

**SAMMY MILLER MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM
ITALIAN THEMED BIKERS DAY
SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 2009**

Over a thousand people turned out for the most successful Bikers Day here at the Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum on Sunday 14th June.

This year the bikers day had an Italian theme to it, and there was a phenomenal turn out of bikes and the large crowd engaged in the close ups of many of the famous bikes. The selection included

Ducati * Moto Guzzi * Laverda * Aprilia * Cagiva * Moto Morini * Benelli

All the bikes were run in the Museums new Grand Prix circuit and they made great noises and smells.

Guest of Honour was Colin Seeley famous for his frame building and side car racing outfits who rode around the circuit on Mike Brade's Dieter Busch BMW sidecar outfit with Peter Crew as passenger, which they are taking to Goodwood Festival of Speed in July.

We had two demonstrations one in the morning and one in the afternoon. These were both a tremendous success with the spectators. Sammy enjoyed giving the enthusiastic crowds his usual demonstration of the Museums bikes which included the Mondial which will be taken to Spa, Belgium next week for one of the biggest Classic events in Europe. The REG was taken around the circuit again much to the delight of the crowd.

The Ducati UK Event Truck is a fleet of 14 demonstrator and display bikes and they too spent the day at the Museum showcasing the latest 2009 range. Members of the public could test ride the bikes and there was local dealership staff on hand to give expert advice. Solent Advanced Motorcyclists also attended with there display signing up numerous riders.

Something else which had a fantastic reception was 'The Sammy Miller Museum Collection' new book launch. Sammy signed lots of books along with Alan Wilson from Redline Publishing and Roy Poynting who is the author.

Prizes were then given to the best in shows which included:

Best 1950s Italian Bike – Moto Guzzi – Gordon De Lamare
Best 1960s Italian Bike – Ducati 175cc – Mike Bell
Best 1970s Italian Bike – Ducati 250cc – Matt Winter
Best 1980s Italian Bike – Ducati 900ss – Bob Hartmann
Best Italian Race Bike – Ducati 24 Horas – Lance Johnson
Best Modern Italian Bike – Moto Guzzi Magni – John Davies

We also had a raffle at the end of the day where the lucky winner won a Davida Helmet donated kindly by Smart Riders; there were many other prizes too.

This years Bikers Day was a tremendous success helped along by the gorgeous weather and of course by all the Museums supporters which included Gary Jenkins, Laura and Bob Hartmann, Peter and Sue Crew, Mike Brade, Gordon Delamare to name but a few.

We are already looking forward to next year's event.

Photographs enclosed:

Sammy and Colin on the sidecar outfit
Sammy with Roy Poynting and Alan Wilson
Sammy and Bob Hartmann