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COLOGNE 2008 CUSTOM CHAMPIONSHIP INTERMOT





As a result of the tremendous popularity of custom bikes at Intermot in Cologne, the organisers of the show introduced the new Cologne Custom Championship for 2008. This incorporates categories for Chopper/Cruiser, Streetfighter, Sports Bike and Scooter and is laid out in a huge, dedicated area.

On display were wild (and wildly-painted) scooters, heavily tuned sport bikes, aggressive streetfighters and long, low choppers which bear absolutely no resemblance to any production bike whatsoever. Showgoers voted within the four categories, with the best five from each category receiving a trophy, and a panel of five experts voted independently to elect the 'Best of Show'. The winner, Christoph Madaus' utterly mental Twintrax, with its two large capacity V-twins and Top-Fuel-bike-on-the-road styling, has been qualified directly for the Customising World Championship 2009 in Sturgis, USA.



SHOW WINNERS

SPORTS BIKES:

- 1: Nick Gale of StoMoCo's Little Miss Dynamite S&S.
- 2: Larry Houghton of Lamb Engineering's Cafe Rouge.
- 3: Klaus Beutler of Beutler-Lackdesign's BMW R 1100 S.
- 4: Michael Ferger of Street Guerrillas' Yamaha R1.
- 5: Michael Niemann of EGLI Deutschland's EGLI Ducati.

STREETFIGHTERS:

- 1: Thomas Holzner's Konquistador.
- 2: Floris Velthuis' MZ 125/3 RT.
- 3: Markus Botte's Lucky Strike.
- 4: Thomas Holzner's Immortal.
- 5: Frank Butte's Buell X1 Lightning Metallic.