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Gerrit Wolsink headlines Diamond Don's 22nd Annual AHRMA Vintage Motocross

Make plans now for Diamond Don's 22nd Annual AHRMA National Vintage Motocross September 18-20, 2026 at Diamond Don RV Park & Event Center located one mile from Jefferson, Texas.

The weekend will be full of motocross legends racing on old bikes, including several inductees to the Motorcycle Hall of Fame. More than 1000 people attend this annual event from all over the world. It is one of the largest vintage motocross races in the country.

Gerrit Wolsink is traveling from his home in Netherlands to attend the event. Wolsink was five-time United States 500 Grand Prix winner in 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977 and 1979. Gerrit joined the Suzuki Grand prix team in 1973, as Roger DeCoster's teammate. He also raced against Heikki Mikkola, four-time World Champion, and Brad Lackey. While he never won a World Championship, he came very close many times. The Flying Dutchman retired in 1979.

Here is your chance to visit with and race against some of your idols: Brad Lackey, Trampas Parker (local Louisiana boy), Billy "Sugarbear" Grossi, Marty Tripes, Jojo & Ron Johansen, Trey Jorski, Guy Cooper, Barry Higgins and Kevin Windham. These legends will be on hand for some "bench racing". Oh, the stories they can tell!!

Diamond Don Rainey, event promoter, started racing in 1968. By 1973, Rainey was competing in AMA national events and raced in the first night race at the Houston Astrodome. He retired in his 30's, but re-started the second round of his racing career in 1996. He pulled his old motorcycles out of the garage and restored them. He races his motorcycles at vintage events around the country. Today, he still builds his own bikes and races in the AHRMA 70+ class on his 1974 Honda Elsinore or a Brad Lackey look-alike 400cc CZ.

The event kicks off with cross country races on Friday. Saturday features vintage motocross racing with post-vintage and next gen on Sunday. You will want to race or watch the 100cc/200cc Revenge Races on Saturday and Sunday during intermission sponsored by Nor-Cal Vintage Racing.

The XR200 race will be the coolest to watch. Come see international champ, Trampas Parker, race against his son Ricky. They usually end up in the top three. Trampas made history as the first America to win two World Motocross Championships, one in 1989 and one in 1991.

New this year is the Inaugural Maico World Championships, sponsored by Nor-Cal Vintage Racing, with vintage bikes on Saturday and post-vintage on Sunday. There will also be a Maico bike show on Sunday at the pavilion. We expect all the Maico pros to be on the line to race this event to determine who is the fastest Maico rider in the world!

Vintage Factory will be livestreaming the events all weekend. Be sure to visit their Facebook page to see great racing, pit interviews and pictures.

There will be a raffle to benefit the local Mims Volunteer Fire Department, providing essential funding for equipment, training, and operations that help protect lives and property in Marion County, Texas. Win big with three amazing prizes: 1978 Husqvarna 250cc motocross bike, Aventon Aventure E-Bike Package, and

Emeril Lagasse French Door 360 Air Fryer Bundle. Tickets can be purchased at the event, or online at DiamondDonEmpire.com/raffle-tickets/#buy-raffle-tickets.

The wide, flat grassy pit area and pavilion offer great viewing of the racetrack that runs through the pasture and into the piney woods. Diamond Don has created a natural terrain grass track reminiscent of the early 70's. Vendors and concessions available at the track.

In order to entice patrons to downtown Jefferson, the Rainey's promote "Shop til you Drop" and give cash prizes to the ones that spent the most money. Winners typically spend more that $500. The winner last year said "There is magic in Jefferson. What a great experience we have visiting this quaint town. It never disappoints with all the wonderful shops, restaurants and the nice proprietors. We love camping at Diamond Dons RV Park where owners, Francene and Diamond Don Rainey always make our stay fun for both men and women!! We love this town!"

Jefferson, located just one mile from the track, is nestled deep in the Piney Woods of East Texas and seems frozen in time. It is a charming town and an elegant reminder of a bygone era. There are over a hundred buildings in the city with historical markers. Many historic homes offer bed and breakfast accommodations. Dozens of other historic buildings house museums, craft and antique shops and restaurants. Dine, Shop, Stay and Play. There is a lot to do in Jefferson so come early and stay late and bring the family.

Bios of Legends

Gerrit Wolsink
Born in 1947 in Hengelo, Holland, Gerrit Wolsink started racing in 1970 aboard a Husqvarna in the Grand Prix series. Gerrit joined the Suzuki Grand prix team in 1973, as Roger DeCoster's teammate. Wolsink dominated in the US 500 Grant Prix and was a 5-time winner in 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977 and 1979. He also raced against Heikki Mikkola, four-time World Champion, and Brad Lackey. While he never won a World Championship, he came very close many times. The Flying Dutchman retired in 1979.

Mxlarge.com says "who will ever forget the knee dragging shot of Wolsink at his beloved Carlsbad, or the shots of him pushing his more illustrious team-mate Roger De Coster around the tough circuits of Europe? Going two 45-minute motos and still looking sharp at the end." Gerrit Wolsink says "For sure, back in the mid-70's I was as quick as anyone. Because I rode for Suzuki I knew I had the best bikes, and my speed was always good, didn't matter if it was sand, rock-hard or whatever."

Kevin Windham
Kevin Windham has been described as "arguably the best rider to have never won a National Championship". Regarded as one of the most naturally talented riders competing in motocross and supercross, Windham has finished second in the overall points standings five times, without once winning. Though one of the oldest riders on the track in 2011, his acknowledged class, grace, and riding ability make him a favorite with the fans. At 17 he received a full factory ride from Team Yamaha. He has raced for many factory teams and holds several titles, back-to-back AMA 125 West Supercross Championships in 1996 and 1997, the 2005 Motocross des Nations team championship, and 2nd in points for the 2008 supercross season. In 1999 Windham won the United States Grand Prix of Motocross held at Budd's Creek, Maryland. Despite his longtime status as one of the world's fastest motocross racers, he is yet to win a major (250cc or 450cc) National or World Championship. He is better known by the nickname K-Dub on the racing scene. He announced his retirement from racing at the third round of the 2013 Supercross season.

Billy Grossi
Billy Grossi was a major fixture in the motocross scene in the 1970s. Cutting his teeth at places such as Hangtown, White Rock [Sacramento], Watsonville, Placerville and Carnegie, Grossi raced for the fun of it, never really thinking that it could someday earn him a living. Grossi's desire to pin it, win it, or die trying, eventually got the attention of the manufacturers. He landed his first real factory ride with Kawasaki in 1973.

But after having a solid year with Kawasaki, Grossi was unexpectedly sent packing after the company elected to retain only Jimmy Weinert for the 1974 season. Grossi found a home at Honda, along with a slew of other young lions. Grossi began his year with Honda in a big way, winning the AMA 250cc National MX opener at Hangtown in dominating fashion. He won the first moto after going wheel to wheel with Husqvarna's Marty Tripes, then came from behind to pass defending series champion Gary Jones in the second moto, and battle Tripes to the finish again. Grossi prevailed, going 1-1 for the overall win. Consistency kept him at the top of the points standings into the summer, but a badly broken leg suffered in a crash at the 1974 Superbowl of Motocross ended what appeared to be a certain championship. Instead, he finished fifth in the series. Switching to both the factory Suzuki team and the 500cc class, Grossi arguably hit his high-water mark during the 1975 season. "My last real factory ride was with Husky in '82," Grossi says. "When that ended, I retired, but then I got a call from a friend and wound up doing a couple races in France. Then I got what I thought was going to be another factory ride with Maico in '84, but they were going bankrupt, and by the time I got there and did a couple races, it all dissolved. That was basically it for me." As for his racing days, it wasn't perfect, but Grossi wouldn't trade any of it.

Barry Higgins

The year was 1969. American motocross was young and struggling to climb out of obscurity. In October, at the Inter-Am motocross race in Pepperell, Mass., it got its big break: "ABC Wide World of Sports" showed up to film the event and exposed would-be American fans to the European stars who dominated the sport. Barry Higgins became an underdog hero to a national audience. As the top American rider, Higgins finished fifth on a 1969 Jawa CZ360, beating several European stars. Higgins has remained in the motorcycling industry and was inducted into the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 2000. He still races vintage bikes today and is the 2018 AHRMA 70+ Series Champion.

Brad Lackey

Brad ("Bad Brad") Lackey was the 1972 500cc National Champion and in 1982, he became the first and only American to win the 500cc Grand Prix Motocross World Championship. To this day, no other American has duplicated what took Lackey over 10 years to achieve. Lackey was inducted into the Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 1999 and in 2013 he was inducted into the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America. Today, Lackey continues his involvement in the sport of motocross taking part in vintage motocross racing.

Guy Cooper

Guy Cooper is a former Team Suzuki 125/250 factory rider and 1990 AMA 125 Motocross National Champion. According to Legends & Heroes Tour, "Coop" was always a fan favorite wherever he showed up. Running what could best be described as a man's bike, the KTM 540SX, Coop has always been an active racer from his early days out of the Stillwater, OK area to his days on the National Tour. After retiring, you can still see him out at select events like the nationally prestigious Enduro-Cross series and AHRMA National events.

Trampas Parker

As versatile as he was consistent, Trampas Parker made history as the first American to win two World Motocross Championships. He was an unknown American rider living in Italy when he burst onto the world motocross scene by winning the 125cc championship in 1989 with KTM. Two years later, he repeated the feat for a 250cc championship, this time with Honda. Parker was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, and was raised in Bridge City, Texas. He began riding when he was given his first motorcycle at age 7. Trampas still rides vintage bikes today and you can see him racing against his son, Ricky Parker. Ricky is known for his great road-racing skills and leaves the field in his dust when he hits the starting gate.

Trey Jorski

Jorski is still an avid racer and enjoys riding in different off-road races in Texas. He won the 40+ Expert TCCRA Cross Country title twice. He is a former AMA national #54 and 49 in the early 70s and was 10th overall in the 500cc Supercross class in 1976. Jorski is a former Oklahoma State MX champ 1973-1982 in the 125, 250 and open pro class. He had several MX wins over the past few years in +30, +40 and +50 classes and has won

several AHRMA national vintage race events in the last few years. He finished 7th overall at the Lake Elsinore GP Harvey Mushman 100 in Nov. 2011.