

Twin Club Custom Bike Show, Norrtälje, Sweden

TWIN CLUB was blessed with sunshine for this year's Norrtälje Custom Bike Show, a relief for all concerned after the previous year's torrential rain. The annual show, now in its 19th year since its relaunch, was once again affiliated to AMD's World Championship of Custom Bike Building, with the winner of the Jury's Choice receiving entry to the Championship in Sturgis this August.

This year's event featured an increase in the space available for the show. The bikes were still on display in the Societets Park, only this year they had to be ridden over a temporary bridge from the other side of the harbor. This feature was introduced for entrants to prove their bikes were runners. The other side of the harbor was taken up with trade booths and bike parking.

With eight classes available, as well as the Jury's Choice, the range of bikes entered was varied, reflecting the



Peteri Rusonen's Boomerang took best Classic custom and second in the Jury's Choice, winning 1,500 Euros and a place at the 2007 European Championship



Isto winning first prize and a place at the World Championship of Custom Bike Building in Sturgis later this year

natural innovation of Scandinavian bike builders. Bikes on show included a special running of a Weslake speedway bike engine, monkey bikes, metrics, Nortons, Triumphs and Ducatis.

The collection in the main show area provided plenty for the 10,000 visitors to admire, and the interest extended to the trade stand displays, where hill climb specials and Top Fuel drag bikes were on show.

However, from the moment it arrived, one bike was the stand-out entry of the day. There was no doubting that the stunningly radical Indian chopper built by Isto Kotavuopio, of Finland's Chemical Chopper, would be claiming at least one prize at the end of the day. Drawing inspiration from the horse drawn hearses of his Finnish homeland,

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Igor Brook's extreme Suzuki shows how the metric custom scene is developing



This radical BMW shows the innovative design typical of Scandinavian builders



A Weslake engined special was one of the more exotic entries



All the bikes entered in the show had to be ridden over the temporary bridge to prove they were runners



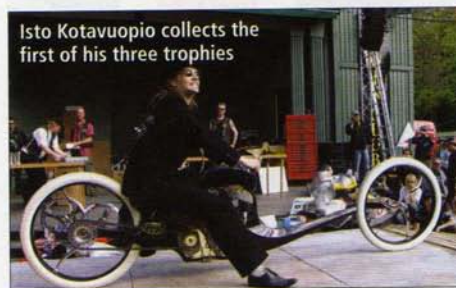
Kent took third in the Jury's Choice, also winning expenses and a place in the competition at Mainz



The winner of the trike class was the hi-tech H-D of Peo Josefsson



H-D Chopper class was won by Kent with his bike Phantom of the Ace



Isto Kotavuopio collects the first of his three trophies



Peteri receives his second place Jury Choice certificate

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Isto had built a radical and minimalist bike with stunning attention to detail. The completely rigid machine, running on narrow, hand-built wheels with 28 x 2-1/4in tires, bucks the trend for ever fatter rear ends and complex engineering. An ideology obviously shared by the judges and public alike, as the bike took the prizes for Best Chopper, People's Choice and Jury's Choice. The prize for the latter was entry to AMD's World Championship of Custom Bike Building and 5,000 Euros expenses to cover shipping for the bike and travel costs for Isto, which was donated by Twin Club.

In the Jury's Choice, second and third place winners Peteri Rusonen with **Boomerang** and Kent with **Phantom of the Ace** both won entry to next year's European Championship of Custom Bike Building and 1,500 Euros worth of expenses.

During the prize-giving one of the biggest cheers of the day was for Mikko of Flying Choppers, who collected Best Paint for his very distinctive distressed Knucklehead.

Given the number of different marques on display and the diversity of design, the future looks bright for the Scandinavian custom scene. And Twin Club's continued affiliation with the World Championship program means many others will see the top three Scandinavian prize winners at Sturgis and Mainz over the coming months.

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This monkey bike matched the trike is was transported on

Custom Bike Show Results

	BUILDER	H-D CHOPPER	BRAND
1	Kent	Arapaho MC	H-D
2	Ulf Stjernholm	USPC	H-D
3	Greven	Hogtech	H-D
CHOPPER			
1	Isto	Black Heads	Indian
2	Minna	OHNO MC	Norton
3	Tero Muilo		Triumph
CUSTOM			
1	Mika Kyöstiö		H-D
2	Putte Lindberg	Arapaho MC	H-D
3	Pär-Åke Nyström	Plebs	H-D
CLASSIC CUSTOM			
1	Peteri Rusonen		H-D
2	Benny Åkerlind	Strul	Indian
3	Krantz	Sinners	H-D
TRIKE			
	Peo Josefsson		H-D
CLASSIC			
1	Mikko (Andy)	Flying Choppers	H-D
2	Görgen Sundberg	SIS	Indian
3	Olov Holm	Åmåls MC	H-D
BEST PAINT			
	Mikko (Andy)	Flying Choppers	H-D
PEOPLE'S CHOICE			
	Isto	Black Heads	Indian
JURY'S CHOICE			
1	Isto	Black Heads	Indian
2	Peteri Rusonen		H-D
3	Kent	Arapaho MC	H-D



After taking Best Classic and Best Paint, Mikko of Flying Choppers had plenty to celebrate