

Bar is flanked by the head motorcycle judge (left) and one of his assistants as they pin the red ribbon on Gunga Din and let us know to get ready to fire up the bike for the Best in Show presentation at the reviewing stand for the audience that had gathered to view the winning vehicles on this gorgeous sunny day.



There was a good turn out of British bikes in the Concours, including 5 Triumph Bonneville TT Specials from the collection of H.C. Harris.



Bar relates Gunga Din's amazing story for the audience as Gunga receives the illustrious Best Motorcycle in Show award at the Reviewing Stand. The sheer impact of Gunga Din's 2 inch open exhaust pipes electrified the crowds who had their fingers in their ears during the ride by. No doubt we riders will always be rebels!



There was a superb display of very early American twin board trackers from restored to original survivors, highlighted by Canadian restorers Adam & Louis Bari's exceptional Flying Merkel, which garnered one of the Special Awards.



Gunga.Din Wins Meadowbrook

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Held on the grounds of the impressive Meadowbrook Hall at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, the Meadowbrook Concours D'elegance is part of a prestigious trilogy, along with the famous Pebble Beach Concours in California and Amelia Island off the coast of Florida. Gunga Din, the rare 1947 restored Vincent Factory Racebike, was taken by former owner, Paul Pflugfelder and its restorer, AR Precision, to Pebble Beach in 2009 where it earned judging marks of 99.5, and placed second to the Barber Museum's rare AJS Porcupine. As its new owners, we were invited in 2010 to take Gunga Din to compete at Meadowbrook where it took the top marks and the highly coveted 'Best Motorcycle in Show' award. Gunga Din has since been invited to compete at Amelia Island in 2012.



This highly recognized Canadian-built 500cc Honda powered motorcycle streamliner took a special award for Most Significant Motorcycle. The streamliner holds the 650cc record at Bonneville and to the left can be seen, in team shirts; builder Bob Williams (in wheelchair), and 2010 pilot Dave Lloyd. (Yes, this is the streamliner that Bar piloted in 2009 at Bonneville in his land speed record attempt.)

Bar proudly stands behind Gunga Din with its red ribbon designating Best Motorcycle in Show following the Reviewing Stand ride-by. As evidenced by his grin Bar is delighted to hold the impressive trophy as Gunga Din, after being lost for 45 years, and now reborn, once again resumes its winning ways.

