



## For Immediate Release

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## TWO-WHEEL PISTON POWERED VEHICLES FEATURED AT THE 2018 SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT I-X PISTON POWERED AUTO-RAMA

**Cleveland, Ohio (October 9, 2017)** The Summit Racing Equipment I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama and *Thunder Roads Ohio Magazine* (TRO) have teamed up to add some extra two-wheeled horsepower to the 2018 I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama being held in Cleveland, OH at the International Exposition (I-X) Center March 16-18, 2018. This event will serve as the culmination of the 2017 TRO Championship Bike Show Series and feature top bikes from throughout the region with 50 spots specially reserved for the top bikes from the Show Series. The alliance will utilize the on-going sanctioning agreement with the ISCA and judge all the motorcycles in 20 classes along with the Duck Award. Plaques will be awarded for the Outstanding Bike Engine and Outstanding Bike Paint.

*Thunder Roads Ohio Magazine* will host the Thunder Zone at the show and will collect ballots from show-goers for the "People's Choice" award. Cash prizes will be awarded on Sunday, March 18 for the Duck Award and the "Best Bike," which will receive a magnificent Championship Ring valued at \$3,500 and designed and sponsored by Vivid Jewelers in Bay Village, Ohio.

### Cash Prizes

The show will award a total of \$8,500 in cash prizes. Other cash awards include:

Best Bike	\$5,000
Outstanding Bike	\$1,000
Duck Award Winner	\$2,500

### Vehicle Registration

Vehicle Registration started July 10, 2017. Participants can pick-up the registration form at Summit Racing Equipment in Tallmadge or download the application online at [pistonpowershow.com](http://pistonpowershow.com). There is a \$50 fee for each registered vehicle and online registration is not available.

### The Duck Award:

Roy E. Schabel was not a celebrity, but a person who loved motorcycles and people. He had the ability to bring a spark of life to those around him, just as he did to a freshly built motor. Known only as "Duck", the Litchfield Township businessman never used his real name with any lending institution.

There were only a handful of people who knew him by his real name. Duck was a Vietnam Veteran who acquired his nickname doing Donald Duck impressions for friends and operated Duck's Putter Parts. The duck paraphernalia adorned his motorcycle repair shop was a testimony to the name recognition that it gave him both personally and professionally. People came from across the country to have him repair their motorcycle engines and transmissions. Over a period of twelve years, Duck judged motorcycle entries at the Cleveland Auto-Rama. As a judge, he was impartial and fair. When Duck became a judge, the problems associated with awarding motorcycle trophies disappeared. Most of the entrants were entertained by Duck's impersonations after the show closed, although very few people knew he was doing them. Roy's life was snuffed out on October 2, 1988 when a drunk driver swerved left of center and collided with his motorcycle head on. The I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama continues to honor Roy E. "Duck" Schabel with an ongoing award in his name. The Duck Award will be decided by the ISCA judging staff. This prestigious award will carry a cash award of \$2,500 and will be given to the best motorcycle first-time shown that exhibits the most creative originality, design engineering, and workmanship.

## **2018 Bike Classes from ISCA Rulebook**

- 5000.0 Bobber — traditional style motorcycle.
- 5010.0 Restored Bike — 25 years or older. Original or restored condition.
- 5020.0 Antique Custom — 25 years or older. Custom paint, chrome, custom wheels, etc.
- 5030.0 Nostalgia Chopper — Nostalgia Styling.
- 5040.0 Chopper — Current styling.
- 5050.0 Sport Touring — Road King, Heritage, Valkyrie, Royal Star. Windshield and bags are optional. Conservative changes only.
- 5060.0 Road Bike — Full-dress bikes. May be broken into North American, Euro and Asian.
- 5070.0 Comp Bike — Scramblers, Off-road, Motocross, Trials, etc.
- 5080.0 Drag Bike — Drag race only. Domestic or foreign.
- 5090.0 Sport Bike — Café Racers, Road Racers and Street Racers.
- 5110.0 3-Wheeled Bike — All 3-wheeled bikes with a motorcycle engine.
- 5120.0 Bike with Side Car — All bikes with side cars.
- 5150.0 North American Manufactured Custom — Current D.O.T. manufacturer (Big Dog, Bourget, Titan, etc.) May be broken into Conservative, Mild, Full or Radical.
- 5160.0 North American Manufactured — Harley, Victory, Excelsior, Henderson, etc. May be broken into Conservative, Mild, Full or Radical.
- 5170.0 North American Custom — Class for assembled cycle. May be broken into Conservative, Mild, Full or Radical.
- 5174.0 Bagger — Current styling.
- 5177.0 Big Wheel Bike — Current styling; must have an altered fork to accept Big Front Wheel.
- 5180.0 European Custom — Any bike produced by a European manufacturer. May be broken into Conservative, Mild, Full or Radical.
- 5190.0 Asian Custom — Any bike produced by an Asian manufacturer. May be broken into Conservative, Mild, Full or Radical.
- 5200.0 Auto Bike — Any bike with an automotive engine. May be broken into 2-wheel or 3-wheel. May be broken into Conservative, Mild, Full or Radical.

## **Bike Category: From ISCA Rulebook**

Examples of what constitutes a modification: custom paint; polished engine; custom seat; custom exhaust; custom handlebars; molded frame; cherried frame; swing arm change or modification; each frame change such as raked, stretched or widened; wheel change including spoke changes; each fender change; tank change; engine change; any metalwork or fiberglass work to the tank, fenders, frame or side covers; superchargers, turbochargers or nitrous systems; front end change.

Conservative, Mild, Full and Radical breakdowns are determined by the number of modifications listed above. Conservative = 1-4 modifications; Mild = 5-9 modifications; Full = 10 or more modifications. Radical includes any bikes of radical design.

### **Ticket Pricing**

Tickets go on sale on Black Friday, November 24, 2017 - \$20 for adults with kids 12 and under free. Discounted tickets are \$18 and available at Summit Racing Equipment in Tallmadge and select Discount Drug Mart store locations. The show offers their deepest discount for Military and groups of 10 or more. The host hotel for the weekend is the Sheraton Cleveland Airport Hotel. A special room (single/double) rate has been negotiated for show-goers and vendors at \$99 per night. The show rate is available now through March 2, 2018 and is subject to availability. For more information about vehicle registration and/or ticket pricing, please visit [pistonpowershow.com](http://pistonpowershow.com).

### **About Thunder Roads Ohio Magazine**

*Thunder Roads Ohio Magazine* is the nation's largest regional motorcycle magazine – reaching over 400,000 motorcycle enthusiasts each month through its print and digital editions. It covers virtually all aspects of the motorcycle industry – including American V-twin, metric, racing, motocross and vintage. In recognition of this commitment to the overall motorcycle community, TRO recently received the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) 2015 Media Award. *Thunder Roads Ohio Magazine* is part of the Thunder Roads Network, with over 20 editions published coast to coast. For more information visit [ThunderRoadsOhio.com](http://ThunderRoadsOhio.com) or visit their Facebook page at [facebook.com/thunderroadsohio](https://www.facebook.com/thunderroadsohio).

### **About the I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama**

The I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama is the largest indoor showcase of custom cars, trucks, antique construction equipment, motorcycles, tractors, planes, military equipment and more of its kind in the world. Each year the weekend-long event fills more than one million square feet of space with over 1,000 vehicles at the I-X Center in Cleveland, Ohio. For more information please call 216-265-7223 (RACE) or visit [pistonpowershow.com](http://pistonpowershow.com).

### **About the I-X Center**

The International Exposition (I-X) Center in Cleveland, Ohio is one of the nation's premier exhibition facilities. It is the largest single building convention center in the United States, comprised of 2.2 million sq. ft., including more than one million sq. ft. of flexible presentation space. I-X Center is conveniently located adjacent to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, just 15 minutes southwest of downtown Cleveland, with nearby hotels and secure on-site parking for more than 7,000 vehicles. The I-X Center has hosted more than 1,500 events attracting 50 million visitors during the past 30 years. For more information, visit [ixcenter.com](http://ixcenter.com). Follow us on Facebook at International Exposition Center and on Twitter @IXCenter.

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