

Yooper Motorcycle Show Will Feature Custom Bikes at St. Ignace

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Saturday, a \$2 daily admission charge allows patrons into the

motorcycle show, swap meet, and to view Mud Run trucks on display. Sunday, for \$5, admission includes admission to the mud run

and motorcycle show events.

Organizers are expecting motorcycles of all kinds to be on display inside and outside Little Bear East Arena. Motorcycles registered for the event will be judged in six categories, including best American, best foreign, custom, chopped, antique, and rat. Awards will be given to the top three motorcycles in each category, and a trophy will be awarded for best overall.

The show will feature two prominent members of the biker community. Motorcycle builder Ron Finch of Finch's Custom Styled Cycles of Pontiac will discuss the art of motorcycle construction. The winner of the Discovery Channel's Biker Build Off, Mr. Finch will display some of his favorite motorcycles.

The Yooper Motorcycle Show will also feature photographer and author Tom Zimmeroff of San Francisco, California, who will sign copies of his books, "Art of the Chopper" and "Art of the Chopper II." Mr. Zimmeroff's photographs have appeared on the covers of *Time*, *Fortune*, *Money*, and *People* magazines. Currently, he is working on an exhibit for the William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum.

Sunday evening, a two-hour boat cruise will take participants to view a fireworks display over the Straits of Mackinac. Tickets are \$15 and will be on sale at the Arnold Line Dock and are on sale now at the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau office. The cruise leaves at 8:45 sharp.

Events planned in conjunction with the motorcycle show include pub crawls Friday and Saturday nights, a beer tent, and a pig roast.

Also on Saturday, the Mackinac County Sportsmen's Off Road Vehicle Association (MCSORVA) will sponsor a Fun Run around the St. Ignace area and includes routes west to the

Curtis area. Participants will collect playing cards from various businesses, and the best poker hand will win a grand prize of \$250. At least 30 door prizes will be given away.

ATV registration starts at 8 a.m. and will continue until 10:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$10, and proceeds will benefit MCSORVA. Participants can walk, ride, or drive to the designated businesses along the route. Cards will be dealt between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., at Little Bear East.

Call Steve DuFresne at 643-0366 for information about the contest.

In addition to the motorcycle show, Sunday, May 25, will be a day of revving engines and flying mud for the Truck Mud Run at Little Bear East.

Hosted by the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce, mud run registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. There will be several classes of trucks, with a free children's ATV fun run at 11 a.m. An admission price of \$5 will be charged at the gate, and children 12 and younger will be admitted free.

A concession stand, beer tent, and pig roast will be offered Saturday and Sunday.

Other dates for mud runs in St. Ignace this summer are July 5 and September 6. More information about the mud runs is available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 643-8717.

At a recent Traverse City prize drawing promoting the inaugural Yooper Motorcycle Show, former St. Ignace residents Becky and Gerry Tucker won a St. Ignace vacation that includes two nights' lodging, restaurant certificates, ferry tickets to Mackinac Island, and casino tokens.

Those interested in exhibiting motorcycles can register with the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau by calling 643-6950 or (866) 327-0548.

Memorial Day Services Planned in EUP, Straits Area Communities

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a.m. A remembrance wreath, flags, and memorial flowers will be placed at the Veterans Memorial in the center of the cemetery, while VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members will speak.

Cedarville High School Band will perform during the service, and will play military service songs, patriotic music, and "Taps." Representatives of each military service branch are expected to attend, as are veterans of military conflicts since World War II and their families. Cedar Cove Assisted Living Community residents, some of whom are veterans, will attend the services.

Mackinac Island

Interpreter soldiers from Fort Mackinac and members of Mackinac Island's American Legion Post 299 plan observances Monday, May 26.

Fort historical interpreters, dressed in the uniforms of the U.S. Army 23rd Regiment of Infantry that served Fort Mackinac in the 1880s, will march from the north sally port entrance of the fort along Garrison Road to the Post Cemetery, where they will perform a short ceremony and salute. The march begins at 8:30 a.m. and the public is welcome to follow.

At 11:30 a.m., members of American Legion Post 299 of Mackinac Island will conduct a service at the Veterans Memorial in the city park on Market Street. The public is welcome to attend.

Mackinaw City

The Mackinaw City Memorial Day Parade will be Saturday, May 24, at 1 p.m., beginning at Conkling Heritage Park and ending at Colonial Fort Michilimackinac.

Monday, May 26, a 10 a.m. Memorial Day service will take place at the marina park on South Huron Avenue.

Pickford

There will be two Memorial Day services in Pickford.

A remembrance ceremony will take place Sunday, May 25, at Pickford Presbyterian Church's flagpole, immediately following church services. Church services will begin at 10 a.m. and the memorial service is expected to begin around 11 a.m. Names of fallen veterans who were members of the church will be read, and a bell will ring for each departed veteran.

Traditional Memorial Day services will be at the memorial in Glen Gough Memorial Park in Pickford Monday, May 26, at 10 a.m. The American Legion Post 323 of Pickford and Law-White Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary of Hessel will lead services. Pickford Public Schools Band will play patriotic music and "Taps." The public is welcome to attend.

Curtis

Portage Township Memorial Day services will begin at 9:15 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Curtis, Monday, May 26. The Veterans of Foreign Wars from Germfask will lead services. The public is invited to attend. VFW members will then go to Germfask to conduct 10 a.m. services at the community's cemetery, and Grand Marais, where they will lead an 11:30 a.m. service at the cemetery.

Engadine

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8372 and American Legion Post 290 will lead services Monday, May 26, at 1:30 p.m. at the Mill Pond Park in Engadine. The public is invited to attend.

Dumas of St. Ignace Will Display 'Scully' at Yooper Motorcycle Show



Matt Dumas poses with his favorite rebuilt motorcycle, "Scully," Thursday, May 15, at his home in St. Ignace. The low, powerful Harley Davidson will be shown at the inaugural Yooper Motorcycle Show in St. Ignace this weekend. It will be the first time Mr. Dumas has entered his work in a show.

By Paul Gingras

"The vibration. The sound. The torque. It's a different kind of power," said Matt Dumas of St. Ignace, comparing his Harley Davidson FX Wide Glide to the quieter Asian motorcycles.

Mr. Dumas recently rebuilt the shiny, green, black-and-chrome motorcycle, adorned it with skull paintings, a flaming skull ornament, and he's not finished yet. He plans to add another \$1,000 worth of improvements in time for the inaugural Yooper Motorcycle Show this weekend in St. Ignace, the first official display of his mechanical skills.

The local show is the perfect opportunity, he said.

"I am proud of what I've done," he said, looking over the customized bike. The low, stylish motorcycle he calls "Scully" is built for short trips, rather than long tours.

When he assembled the Harley about 10 years ago, the bike stood higher, had a kick-start, and had an unreliable engine.

"I literally pushed it for miles," he said. "There is a lot of blood, sweat, and tears here."

It proved a fun challenge, however. "I like to work with my hands," he said. "That is why I am a carpenter, and I have been interested in motors since I was a kid."

Mr. Dumas is a fan of a featured show presenter, Ron Finch, of Finch's Custom Styled Cycles of Pontiac, who was the winner of the Discovery Channel's Biker Build Off. Three years ago, he purchased an expensive rebuild kit and transformed the bike into a showpiece. He likes the feel of the bike and the noise it creates.

"When you hear the two cylinders, it's like thunder," he said.

"You can really feel the motor when you take off."

Scully will be in good company at the motorcycle show, which Mr. Dumas described as "all positive" for St. Ignace.

"Hopefully, we can keep it going. I think it will draw a huge amount of people, and it will also show the community that bikers are a positive group," he said.

The tattoos and other regalia common to bikers are not necessarily negative expressions, he said. Contrary to popular opinion, bikers are good people.

The Yooper bike show will help get the St. Ignace tourist season started a little earlier, Mr. Dumas said.

The motorcycle show "is a good use of the facility that has been afforded us," he said of Little Bear East Arena.

Mr. Dumas has worked on a variety of motorcycles, from touring bikes to trail riders. He had a dirt bike when he was young, and always made his own repairs, so it was natural to progress into his current hobby, he said.

Mr. Dumas has never been a long-distance biker. His most lengthy trips include cruises to music festivals in Grand Marais and the Northern Knights biker club in Wolverine.

Rebuilding motorcycles involves a lot of money and time, Mr. Dumas said, but the work is rewarding and the feeling of freedom that comes with motorcycling is a worthy payoff.

The inaugural Yooper Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 24, and Sunday, May 25 at Little Bear East. A \$2 daily admission charge allows patrons into the show and to view Mud Run trucks on display.

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Hosts Sought for Exchange Students

Pam and Tim Swope, area managers for Foreign Links Around the Globe, are seeking host families for exchange students in Cedarville or Brimley. Mrs. Swope is formerly of Cedarville. They are

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