

Jakarta Bike Week 2006

It's not an everyday experience that you travel halfway around the globe to visit a motorcycle event in a exotic country – especially one that has been shaken by all types of natural and political disasters. The Tsunami of December 2004 is hardly forgotten, but the tectonic activities in this part of the world never cease: Earth- and seaquakes, volcanic eruptions, ethnic riots and Islamic terror attacks like at Bali make sure that the islands of Southeast-Asia make headlines every year. The distinctive and sometimes explosive mix of race and religion comes from the melting pot of Malayan, Arabic, Indian, Dutch and Chinese heritage of which the Dutch colonisation, followed by Japanese invasion in World War two and the independence after the war are just part of the story. Today, the former „Dutch East India“ is inhabited by an incredible 240 million people (of which 213 million are Muslims!) on some 17.508 islands – making it the 4th biggest nation on earth! Sure a market to be considered by any producer of products – especially when it comes to discover new markets for the custombike-business. With the south-east Asian market of the „Tiger States“ recovering and growing, it sure is worth checking out.

Peter Penzenstadler, always more the „Austrian-based“ soul, had to be convinced the hard way to do the trip: Temperatures in excess of 30° Celsius, 90% humidity and weather conditions around the equator are hardly appealing to a boy from the Austrian forests – but it's something in which his partner Anita has become quite professional. So together with the repeated invitation from their Indonesia-based partner „Bimo`s Custombikes“ added by even more invitations by Iman, chairman of the organisation committee of the „Jakarta Anniversary Bike Week 2006“ as well as Arif, freelance writer, one fine day Peter found his ass kicked beyond the equator – when adventure is calling, Anita just can't resist...

Arrival at Jakarta

„We arrived in a different world“, states Anita after the Tipp: „Even arriving at the luggage belt of the airport, I had my doubts that I packed the correct clothes for such a Muslim-dominated country...“ But the warm welcome by Iman, Arif and Bimo immediately quelled any doubts – and a fully air conditioned limo took them straight to the center of the 12 million metropolis. Located at the main island Java, which is located in the middle of the island chain that reaches from Sumatra in the west to New Guinee in the east, the town it's the political, cultural and economic center of the country. More than half of the population is located on Java while the bigger sized Sumatra and Borneo still feature huge parts of wilderness and rain forests. „With one „holiday“ before the start of the event, it was the real and authentic Indonesian kitchen we were interested in“, says Anita, „chicken and fish in all variations – most of them very spicy and hot – are just for the connoisseur. Dining has it's own philosophy and we never got the correct order to use all the different sauces. You can choose between local beer or exotic drinks, even coconut milk straight from the nut!“ Time is moving on and the nights are tropical – it's already dark when Anita and Peter get a short guided tour of downtown Jakarta: Impressive buildings from colonial times are mixed with modern architecture and traditional temples. The Merdeka square (= independence square) is dominated by the national monument, 132 meters high with 35 kg of gold plating. The old Chinese quarter features small workshops and restaurants that contrast with modern shopping centers and dull concrete blocks where thousands of people live.

„Selamat Pagi“ – Good Morning at Jakarta!

The first day is used to check out the area around the Hotel: Small temples and restaurants, not to forget the well-equipped Wellness studio, which seems to be a must for every Indonesian hotel. So the first day is spent relaxing and at the pool, followed by the celebration of Jakarta's 479th anniversary. Well timed to be in the center of events!

Jakarta Bike Week – 1st day

The trade fair is not too far away from the hotel, so the decision to walk there is made, but soon regretted: The traffic is suicidal – and it is literally impossible to cross the street. Lanes must be either invisible or simply ignored by the mass of participants in the everyday chaos of cars, mopeds and bicycles. Indicators are as unknown as distance between cars – it is a miracle that anybody can survive this mess, not to mention the exhaust fumes from zillions of cars and 2-stroke bikes! And the Penz team is just stuck in the middle of it! With the guidance of Bimo, who spots the Harley clothes in the crowd, Anita and Peter are „rescued“ and escorted to the „Semanggi Expo Center“. Two halls full with motorcycles and accessories plus a huge outdoor area are waiting. Inside, a huge booth of Harley-Davidson plus a number of prominent local customizers are situated along with the general motorcycle manufacturers like KTM, Ducati and the big Japanese producers of motorcycles and mopeds.

Both the quality and number of bikes at the Custombike-Show, covering a full half of the first hall is surprising – even more custombikes are presented at the booths, often along with Hot Rods of impressive standard. Nothing which you would not find at any European or US show. A lot of other bazar-like booths offer t-shirts, biker clothes and other motorcycle accessories. Catering, a big stage for live music and the gigantic presentation of local tobacco manufacturer „Gudang Garam“, one of the main sponsors of the event along with the Harley-Davidson Club of Indonesia (HDCI), DKI Jaya incorporated and „Dyacom“ fill that hall.

Surprisingly, the local police forces of Jakarta have a big display too: As Arif explains, the very polite police officers not only represent law and order but are also responsible for licensing the motorcycles, so that explains a lot. The outdoor area features Stunt- and freestyle-tracks as well as – again – a tent for the victims of the latest earthquake at Jogja.

An impressive ceremony with high ranking politicians of city, land and state open the event, signalling the importance of the „JabWeek. The exotic presentation includes a superb folk dance presentation which is merging with the local biker scene – of course, everything is held in Indonesian language, thus impossible for the Austrian guests to understand any word at all. During the following reception, small talk is performed in English: It's during this conversation that Anita discovers the fact that the Islamic-type of clothing is rather a local fashion than compulsory. Sigh! But still, a lot of things are different: Women have to be married with kids at least at the age of 25. Then they are proud house wives, ceasing work completely. Anita, herself riding a motorcycle and even a Harley (not to mention building her own bikes) is welcomed as a miracle. Later, the Penz duo is asked to judge the Custombike-Show – a task well trained and sharpened at several Rat's Hole Shows at Daytona – fortunately, they only have to judge the V-Twin class, not the countless modified and „tuned“ Scooter's, Honda's, Suzuki's etc. etc. which make the bulk of other classes.

The Bikeshow features 4 classes: Lord of the Radical, Custom, Stock, Custom and the „Special Category“, Resto Vintage. The most renowned customizers of the Indonesian scene participate at the show: Veroland of „Kickass Choppers“/Jakarta, Dodi of Dodi Chrome Cycles/Jakarta, Bimo of Bimo Custombikes, Dino of Heaven's Bikes Performance Bandung, Ferry of Ferrys Bike Restoration Jakarta, Lulut of Retroclassiccycles Jogjakarta and Iman of Monochrome Cycle/Jakarta plus a lot of dedicated privateers. From the selection of bikes exhibited, the standard is as high as it can get – the Indonesian custombike scene is as innovative just as anybody else in the world.

The exhibition is open, till late at night and crowded from the start. Live music is rocking into the Friday evening and it's quite late before the Penz duo says „Selamat Malam“ (Good Night)!

Second day JabWeek – Saturday

Starting with the „Thunder Ride“ of the local 250 strong HOG Chapters, the JabWeek organisers have the members escorted under almost mandatory police escort – the wild ride really lives up to its name. For the Penz team, it's more like a thrill ride through traffic hell rather than a relaxing tour. After this ride, further invitations for motorcycles rides and tours fall on deaf ears – one two-wheeled ride through Jakarta is more than enough! The timetable anyway is crowded with press dates, radio interviews and TV-reports: Anita and Peter spend the day signing T-shirts and posing for photos: Even Peter is now „in action“ and warming up: Questions about the local biker scene and the standard of custombikes are answered honestly – the surprising high quality of craftsmanship and creativity is impressive. Both Anita and Peter are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and the kind reception.

3rd and last day – Sunday

Sunday morning is started with „Social Activities“, a meeting where kids are allowed to ride along with the bikers, a well appreciated event on both sides. Again, the JabWeek shows it's friendly face and it's a lifetime experience for the kids to pillion-ride such a huge motorcycle. Every afternoon, wild stuntshows take place at the outdoor event area – both male and – surprise, surprise – female riders show thrilling stunts, not all of them completed as planned. Crashes and smashed are plenty, but as most riders use small 125 cc mopeds, most participants just dust off their clothes continuing their program – that's guts in Indonesian version! Again, the parking lot is full with motorcycles from visitors and quite extraordinary: The Harley-Davidson parking is separated from the rest, located directly at the entrance of the hall.

It's late Sunday evening, before the trophies are handed out – long awaited by the attending customizers. Indonesian specialist Dodi Chrome Cycles takes the honours of winning the prestigious „The Lord of Radical Class“. With more than 25 extraordinary customs, some of which were selected by the jury, some by the audience.

„We had a very successful event“, resumed Iman, chairman of the JabWeek, „the goal to boost tourism, Indonesians culture and especially the national motorcycle business has been served – with this event, Indonesia has been placed on the map of international customizing.“ A statement, to which Anita and Peter could only agree: „It has been a superb event and we made a lot of new friends“, states Anita after the show, with Peter „Penzinator“ confirming: „We will be back!“ The resume of the Jakarta Anniversary Bike Week 2006: Great Experience, Great People, Great Event! See you next year!

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Jakarta Anniversary Bike Week 2006 Custom Bike Contest by Arif Syahbani

Indonesia's Handmadeshop specialist, Dodi Chrome Cycles, was taken the first winner of The Lord of Radical Class in custom bike contest at Jakarta Anniversary Bike Week 2006, presented by Harley-Davidson Club Indonesia (HDCI) DKI Jaya incorporated with Dyacomm and Gudang Garam on June 23rd to 25th 2006. It's the first custom bike contest event in Jakarta Indonesia with special guest stars Anita & Peter from Penz Custombikes Austria.

Dodi's bike called The Unlimited Bikes taken the main podium for the Lord of Radical Class chosen the fifth jury panel and The Best of Show was chosen by voting from audience. Second place went to Anfibio's bike of Kickass-choppers. Veroland, builder from Kickass-choppers got the bikes with 360 rear tyre, the first big tyres in Indonesia and fitting the Shovelhead motors. He specialized handcraft for Kuztom, Choppers and hot-rod cars in Indonesia. Dodi Chrome Cycles taken the podium again on third position with Predator bikes. The Predator bikes built came with no downtubes chassis and used the Goldammer forks.

Altogether 25 custom bikes were entered by 6 builders to competition for 4 categories, The Lord of Radical, Custom, Stock Custom and special class the Resto vintage. The builder competitor listing of Veroland from Kickass Choppers Jakarta, Dodi from Dodi Chrome Cycles Jakarta, Bimo from Bimocustombikes, Dino from Heaven's Bikes Performance Bandung, Ferry from Ferrys Bike Restoration Jakarta, Lulut from Retroclassiccycles Jogjakarta, Iman from Monochrome Cycle Jakarta and many more from privateer.

In Custom Class, Ardian's Bike from RetroClassicCycles Jogjakarta taken the main podium, the second winner went to American Flag's bike of Heaven's Bikes Performance Bandung, and the third winner for Carbon Look's bike of Bimo Custombikes. And for Stock Custom Class, every winners were taken bikes from Monochrome Cycle built.

'I think that custom bikes of Indonesia's builder can count into the similar bikes produced by US and European's builders. The Indonesia's design and quality are excellent. I love them when the first time i came here,' says Peter Penz.

The custom bike contest a one of part of Jakarta Anniversary Bike Week besides social activity, charity for Jogja, freestyle exhibition, photo competition, bazaar, thunder ride, and many more program. The event will be held annual on June every year, in coincidence with the Jakarta's anniversary. The aim of the event is to promote tourism, culture of Indonesia and to increase motorcycle business, especially for the custombikes builder. " I hope the first our event will be open the world about Indonesia, especially the custombikes of Indonesia can to be compete with outside builder," add Iman, chairman of Jakarta Anniversary Bike Week.

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**Results of First Custom Bike Contest at
Jakarta Anniversary Bike Week 2006
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Semanggi Expo Center
Jakarta Indonesia**

<u>Resto Vintage Class</u>	Owner	Bikes	Points
The 1 st winner	Irwan Iswara (10)	H-D Duo Glide	1.704
The 2 nd winner	Sonny Prakosa (12)	H-D Sportster KH	1.559
The 3 rd winner	Seno (18)	Panther	1.341
<u>Stock Custom Class</u>			
The 1 st winner	Yudi (09)	H-D Electra	2.448
The 2 nd winner	Reza R.Susanto (08)	H-D Dyna	2.437
The 3 rd winner	Kiki (07)	H-D Road King	2.294
<u>Custom Class</u>			
The 1 st winner	Irwan Ardiansyah (01)	Ardian's Bike	2.623
The 2 nd winner	Heaven's Bikes Performance American Flag		2.619
The 3 rd winner	Agus (22)	Carbon Look	2.569
<u>The Lord of Radical</u>			
The 1 st winner	H.Dadang (28)	Unlimited Bikes	2.885
The 2 nd winner	Dewo (13)	Anfibio	2.699
The 3 rd winner	Danna (29)	Predator	2.582
The Best of Show	Unlimited Bikes	H.Dadang	
<u>Special Category Award</u>			
The Best of Theme	American Flag	Heaven's Bikes Performance	
The Best of Lowest Bike	Anfibio	Dewo	
The Best of Pipes	Hell's Riser	Danna	
The Best of Paint	Predator	Danna	
The Best of Handlebar	Ardian's Bike	Irwan Ardiansyah	
The Best of Installation	Hell's Riser	Danna	
The Best of Engine	Unlimited Bikes	H.Dadang	
The Best of Innovation	Anfibio	Dewo	
The Best of Oldest Bikes	Cleveland	Ade Suhud	
The Best of Sportster Custom	White Trash	Imran Amir	

Entry List Custom Bike Contest

Contestant Number	Bike Name	Owner	Address	Builder	Type	Phone	Jenis yang dilombakan
1	Ardian's Bike	Irwan Ardiansyah	Yogyakarta	LT-Retroclassiccycles www.retroclassiccycles.com	Softail	0274-563232	custom & The Lord of Radical
2	American Flag	Dino Ramson	Bandung	Heaven's Bikes Performance hbp@cbn.net.id	Prostreet	0818228777	Custom
3	Abel's Bike	Abel arya	Jakarta	Iman Monochrome www.monochrome.web.id	Fatboy	0811144447	Custom
4	Chopper For Ride	Arie	Jakarta	Retroclassiccycles www.retroclassiccycles.com	Buell-Choppers		Custom
5	Jeam Beam	Himawan	Jakarta	Ferry's Bike Restorations Ferry_s_bike@niagaindonesia.com	H-D Sportster	021-7661862	Custom
6	White Trash	Imran Amir	Jakarta	Ferry's Bike Restorations	H-D Sportster	021-7661862	Custom
7	Kiki's bike	kiki	Jakarta	Bimo custombikes www.bimocustombikes.com	Walz 300	0816899998	The Lord of Radical
8	Think Fast	Rheza R Susanto	Jakarta	Monochrome Cycle	H-D FXD	08161874899	
9	Yudi's Bike	Yudi	Jakarta	Monochrome Cycle	H-D Electra	081190088	Stock Custom
10	Irwan Bike's	Irwan	Jakarta	By owner			
11	Kiki's bike	kiki	Jakarta	Monochrome Cycle	H-D Roadking	0816899999	Stock Custom
12	Chiamik's Bike	Sony Prakosa	Jakarta	Icha	H-D Sportster KH'56	08161988276	American Bikes
13	Anfibio	Dewo	Yogyakarta	Veroland/Kickass-Choppers (KAC) Kickasschoppa@yahoo.com	Softail	0811282321	The Lord of Radical
14	Bald On	Reggie	Jakarta	Veroland/Kickass-Choppers	Fatboy	0811869448	Custom
15	Ardian's Bike	Irwan Ardiansyah	Yogyakarta	LT-Retroclassiccycles	Softail	0274-563232	custom & The Lord of Radical
16	CPRTJR	Tonny	Jakarta	Veroland/Kickass-Choppers	Chopper	0818168094	Custom

17	Black 12	Mangapul Panjaitan	Jakarta	Monochrome Cycle	FLHT	08174991210	Stock Custom
18	Panther	Seno Zulfikar	Depok	By owner	Panther	085691119945	
19	Soft Rod	Iskandar Abubakar	Jakarta	Ferry's Bike Restoration	Softtail Cost	021-7661862	Custom
20	Rainbow Steel	Iskandar Abubakar	Jakarta	Ferry's Bike Restoration	HD Sportster	021-7661862	Custom
21	Cleveland	Ade Suhud	Jakarta	By owner	Cleveland		
22	Carbon	Agus	Jakarta	Bimo Custombikes	H-D	0816920612	
23	Eldmar's bike	Bujang Elmar	Jakarta	by owner	H-D FXD		
24	Si Congor	Rahmat	Jakarta	Veroland/Kickass-Choppers	Sportster	08161929267	American Bikes
25	Chopper Unyil	Tommy	Jakarta	Veroland/Kickass-Choppers	Sportster	0811893863	
26	Barbarian	Johan	Jakarta	Ferry's Bike Restoration	S&S Custom	7661862	Custom
27	Edwin's Bike	Edwin	Jakarta	Bimo Custombikes	FXR	0816920612	
28	Unlimited	H. Dadang	Karawang	Dodi Chrome Cycles dcustom@gmail.com			
29	Predator	Danna	Jakarta	Dodi Chrome Cycles			
30	Hell Raiser	Danna	Jakarta	Dodi Chrome Cycles			