

Chopperfest 2007

It was another nice December day for the 3rd David Mann Chopperfest
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Chopperfest is a tribute to artist David Mann whose art was seen in the pages of Easy rider magazine for years. Sponsored by Dave Hanson owner of The Shop in Ventura CA. The festivities included the bike show, art display, swap meet, motorcycle precision riding show & live bands.

I had talked John Von Karvaly in joining me. I left my warm bed about 3:30 am to pick up John & his 35 VL. I had my grandfathers (JD John Cameron) 1925 JDH cut down & George Hoods 1921 J Chopper Geezer on the trailer for our display. 4:am I rolled up to John's to find him waiting to load. 6:Am the vendor gate opened & we wanted to be there, I was going to use the 450+ HP to get there fast but a cooler head prevailed & I kept it under 75. Remember we are pulling a trailer. We made it to Ventura after 150 miles of uneventfully free flying I went to take off & the trailer dropped. The safety chains did their job @ the 2 mph speed, We found the ball insert came out of the receiver & the locking hitch pin was gone, how long had it been gone? No Harm no fowl but what a disaster if it came out on the free-way. The aluminum ramp pin subtitled to get us to the meet.

We had a good spot for the chapter display. Larry Doane & Peggy Tooley joined us later in the morning. We talked with people about the bikes & the AMCA, sold T-Shirts, visited with friends & had a good time. Other chapter members were Chris Haynes & his friend from Texas, Randy Turek, his buddy Greg, Richard Nelson & an old friend of the chapter Lilly from Ojai.

Geezer attracted a crowd as usual. The 6"up, 10" stretch crowd scratched their head as they looked @ the granddaddy to their billet barges. The show had a good mix of old & new. The swap was ok except for one jerk selling repo crap as NOS Original parts & had the reop stuff mixed in with real NOS parts, beware of this guy as he is on E bay selling as 1thumper63.

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