

Italian Motorcycle Championship: the Custom Bike Show Winners at Italian Bike Week 2024

The September round of the IMC awarded the most beautiful "special" bikes of third edition of the Italian Bike Week, which took place from September 12 to 15, 2024

This past weekend in **Lignano Sabbiadoro** (Udine - Italy) took place the 2024 edition of the **Italian Bike Week**, an event born in 2022 as the September spin-off of the historic Biker Fest International. The format remains similar, condensing the thrill of large **motorcycle rallies**, the excitement of **festivals**, and the chance to **test the latest two wheels models** from leading motorcycle manufacturers—all in one event.

While the accent is on the **Adventure & Off-Road world**, which shifts the emphasis from the traditionally custom-focused Biker Fest International, IBW does not forget its roots. These roots are firmly tied to one of the most historic Bike Shows in Europe, born in 1987 with the BFI. Italian Bike Week doubles the Lignano appointment with the first and only national championship dedicated to **customizers and special motorcycles**: the **Italian Motorcycle Championship (IMC)**, which made its return in the Adriatic city a few months after the May round held during the Biker Fest.

It was a fierce competition, not only for the special builders but also for the IMC judges, who had the tough task of selecting the **best and most unique custom bikes** from over 50 entries from across Italy and abroad. There were **eight categories** in the competition, plus the most prestigious award, the **Best in Show**, honoring the build that captured the hearts of both judges and the audience.

The winner was '**Goddess of Speed**', a magnificent creation by Mirko Perugini of **Gallery Motorcycles** (BS), built around the legendary Harley-Davidson Evolution engine. Completed in the spring, this special bike made its debut at the 30th HOG Rally, winning its first award at the official European Harley-Davidson event held in Senigallia (AN) in early June. The inspiration for this bike comes from the world of **speed records**, with numerous nods to the pre-war Land Speed Record era. These include the streamlined tail fairing, wide handlebars bent downwards, a springer front fork, and 21-inch and 16-inch lenticular wheels.

At the heart of the custom-built frame lies the powerful 1340 cc V-Twin engine, fed by an iconic S&S Super E carburetor. The engine has been deliberately "aged" to match the overall vintage style of the bike. For example, the rocker covers were removed, exposing the valve mechanisms—an homage to legendary models from the 1920s and '30s. The motorcycle also features a figurehead of Nike, the Greek goddess of victory, a design borrowed from luxury Packard sedans. Modern high-performance components, like a Brembo radial rear brake caliper, complete the build. The vintage paint job, with its period-correct colors and graphics, was done by **Dox Art Factory**.

Moving on to the categories, Harley-Davidson dominated both the **Cafe Racer** and **Old Style** classes. In the former the winner was an 883 from **Low Special Parts** (NA), while in the latter 'El Chapo', a Heritage Classic built by **H-D Bergamo** (BG) in the Chicano style, claimed victory. This bike also appeared on the cover of the August/September issue of *Bikers Life*. Two Hondas, a Hornet customized by **FTG Moto** (MI) and a **Shadow 600** by Rome's **Red House Chopper**, took top honors in the **Streetfighter** and **Metric** categories, respectively.

Given the event's "dirt" spirit, the **Scrambler** and **Adventure** categories were particularly popular. A Norton Commando built by **Grillo** from Savona won the Scrambler class, while the Yamaha Super Ténéré from **Punto**

Moto Factory Bike (VE) took first place in the Adventure category, specially introduced for IBW. Austria also claimed several victories, with **Stefan B.**'s S&S-powered 'Knickrammen' taking first place in the **Freestyle** category and **Ramses Garage** dominating the **Modified H-D** class with a Vicla based on the Heritage Softail.

With its summer dates now behind it, the **Italian Motorcycle Championship continues into the fall**, with the next round scheduled for Cesena from November 23-24, during the **Ruotando – Kustom Kulture** event.

CUSTOM BIKE SHOW IMC – ITALIAN BIKE WEEK 2024 COMPLETE RESULTS

☆ SCRAMBLER ☆

- 1st - **NORTON COMMANDO – Grillo (SV)** – Wins Kappa top case
- 2nd - **YAMAHA TT 600 - Raw Custom (PD)** – Wins Wemoto voucher + sweatshirt & kit
- 3rd - **HONDA CB250 – Stray's Garage (MO)** – Wins large WD40 prize + Melo Orafo plaque

☆ CAFE RACER ☆

- 1st - **H-D 883 – Low Special Parts (NA)** – Wins Motorcycle Storehouse helmet
- 2nd - **MOTO GUZZI 1000 SP – North East Custom (PD)** – Wins Bertoni sunglasses
- 3rd - **SUZUKI DR650 – MdiM Garage Style (TV)** – Wins large WD40 prize + Melo Orafo plaque

☆ OLD STYLE ☆

- 1st - **H-D Heritage Classic – H-D Bergamo (BG)** – Wins €200 MCJ Exhaust voucher
- 2nd - **H-D FLH – Orsetto Garage & CE Performance (TV)** – Wins Motorcycle Storehouse prize & oil
- 3rd - **H-D FLH – Mirko Capone (TV)** – Wins large WD40 prize + Melo Orafo plaque

☆ STREETFIGHTER ☆

- 1st - **HONDA HORNET – FTG Moto (MI)** – Wins Rebuffini prize
- 2nd - **H-D FXR – Reds Motorcycles (VI)** – Wins WD40 + Bardahl prize
- 3rd - **YAMAHA XJR 1300 – Orsetto Garage (TV)** – Wins large WD40 prize + Melo Orafo plaque

☆ MODIFIED H-D ☆

- 1st - **H-D HERITAGE SOFTAIL – Ramses Garage (Austria)** – Wins €200 MCJ Exhaust voucher
- 2nd - **H-D XL 883R – Low Special Parts (NA)** – Wins IMC handlebar
- 3rd - **H-D NIGHT ROD – Devil's Garage (RC)** – Wins large WD40 prize + Melo Orafo plaque

☆ METRIC ☆

- 1st - HONDA SHADOW 600 – Red House Chopper (RM) – Wins €100 Faster96 voucher**
2nd - HONDA SHADOW 600 – Croy Garage (VR) – Wins WD40 + Rebuffini prize
3rd - HONDA SHADOW 750 – Mr Fighter (TV) – Wins large WD40 prize + Melo Orafo plaque

☆ ADVENTURE ☆

- 1st - YAMAHA SUPER TENERE – Punto Moto Factory Bike (VE) – Wins €200 MCJ Exhaust voucher**
2nd - BMW R100 GS – Santa Fox (SV) – Wins WD40 + Bardahl prize
3rd - HONDA TRANSALP 600 – MdiM Garage Style (TV) – Wins large WD40 prize + Melo Orafo plaque

☆ FREESTYLE ☆

- 1st - S&S 58 KNICKRAMMEN – Stefan B. (Austria) – Wins Rebuffini prize**
2nd - HONDA SHADOW – Samuele Gorni (MN) – Wins €100 Faster96 voucher
3rd - URAL – Stray's Garage (MO) – Wins large WD40 prize + Melo Orafo plaque

☆ BEST IN SHOW ☆

- H-D 1340 – Gallery Motorcycles (BS) – Wins a weekend for two at the 39th Biker Fest International in Lignano Sabbiadoro (UD) from May 15-18, 2024**

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