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## MIDNIGHT GARAGE FESTIVAL 4th Edition - The Beautiful World Of MECHANICS

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**USPA NEWS** - A Motorcycle, often called a Bike, Motorbike, or Cycle, is a Two or Three-Wheeled Motor Vehicle. Motorcycle Design varies greatly to suit a Range of Different Purposes: Long Distance Travel, Commuting, Cruising, Sport including Racing, and Off-Road Riding. Motorcycling is riding a Motorcycle and Related Social Activity such as joining a Motorcycle Club and attending Motorcycle Rallies....

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The First Commercial Design for a Self-Propelled Cycle was a Three-Wheel Design called the Butler Petrol Cycle, conceived of Edward Butler in England in 1884. He exhibited his Plans for the Vehicle at the Stanley Cycle Show in London in 1884. The Vehicle was built by the Merryweather Fire Engine company in Greenwich, in 1888. In 1894, Hildebrand & Wolfmüller became the First Series Production Motorcycle, and the First to be called a Motorcycle. Excelsior Motor Company, originally a Bicycle Manufacturing Company based in Coventry, England, began Production of their First Motorcycle Model in 1896. The First Production Motorcycle in the US was the Orient-Aster, built by Charles Metz in 1898 at his Factory in Waltham, Massachusetts.

By 1920, Harley-Davidson was the Largest Manufacturer, with their Motorcycles being sold by Dealers in 67 countries. By the late 1920s or early 1930s, DKW in Germany took over as the Largest Manufacturer. In the 1950s, Streamlining began to play an increasing part in the Development of Racing Motorcycles and the "Dustbin Fairing" held out the Possibility of Radical Changes to Motorcycle Design. NSU and Moto Guzzi were in the Vanguard of this Development, both producing Very Radical Designs well ahead of their Time. NSU produced the most Advanced Design, but after the Deaths of Four NSU Riders in the 1954-1956 Seasons, they abandoned Further Development and quit Grand Prix Motorcycle Racing.... Various Features and Accessories may be attached to a Motorcycle either as OEM (Factory-Fitted) or Aftermarket. Such Accessories are selected by the Owner to enhance the Motorcycle's Appearance, Safety, Performance, or Comfort, and may include anything from Mobile Electronics to Sidecars and Trailers.

- Motorcycle Rider Postures

\*\*\* Sport - the Rider leans forward into the Wind and the Weight of the Upper Torso is supported by the Rider's Core at Low Speed and Air Pressure at High Speed. The Footpegs are below the Rider or to the Rear. The Reduced Frontal Area cuts Wind Resistance and allows Higher Speeds. At Low-Speed in this Position the Rider's Arms may bear some of the Weight of the Rider's Torso, which can be Problematic.

\*\*\* Standard - the Rider sits Upright or leans Forward Slightly. The Feet are below the Rider. These are Motorcycles that are not specialised to One Task, so they do not excel in any Particular Area. The Standard Posture is used with Touring and Commuting as well as Dirt and Dual-Sport Bikes, and may offer Advantages for Beginners.

\*\*\* Cruiser - the Rider sits at a Lower Seat Height with the Upper Torso Upright or Leaning Slightly Rearward. Legs are Extended Forwards, sometimes out of reach of the Regular Controls on Cruiser Pegs. The Low Seat Height can be a consideration for New or Short Riders. Handlebars tend to be High and Wide. The emphasis is on Comfort, while compromising Cornering Ability because of Low Ground Clearance and the Greater Likelihood of Scraping Foot Pegs, Floor Boards, or other parts if turns are taken at the Speeds other Motorcycles can more readily accomplish.

MIDNIGHT GARAGE FESTIVAL 4th Edition PROGRAM for a Unique Week-end in the World of Mechanics : Exhibition of Motorcycles, Art Show, Pop-Up Stores, Various Kids Entertainments, Retro Gaming, Food Stand, Bar / Brunch, Gentleman's Club, "House of Customs",... and Exclusivities.

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