

The Moto Museum Grand Opening

By Dennis Martin

This grand opening was a VIP event like no other. We were very impressed with what Steve and his son Zach Smith had accomplished in the few weeks since our last visit. The museum was complete and filled with motorcycles from every country imaginable and organized to allow visitors to walk all around each exhibit.



Mayor Francis Slay and Pat Bush

At the beginning of the evening, Steve had a short speech for the crowd. He talked about his passion for not only new motorcycles but especially the rare and vintage models. Steve owns about 75 of the 100 motorcycles displayed. The others are on loan from Doc's Harley Davidson, Donelson Cycles, Dave Mungenast



Guests at the Grand Opening

as well as other friends. At the end of his speech a motorcade of cycles roared up the street. First was a custom creation by PC Custom Bikes, followed by Patty Bush with a special passenger, the Mayor of St. Louis, Francis Slay. Any other place would have ended the opening ceremony with a ribbon cutting. Now that just wouldn't do for a motorcycle museum. Instead they had a more appropriate chain cutting ceremony. Steve and Zach met each of the visitors at the front door as the crowd funneled in.

Once inside it was obvious that a lot of thought into every detail. Even the food was from around the world. Of course the beer was from Anheuser-Busch, after all we were in St. Louis.

The St. Louis International Motorcycle Festival

By Cam Blevins

Moto Museum Festival was enjoyed by a wide variety of people. Steve Smith did a great job of making this event biker friendly, family friendly and very welcoming to everyone who visited. Seeing all different types of motorcycles

Geoff/Aaron does the unbelievable



lining the streets was great but nothing could compare to all of the unique motorcycles now calling the museum home. Walking through the museum feels like walking through history in the making. I talked to a couple of people after the festival that aren't exactly "motorcycle enthusiast" and they were amazed with how you can follow the different eras of technology



the Smash Band entertaining the crowd

through the museum and how some countries seemed more advanced at different stages. If you didn't get a chance to visit the Moto Museum while the Festival was going on you're going to want to make this a must see this summer and make sure to take the time to read the story behind each motorcycle. For the moment, Mr. Steve Smith, plans on having the museum open every Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There is also a party room that can seat 500 people that can be reserved for your next party, benefit, charity ball or wedding reception. With the reservation of the party room your guest will also get to enjoy the museum.

While at the festival everyone who attended got to be awed by our very own local "Street Fighterz", the breath-stopping performance by Geoff Aaron of Extreme Riding Exhibition presented by ERE Entertainment and lots of other attractions. The vendors did a great job of giving you something different to see and think about also. The Smash Band; Rogers, Niehaus & Crawford; and Green Eggs & Ham all did a great job entertaining the crowd. From everyone I've talked to, I believe everyone walked away with at least one WOW moment, whether it was something they saw in the museum or one of the performances they watched.

For info on the museum, go to www.themotomuseum.com