

Classic Motorcycle Show, Sale, & Swap

For the past 20 years, the Classic Motorcycle Show, Sale, & Swap has taken place on the first Sunday of the New Year. Barney Watson and Roger Meinershagen have been the driving force behind this event since the beginning.

On January 4th, the Steel Horse Saloon, located at 1818 W. Bell Rd, Phoenix, was once again host to this gathering of hobbyists with a passion for classic British & European motorcycles. There is no charge to come in & look around, to show or sell your bike, or to set up in the swap meet. But there are guidelines.

The event is directed toward those bikes which are 35 years or older, as this is the Antique Motorcycle Club of America (AMCA) guideline. Originally, the show was strictly for the British & European machines only. But they have recently established an 'All Others' area to accommodate anyone else who wants to participate. The vendor booths are ONLY for motorcycle-specific goods... no leather, sunglasses, apparel, earrings, edibles, etc.

According to Barney, this year's event, "... had 22 Brit/Euro Vendors and 'All Others' about 25. The fellow in the green/brown jacket [bottom row, center

photo] is Randy Baxter; a friend who comes here every year from Iowa. He is one of the largest sellers of British iron in the US."

Unlike other shows, this one has no judges or trophies. The bikes are on display to share a bit of history and to inspire people to restore & maintain these early machines so that they are around for future generations to appreciate.

Thank you Barney for sharing details and photos of the day with our readers.

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