

## **EASY RIDER 50<sup>th</sup> DETAILS**

### **Melancon's Triumph Award:**

Trophies Designed and Built by: Johnny Doucet, Bad Az Bikez

#### **Awards:**

(1<sup>st</sup>) Melancon's Triumph Award: Description: Candy Red Trike

Owner: Trish Monier (purchased by husband, Greg)

Designed by: Johnny Doucet, Bad Az Bikez

**Also:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards issued.

**Trish's trike:** is a custom designed chopper trike with a fully independent billet aluminum rear end with a single inboard disc brake rotor to keep the rear wheels clean looking and matching billet aluminum wheels which you rarely see all match! Chain driven for the massive twin 300 series motorcycle tires not to break a belt (most trikes run car tires on the rear)! S&S engine with a Baker 5 speed transmission and a Primo-Rivera primary & clutch! Red candy paintjob and graphics using House Of Colors product! Lots of one off parts & chroming by Browns Plating Custom seat covered with caramel color ostrich material!

#### **Contest Judges:**

Jim Leonard (Easy Rider Collector) Liberty Hill, Texas

Danny Tastet, Harley Davidson of Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### **Born to Be Wild King and Queen:**

King: Rene' Thibodeaux, II

Queen: Michelle Bennett

#### **Voting:**

Contestants entered weeks in advance, filling out a form.

Names pulled out of a hat, at the Pointe Coupee Parish Office of Tourism days before the event.

The King and Queen were crowned during the event.

### **Jim Leonard Easy Rider Collection:**

Captain America, Billy Bike, Silicone Figures (Fonda and Hopper), autographed memorabilia, framed posters, photographs.

Note: Mr. Leonard built both bikes and the character figures.

(1). Captain America: This was the Hero Bike that Peter Fonda road in the film.

Built from most of the parts and the remainder replicated.

(2). Billy Bike: Three of the remaining parts are on this bike with the remainder (majority) replicated.

(3). Fonda and Hopper figures: First: sculpted. Then: molded. Finally: Finished in silicone.

\* Mr. Leonard built the figures. Then friends, painted and made the wigs.

**Easy Rider, Melancon's Scene:**

In Attendance: Arnold Hess, Jr. (Deputy)

Elida Hebert Aronstein #(2); Cynthia Grezaffi Dupree #(5),

Rose LeBlanc O'Rear #(3) and Susie Ramagos Vosburg #(1)

**Cast Still Surviving:**

Arnold Hess Jr., Deputy

Girl #1: Suzie Ramagos Vosburg

Girl #2: Elida Hebert Aronstein

Girl #3: Rose LeBlanc O'Rear

Girl #4: Mary Kay Hebert Bergeron

Girl #5: Cynthia Grezaffi Dupree

Girl #6: Colette Purpera Prestigiacomo

**Special Celebrity Guests:**

Jim Leonard (E.R. Collector)

Ronnie Eades (musician)

Jacye Guerin (Singer)

**Outstanding Leaders:**

Mayor Wells: Schoolhouse restoration & cleanup; and hosting guests

Jeanie Andre, Executive Director of Pointe Coupee Parish Office of Tourism:

Louisiana Seafood; Special Celebrity Musicians; Flyer Design; Ad Design; and International Distribution of Fest. Ad. Also, ***Easy Rider*** and the village of Morganza placed on the ***Louisiana Film Trail***.

**Mayor's Lounge: VIP Guest:**

Political dignitaries; Melancon's scene casts; musicians; businessmen

**Bands:**

La Rouge

Kenny Cornett and C.J.

**Show and Shine, Cars and Motorcycles:**

Era of Cars: 1940s – 1960s

Era of Motorcycles: 1950s – Current

Including: 1950s Motorcycles: Green: 1953 & 3 Wheeler: 1954 (Simplex Manufacturer):

Both bikes were built by Simplex Mfg. Co! They were in business from 1935-1960! The green one is a 1953 and the three wheeler is a 1954! The company/inventor/designer was owned by Paul Treen ex-governor Dave Treen's father!

**Vendors:**

Biker Jewelry, essential oils, t-shirts, and food.