

Barber's Vintage Festival

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The Barber Vintage Festival presented by Triumph Dealers of North America, is one if not the best motorcycle event in the USA.

I have been to Barber a number of times for day races. This time I decided to camp out for all the events.

Camping out showed me how large and diversified the event and track really is. There is all the vintage racing that you expect but many more things are going on.

Motor Cross bikes with snowmobiles are showing how they jump and do their stunts. Not only did they solo they did them together. Motorcycle verses snowmobile is really something to see.

The Ring of Death is a wooded wall forming a large round ring that motorcycles race around horizontally at speeds that keep them on the wall. The motorcycles that are racing on this wall at high speeds

are old Indians that are running like new. A site to see!

A giant ball style steel cage with motorcycles inside the wall also defies gravity. The cycles build up speed going around the bottom till they have so much speed they go completely upside down and round and round. Cool to see.

The swap meet was super as always. You could find complete cycles, parts and tools. To keep vintage bikes running you can find almost anything.

The sidecar racing is one of my favorite's races. The driver and passenger (monkey) work together as a team. The passenger really works hard from almost putting his face on the ground to climbing over the driver. Because I own a sidecar bike I really appreciate the skill it takes to compete in this race.

The roads in Barber were like time travel. There were thousands of vintage bikes. You see one that brings back memories of



FANS FOUND PARKING ON EVERY INCH OF THIS AWESOME VENUE



THATS HANGIN OUT!!!

younger years, then another and another. The Barber Museum has the best displays of motorcycles in perfect condition. Some cycles you may have never seen or

heard of before. Some going back 100 years. A must, must, must see!

I promise you, attending this event will definitely make you smile!



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