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MOTORCYCLE MADNESS

Mecum Style

Mecum is the largest auction company for classic and vintage motorcycles in the country, which should come as no surprise as they are also one of the world's leaders when it comes to classic and vintage cars. Their 32nd Annual Vintage & Antique Motorcycle Auction, held earlier this year at the South Point Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas was definitely a showstopper, with a whopping 2,000 motorcycles rolling across the auction block.

If you want to feast your eyes on some of the most beautiful and most expensive classic, collector, and vintage motorcycles in the

world, then the Mecum auctions are where you go. Motorcycle Magnet Jim Godwin—who spent 60 years operating a Harley Davidson dealership and amassing an extensive 100+ personal collection, decided to place them all up for sale at the recent Vegas auction, with no reserves! Buyers at this massive auction brought home some real beauties this year!

If you weren't fortunate enough to attend this year's annual auction in Vegas, there's still time to take in two smaller Mecum motorcycle auctions later this year: March 28-April 1 in Glendale, Arizona, and August 17-19 in Monterey, California.



For more info on Mecum's motorcycle auctions go to www.mecum.com/motorcycles/



Tips for Making Sure Your Bike is Ready for **SPRING BREAK!**

Now that winter is on its way out the door and spring is on the Horizon, it's time to hit the road. Before you start planning those great springtime road trips, make sure your bike is as road ready as you are. Here's a check list to make sure you bike is ready to ride:

- 1) Battery Check:** You won't get off the block without a battery that's charged. Unless you've given your Bike a little extra TLC over the winter, it will likely need some attention now.
 - ▶ Disconnect and top it off with some distilled H₂O and a slow charge start up. (FYI: Tap water often has minerals that can shorten battery life).
 - ▶ Scrub off corrosion with a stiff brush and a baking soda/water mix, but if it's leaking around the terminals, you are best to chuck it.
 - ▶ Wait till it's fully charged before you reinstall. (For most batteries, you want hydrometer readings of 1.26-7 at 80 degrees; Volt meters should reach 12.6 across the terminals).
 - ▶ Use a little petroleum jelly to protect and prevent any future corrosion!
- 2) Carburetor Check:** We've come a long way since the first Harley that used a tomato soup can as a carburetor back in 1903. (If you read last month's newsletter, then you will recall the trivia! Lol) It's a good idea to locate the drain screw and drain any stale fuel.
- 3) Sparkplug Check:** Since they are relatively inexpensive, it's a good idea to go ahead and replace your Bike's spark plugs. You know the saying "An ounce of prevention..."

4) Gunky Gas Check: Gunky gas that's been sitting in an engine for 90 days or more should be drained from the tank and flow bowls.

5) Filter Check: This is a great time to replace fuel filters, clean petcock screens, and inspect air filters. Check to make sure that a loveable little critter didn't make itself at home there over the winter. This hospitality can be problematic!

6) Tire Check: Tires typically lose air pressure hibernating all winter. Take time now to closely inspect tires for any wear or damage and make sure that they have proper pressure.

7) Fluid Check: Sludge can accumulate in any fluid areas, so check antifreeze, brake fluid, transmission, engine oil/filter, primary case, and rear drive oil levels. If you can't remember when they

were last changed, it's a good idea to go ahead and change them now.

8) Cable Check: Examine for unwanted free play and a little lubricant won't hurt either.

9) Brake Pads/Shoes: A quick check should let you know if there's too much wear on your brake pads / shoes and you should replace them as needed.

Play it Safe: Try and go a little slower on that first spring ride after winter hibernation. Your bike might be ready to go, but your riding skills might need a gentle warm up before you go full throttle! Happy and Safe Spring Riding!

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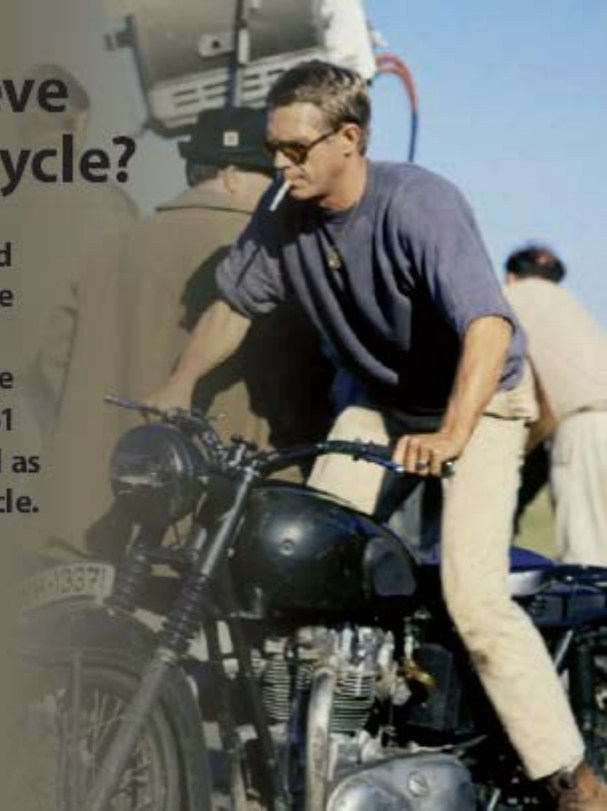


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**ENJOY
THE
RIDE!**

Whatever Happened to Steve McQueen's Famous Motorcycle?



Ever wondered what happened to the famous motorcycle Steve McQueen rode in the classic movie "The Great Escape"? The Motorcycle was a post war 1961 Triumph TR6 Trophy, disguised as a German BMW R75 motorcycle. You can still see this famous motorcycle for yourself if you make a visit to Triumph's UK manufacturing facility at Hinckley in Leicestershire.



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Top Motorcycle SMART PHONE MOUNTS

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Keeping your smartphone accessible and visible while riding is important. Here are some cool mounts to make accessing your phone easier when you hit the open road.



Roam Universal Premium – Affordable, and designed to fit a wide range of handlebars, assuming your phone will work within its 3.5-inch grip. (\$17)



Peak Design Motorcycle Stem Mount – Attaches mechanically and magnetically to your handlebars or stem. (\$100).



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Quad Lock Motorcycle Handlebar Mount – Dual stage lock system for added protection, and a case mount system. (\$50)



Rokform Pro Series Perch Mount – Designed with a twist locking system, 360-degree rotation and built in magnet for added security (\$99-\$119)