ness Private Collection (not judged)
 - Electric Motorcycles
 - Café Racers
 - 25th Anniversary of the Ducati Monster
- Traditional classes
 - Antique (1916-1935)
 - American (1936-1979)
 - British (1936-1979)
 - Competition On Road
 - Competition Off Road
 - Custom/Modified
 - Italian (1936-1979)
 - Japanese (1936-1979)
 - Other European (1936-1979)
 - Extraordinary Bicycles/Scooters

Award Winners

Best of Show

1913 Flying Merkel Twin
Douglas & Marian McKenzie – California
Antique Class

Spirit of The Quail Award

1920 Indian Streamliner
Clyde Crouch – Texas
Competition On Road Class

25th Anniversary of the Ducati Monster Award

2010 Ducati Monster
Isaac Villanueva – California

Café Racers Award

1961 BSA DBD-34 Gold Star
Craig Steggall – Washington

Electric Motorcycles Award

1974 Corbin Bonneville Partial Streamliner Salt Racer
Mike Corbin – California

Industry Award

1960 Harley-Davidson Super 10
Jackson Burrows – Canada
Custom/Modified Class

Innovation Award

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Why We Ride Award

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American Class 1936-1979

Extraordinary Bicycles/Scooter Award

1969 Lambretta Vega
Siobhan Ellis – California
Extraordinary Bicycles & Scooters Class

Antique 1st Place

1913 Flying Merken Twin
Douglas & Marian McKenzie – California
Antique Class 1935 & Earlier

Antique 2nd Place

1929 BMW R63
Eugene Garcin – California
Antique Class 1935 & Earlier

American 1st Place

1954 Harley-Davidson ST165
Dan Derby – California
American Class 1936-1979

American 2nd Place

1958 Harley-Davidson Hummer
Sheila Hummer-Derby – California
American Class 1936-1979

British 1st Place

1953 BSA BD 1 Bantam
Craig Steggall – Washington
British Class 1936-1979

British 2nd Place

1970 Triumph T120
Kenneth Morris – California
British Class 1936-1979

Italian 1st Place

1956 Moto Guzzi Cardellino
Vincent Schardt – California

Italian Class 1936-1979

Italian 2nd Place

1974 MV Agusta 750S

Lee Hoffseth – California

Italian Class 1936-1979

Japanese 1st Place

1972 Honda CB750 K2

Clay Baker – California

Japanese Class 1936-1979

Japanese 2nd Place

1968 Yamaha YAS1C

Owen Bishop – California

Japanese Class 1936-1979

Other European 1st Place

1974 BMW R90S

Mike Maloney – California

Other European Class 1936-1979

Other European 2nd Place

1974 BMW R90S

Mark Francois – California

Other European Class 1936-1979

Competition On Road 1st Place

1980 Honda CB750F

Kevin McKee – California

Competition On Road Class

Competition Off Road 1st Place

1956 BSA BB34R Flat Tracker

Chris Carter – California

Competition Off Road Class

Custom/Modified 1st Place

1960 Harley-Davidson Super 10

Jackson Burrows – Canada

Custom/Modified Class

Custom/Modified 2nd Place

1970 Triumph TR7

Michael Inglis – California

Custom/Modified Class