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## **Biker Fest International Celebrates 40 Years of the Custom Bike Show with Carl Fogarty: the Most Spectacular Customs Crowned**

*An old-school BSA chopper celebrating friendship and life on the road takes the IMC Best in Show title, while Varese-based workshop Mannaia triumphs in the AMD Championship and receives the prestigious "Foggy's Best" award presented by four-time World Superbike Champion Carl Fogarty. The 40th anniversary of Europe's longest-running Custom Bike Show attracted an outstanding number of high-quality builders, many traveling from Central and Eastern Europe. The coveted Golden Rod Awards were also presented*

**Biker Fest International** is built on long-standing traditions, and its **40th Anniversary** edition was no exception, with Sunday's highlight once again being the prestigious **Custom Bike Show** awards ceremony. As Europe's longest-running custom motorcycle contest and the only Italian round of the **AMD World Championship of Custom Bike Building**, the event once again transformed the Main Stage in Viale Europa into a showcase of creativity and craftsmanship, bringing together builders, workshops, and customizers from across Italy and abroad.

This year's edition stood out for the remarkable presence of builders from Central and Eastern Europe - including Austria, Germany, Poland, the Czech Republic, Switzerland, and even Belarus - further cementing Biker Fest's status as one of the continent's leading custom motorcycle events. The **Best in Show** award of the **Italian Motorcycle Championship (IMC)** went to *Paruk*, a BSA 650 chopper built by Friulian customizer **Renato Peres** as a deeply personal tribute to a late friend. A true old-school custom, *Paruk* impressed the judges with its authenticity, character, and outstanding craftsmanship, confirming the ever-rising standards of the Italian custom scene.

The international **AMD World Championship** selection showcased three radically different interpretations of contemporary custom culture. The visionary *Lulù*, powered by an S&S V-twin and built by the Varese-based workshop **Mannaia**, once again demonstrated the talent of one of Italy's most exciting young builders. It also captivated **Carl Fogarty**, special guest of BFI 2026 and four-time World Superbike Champion, who personally selected it as the recipient of his exclusive "**Foggy's Best**" award. Also featured in the AMD selection was *La Primera*, the Harley-Davidson Road Glide built by **Bad Boys Garage**, bringing the unmistakable spirit of Chicano style to the stage through a modern bagger interpretation. Equally impressive was the award-winning Harley-Davidson Model B *Nike*, created by the duo **Gallery Motorcycles/Damiano Roncaglioni**, which amazed the judges with its sophisticated postmodern reinterpretation of 1920s Harley-Davidson racing machines.

The individual class winners offered an extraordinarily diverse snapshot of today's European custom scene. In the **Clubstyle** category, victory went to the Harley-Davidson Low Rider ST built by Austria's **2 Wheels Terror Crew**. **Samuele Gorni** claimed the **Freestyle** title with his Yamaha XT600 *Annina*, while **Custom Thom** took top honors in **Modified H-D** with one of his signature creations, a muscular Harley-Davidson Night Rod.

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Further victories went to **RCK Roll-Chop** and its Harley-Davidson Shovelhead in **Old Style**, **BSS Custom & Repair** with its IZH Planeta in the **Metric** category, and **Low Special Parts** from Naples, whose Buell S1 claimed the **Streetfighter** crown. In the **Scrambler** and **Cafe Racer** categories, two Harley-Davidsons came out on top: the Knucklehead 29 by Czech builder **Zbinek Threcek** and the XL1000 Ironhead by Austrian customizer **Wolfgang Mayer**. The extensive prize pool was provided by sponsors including Zodiac International, Avon Tyres, Blauer, BS Macchine, Dynojet, Faster96, FG Racing, Gubellini, H-D Bergamo, Motodesign Custom, Rizoma, Salon du 2 Roues de Lyon, San Marco Petroli, Shoei, and Simpson Motorcycle Helmets.

Alongside the Custom Bike Show, the second edition of the **Performance Bagger Show** brought together some of the finest sporting interpretations of modern touring baggers, reflecting one of today's fastest-growing trends thanks to dedicated racing series such as the **Harley-Davidson Bagger World Cup**—held alongside MotoGP weekends—and the **Bagger Racing League Europe**, now in its second season and official partner of the competition. The overall winner was the Harley-Davidson Road Glide prepared by **4Touring** and **Ironborne** for **A. Pagnanini** of Novara.

Finally, the prestigious **Golden Rod Awards** were presented by leading personalities, magazines, influencers, and representatives of major custom events who traveled to Lignano from the United States, Germany, the Netherlands, and Sweden to honor some of the show's most remarkable motorcycles. Among them, media partner **Bikers Life** recognized Belarusian builders **Savitski Custom Workshop** and **Garage 242**, who had traveled all the way from Minsk with their custom Harley-Davidsons. Additional awards were presented by **Sturgis Buffalo Chip (USA)**, **Madness Photography (Netherlands)**, **Norrtälje Twin Club MC (Sweden)**, the magazines **Big Twin (Netherlands)**, **Custombike (Germany)**, **Dream Machine (Germany)** and **Kustom World (Italy)**, as well as influencers **Ila Neutro** and **Noisy Style**.

## Biker Fest International 2026 Custom Bike Show Results

### AMD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

**BSA “Lulù” – Mannaia Motorcycles (Varese, Italy)**

Wins: €1,000 Zodiac Prize and €200 San Marco Petroli Fuel Voucher

**Harley-Davidson Road Glide “La Primera” – Bad Boys Garage (Monza-Brianza, Italy)**

Wins: €1,000 FG Racing Prize and €200 San Marco Petroli Fuel Voucher

**Harley-Davidson Model B “Nike” – Gallery Motorcycles / Damiano Roncaglioni (Brescia, Italy)**

Wins: €1,000 Rizoma Prize and €200 San Marco Petroli Fuel Voucher

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## **BEST IN SHOW (IMC)**

**BSA 650 "Paruk" – Renato Peres (Udine, Italy)**

Wins: €1,000 Avon Prize and €200 San Marco Petroli Fuel Voucher

## **ITALIAN MOTORCYCLE CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **CAFE RACER**

**1st** – Harley-Davidson XL1000 Ironhead – Wolfgang Mayer (Austria)

Wins: *Shoei Helmet*

**2nd** – Royal Enfield "Follia" – VM Cycles (Udine, Italy)

Wins: *Blauer Gloves*

**3rd** – Harley-Davidson "Cafe Racer" – Zoynek Threcek (Czech Republic)

Wins: *€100 San Marco Petroli Fuel Voucher*

### **CLUBSTYLE**

**1st** – Harley-Davidson Low Rider ST – 2 Wheels Terror Crew (Austria)

Wins: *Dynojet ECU*

**2nd** – Harley-Davidson Low Rider ST – Full Gas (Verona, Italy)

Wins: *Blauer Gloves*

**3rd** – Harley-Davidson "Carbon Dyna" – 2 Wheels Terror Crew (Austria)

Wins: *€100 San Marco Petroli Fuel Voucher*

### **FREESTYLE**

**1st** – Yamaha XT600 "Annina" – Samuele Gorni (Mantua, Italy)

Wins: *€500 Zodiac Voucher*

**2nd** – GS 500 "Wilma" – Krystek Elejeson Cycle (Poland)

Wins: *Blauer Jacket*

**3rd** – Harley-Davidson Penz Chopper (Austria)

Wins: *€100 San Marco Petroli Fuel Voucher*

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### METRIC

**1st** – IZH Planeta – BSS Custom & Repair (Pordenone, Italy)  
*Wins: Dynojet ECU*

**2nd** – Yamaha Drag Star – Biscotto's Garage (Switzerland)  
*Wins: €100 Motodesign Custom Voucher*

**3rd** – Ducati Monster – Stray's Garage (Modena, Italy)  
*Wins: €100 San Marco Petroli Fuel Voucher*

### MODIFIED H-D

**1st** – Harley-Davidson Night Rod – Custom Thom (Mantua, Italy)  
*Wins: Dynojet ECU*

**2nd** – Harley-Davidson Pan '52 – Red's Garage (Vicenza, Italy)  
*Wins: €100 Motodesign Custom Voucher*

**3rd** – Harley-Davidson Sportster 883 – Chemical Team / Gabriele Basso (Udine, Italy)  
*Wins: €100 San Marco Petroli Fuel Voucher*

### OLD STYLE

**1st** – Harley-Davidson Shovelhead – RCK Roll-Chop (Varese, Italy)  
*Wins: Dynojet ECU*

**2nd** – Harley-Davidson Sportster – Nikobikes (Bergamo, Italy)  
*Wins: Harley-Davidson Jacket courtesy of H-D Bergamo*

**3rd** – Harley-Davidson Shovelhead – Cool Man Customs (Switzerland)  
*Wins: €100 San Marco Petroli Fuel Voucher*

### SCRAMBLER

**1st** – Harley-Davidson Knucklehead "29" – Zbinek Threcek (Czech Republic)  
*Wins: Blauer Jacket*

**2nd** – Harley-Davidson Sportster – Massimo Perugini (Pisa, Italy)  
*Wins: €100 BS Macchine Voucher*

**3rd** – Honda XR600 R – Mike Manetta (Bari, Italy)  
*Wins: €100 San Marco Petroli Fuel Voucher*

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### STREETFIGHTER

**1st** – Buell S1 – Low Special Parts (Naples, Italy)  
*Wins: Exhibition Stand at Salon du 2 Roues Lyon 2027*

**2nd** – Harley-Davidson Pan America – Befuel (Milan, Italy)  
*Wins: €100 BS Macchine Voucher*

**3rd** – Yamaha Fazer – Francesco Melcarne (Padua, Italy)  
*Wins: €100 San Marco Petroli Fuel Voucher*

### FOGGY'S BEST by Carl Fogarty

Lulù – Mannaia Motorcycles (Varese, Italy)

### PERFORMANCE BAGGER SHOW

**1st** – Harley-Davidson Road Glide – 4Touring / Ironborne (A. Pagnanini – Novara, Italy)  
*Wins: €800 FG Gubellini Prize*

**2nd** – Harley-Davidson Road Glide – 4Touring / Ironborne (C. Danza – Cremona, Italy)  
*Wins: Dynojet ECU*

**3rd** – Harley-Davidson Road Glide – 4Touring (R. Esposito – Rome, Italy)  
*Wins: Simpson Helmet*

### GOLDEN ROD AWARDS

- Big Twin (Netherlands):** H-D Shovelhead – RCK Roll-Chop (Varese, Italy)  
**Custombike (Germany):** IZH Planeta – BSS Custom & Repair (Pordenone, Italy)  
**Dream Machine (Germany):** H-D Sportster – Nikobikes (Bergamo, Italy)  
**Norrtälje Twin Club MC (Sweden):** H-D Cafe Racer – Zoynek Threcek (Czech Republic)  
**Sturgis Buffalo Chip (USA):** Yamaha XT600 "Annina" – Samuele Gorni (Mantua, Italy)  
**Madness Photography (Netherlands):** BSA 650 "Paruk" – Renato Peres (Udine, Italy)  
**Kustom World (Italy):** 1977 H-D Electra Glide Shovel Chopper – Bside Motorcycle (Prato, Italy)  
**Bikers Life (Italy):** 2010 H-D Softail – Savitski Custom Workshop (Belarus)  
**Bikers Life (Italy):** H-D "Machete" – Garage 242 (Belarus)  
**Ila Neutro (Italy):** H-D Model B "Nike" – Gallery Motorcycles/Damiano Roncaglioni (Brescia, Italy)  
**Noisy Style (Italy):** Lulù – Mannaia Motorcycles (Varese, Italy)

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