

School's Out Chopper Show Sturgis, 2021/The Buffalo Chip Mondo Porras of Denver's Choppers/Reno, NV August 8, 2021



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If you haven't had the opportunity to participate in or attend a bike show that Mondo Porras has put on then you are missing out. Mondo has been around for so many years building choppers from his shop, Denver's Choppers located in Reno, Nevada. The shop's name comes from his friend, mentor and partner,

Denver Mullins, until his passing in 1992 in a tragic boating accident. Mondo has carried on the legacy of Denver in his builds and the business. In the process he has established himself as the, well deserved, Godfather of Choppers. Mondo definitely knows how to put on a bike show that stands out from the rest. He is best known to us for his shows, in Reno Street Vibrations, Sturgis Rally, Hollister 4th of July Rally at Corbin Saddles in Hollister. His shows attract the most prestigious and talented builders and enthusiasts from around the country. We have had the opportunity to be present at his shows in all 3 locations and they never disappoint. This particular show "Schools Out Chopper Show" was held at the famous Buffalo Chip to kick off the beginning of the Sturgis Rally in a spectacular way with almost 70 entries and 17 big winners in 10 classes highlighted below.

We always love some of the side stories that come out of the biker family events because the majority of the biker community/industry is by far one of the most generous, patriotic and yes, loving communities in the country. This story is one of overwhelming camaraderie and support within our own niche of biker magazines. As some of you may or may not know Easyrider Magazine is BACK, how cool is that? The most iconic biker

magazine of our time is out there and ready to immerse itself, once again, in the industry under the leadership of Dave Nichols.

In a prior arrangement, Mondo had agreed with Dave Nichols to give "Cover Exclusive" for their upcoming, revived, Easyrider Magazine issue to the Best of Show and Best Chopper (the #88 Orange Chopper/Gerald Casey) from this show and the 1940 Knucklehead, Black and White Chopper. Amazingly, Dave Nichols decided to share the love with Chris Callen of Cycle Source Magazine and gave the exclusive cover of the Best In Show/Best Chopper, Gerald Casey's Orange Chopper to Cycle Source for their cover. It was a beautiful thing and we have mad respect for both men and magazine. Congrats guys for continuing to make the case for our mission of "Sharing the truth of the generous nature and the patriotic spirt of the American Biker"

Radical 1st #72, Rick Najera 2nd #90 Paul Andrecola

Chopper Pre Evo 1st #88 Gerald Casey 2nd #83 John Hiatt/Rhett Holley

Bobber Pre Evo 1st #87 Gerald Casey 2nd #95 Stacy McCleary

Old School Original chopper, bobber, pre Evo 1st #66 Josh Young 2nd #67 Bobby Brown

Metric 1st #59 Lilah Eberly 2nd #94 Jeremy Waddell

Modern Chopper Evo and Up 1st # 51 Brandon Keene 2nd #52 Xavier Muriel

Modern Bobber Evo and Up 1st #58 Fred Cuba 2nd #78 Robb Nicholas

Best Paint #51 Brandon Keene

Best of Show #88 Gerald Casey

Cycle Source Magazine Award #69 Vintage Dreams Dick Allen