

**New bikes and family entertainment
at AMID Motorcycle & Quad Lifestyle Expo
30 May – 1 June 2008 at the Coca-Cola Dome Northgate**

12 May 2008. Motorcycle and quad lovers are in for a feast of new models and excitement at the AMID Motorcycle and Quad Lifestyle Show taking place at the Coca-Cola Dome at Northgate from Friday 30 May (preview day open to the public) through to Sunday 1 June 2008.

The Association of Motorcycle Importers & Distributors have gone all out to present Africa's largest showcase of motorcycle and quad releases, accessories, clothing and Expo specials together with entertainment and interest for the whole family.

New models

- There will be plenty of new generation commuter scooters to appeal to people weary of petrol price increases and hours wasted in heavy traffic.
- Fans of heavy metal and speed are catered for as AMID members unveil new street bikes, off road vehicles, tourers and racers.
- Bikes and quads are from authorised dealers and importers assuring full back up and professional advice.

Entertainment

From Friday to Sunday there will be kid's rides and entertainment, bungee jumping, a wheelie machine, bikers' breakfasts and other refreshments.

Bikers will be able to participate in the Buell Battle Tracks gymkhana course and match their times against the best.

Programme: Saturday 31 May and Sunday 1 June 2008

09:30 – 16:00 Helicopter flips

11h00 Free-style Motocross Competition team demos and skydivers

11h45 BMW stunt riding by Ramon Changuion

12h30 Brian Capper trick bike riding

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14h00 Free Style Motocross Competition with top riders competing for R20 000 in prize money (see info below)

15h00 Brian Capper trick bike riding

On Sunday fans of MotoGP racing can watch live action from Mugello on large screens in a unique biking atmosphere.

Prices are the same as last year - R40 a person with under 12's free. Vehicle parking is R15. There is free reserved parking for motorcycles and a helmet store for bikers.

This year the Expo will be open from:

Friday 30 May 09h00 – 18h00

Saturday 31 May 09h00 – 20h00

Sunday 1 June 09h00 - 1600

1. New models and highlights:

Aprilia

RS 125 – winner of the 2007 and 2008 Bike of the Year competition in Europe;

Mana 850 –revolutionary fully automatic gearbox with 3 different settings with option of manual operation via gear lever close to left foot or sequentially via 2 buttons on the handle bar.
RSV 1000 factory, the current flagship of the model range; RSV 1000R; Caponord 1000 ABS; SL 750 Shiver; Tuono 1000 factory; Tuono 1000 R (winner, American 2007 Suntrust Moto ST SST 6 Race Endurance Series Class Championship); Pegaso 650 Strada; Pegaso 650 Trail; SXV 500 Supermotard currently leading 2008 S1 World Championship season; RXV 450 Enduro;

BMW

BMW will unveil the BMW HP2 Sport, their most extreme sport bike, and their new enduro bike, the G 450 X. In addition to their full range they will display their newly launched dual-purpose bikes including the F650GS and F800GS twin cylinder models and the R1200GS and R1200GS Adventure.

Ducati

Don't miss the Desmosedici D16RR based on the MotoGP bike ridden by Loris Capirossi.

Harley-Davidson

2008 models will include the Softail Rocker C; Softail Cross Bones; Tourers and 1125R Buell sportbike.

Honda

A big drawcard for superbike fans will be a limited edition model of the new CBR1000RR Fireblade which made its South African debut in February.

The all-new TRX700XX is being unveiled for ATV enthusiasts.

The latest XL700V Transalp will whet the appetite of adventure sports bike riders.

The new Honda e-Storm proves how affordable, enjoyable and safe entry-level motorcycles can be.

Kawasaki

One of the main show attractions for Kawasaki is the 2008 Kawasaki ZX 10R developed from a race bike and softened just enough to make it practical for road use.

KTM

KTM will be launching their KTM RC-8 1190; KTM 690 DUKE; KTM 290 SMC among others.

Loncin

Highly affordable scooter launches include the new JL200-II sports 200cc; the LX 110-4XX sporty version of the standard step-through scooter for the school going set; JL200GY-2 with improved swing arm and front and rear disc brakes.

Suzuki

New models being presented include the Motocross RM-Z450 currently dominating the 2008 World MX GP;

GSX-R600 and GSX-R750 Superbikes now feature the Suzuki Drive Mode Selector giving the option of 3 different power modes as available on the GSX-R1000;

2008 GSX1300R Hayabusa, the most powerful production motorcycle ever built;

GSX1300BK B-King naked 'muscle bike'

VZR1800N Boulevard cruiser has been restyled and shares the same 1800cc engine as the VZR1800.

New Suzuki Burgman 650cc executive scooter

Triumph

The first of the fuel injected Bonneville America and Speedmaster cruisers join 3 new models introduced this year: Street Triple 675; Speed Triple 1050; Rocket Touring.

Yamaha

Yamaha unveils four new models focusing on the commuter market: Yamaha MT03, 660cc single cylinder naked commuter; Yamaha Tricker, 250cc four stroke street legal bike modelled on the design of the Yamaha Trials bikes of yesteryear; Yamaha X- Max 125cc and Max 250cc scooters
Yamaha will also hold an exclusive launch at 12 noon on Friday 30 May.

2. Freestyle Motocross Competition

With R20 000 in prize money, the daring young athletes taking part in the AMID Freestyle Motocross portable competition on Saturday 31 May and Sunday 1 June will be putting on a breathtaking aerial display to score winning points. The first three riders confirmed are:

Nick de Wit - SA Number 1 since 2003. – hails from Krugersdorp

Rides: KTM250SX for Red Bull KTM Factory team in Europe

Sponsors: Red Bull, KTM, Oakley, Fox, DVS, Michelin, Castrol, Ride Authority.

Achievements: Won majority of FMX contests ever held on local soil, including 1st place at 2004 LG Xpo International. Other highlights include 4th at 2004 World Cup final and several top finishes in IFMXF, Clearchannel and FIM events. Most recently got a 4th place in Best Trick at Dubai Xgames.

Alastair "Jakalas" Sayer - 2007 SA Champion from Randfontein

Rides: Kawasaki KX250

Sponsors: DNA Motorcycles, Fox, DVS, Von Zipper, Habet and Uproar FMX

Achievements: Has been in top 3 at FMX Nationals since 2005, winning in 2007. Alastair won his first ever International contest in Mannheim Germany in 2006 when he beat out top International riders in an IFMXF World Qualifier. He has also won Step-up and Whip contests in Europe. Alastair's crowning moment to date was winning a bronze medal at Dubai Xgames for Whip. He also placed 5th in the best trick at that event.

Timmy Boshoff. 2009 SA Champion from Centurion

Rides: Suzuki RM250

Sponsors: Suzuki, DC Shoes, Smith, Troy Lee Designs.

Achievements: Won Amateur class at 2006 Nationals. In his first Pro contest, Tim came second in 2007. Tim is very young, really talented and has a really unique and extended style. Back from a lengthy injury, Tim is riding better than ever and now adds a touch of experience and maturity gained from the frustration of recovering from a serious injury.