



Seas Alaska rally. Developed by Dean and Debbie Anderson, this was the second such event in Alaska, followed in November 2006 by the fourth HOHS Caribbean rally. The Andersons commission a custom bike to give away at each event.

Mind you, it wasn't because Martha didn't like the bike that she returned it to the Andersons. In fact, the fit and finish of KC's jewel-like bobber had rallygoers, vendors and ship's crew alike eagerly inspecting every nook and cranny of the gem all week long. And for good reason; KC is known for their attention to style and detail combined with an insistence on building bikes that define rideability.

The bobber features an S&S Shovelhead engine tucked into KC's proprietary Double R rigid frame, made by Chopper Guys to KC's specs. "All to provide the old look with modern reliability," said builder Efreem Mah. The front end is a stock Harley Springer with KC's Shocking Brah shock and headlight bracket. "We used as many reproduction parts as possible to give the old feel," Efreem added, pointing out features like the seat and post, a toolbox serving as the electrical box, and the modified Shovel-style oil filter. American Wire Wheels' 18" spoke-laced wheels, front and rear, fit the theme and offer an additional classic touch.

No, as you can tell, nothing was amiss in the bike's appointments. Martha and her husband, Richard, simply decided that they wouldn't use the bike at this stage of their lives—especially considering how content they are with their 1998 Soft-

raffle, would instantly return that very bike to the sponsor to be raffled off at a later date, putting every penny again to that same charity? Meet Martha Rychener who won the Grand Prize Kustom Culture Cycles handcrafted bobber last June aboard the Royal Caribbean *Serenade of the Seas*—during the Hogs On The High

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**B**ikers and charitable causes go hand in hand. From the rally-constant poker run to bike raffles and auctions, these familiar fundraising techniques have helped biker groups champion many worthy causes over the years. But how many of us, after winning a custom bike—valued at say, \$30,000—in a



# Hogs on the High Seas Rally

## Alaska 2006



**These intrepid riders rode down from the Yukon Territory to meet the High Seas group for their one-day stop in Skagway. If you want to hear stories about dealing with wildlife hazards on two-wheels, talk to these folks!**

ail—and they thought the KC custom could do more good for the cause—in this case the dialysis charity that HOHS supports—by being raffled off. Who could, or would, argue with that?

Best of all, now everyone has a chance to own this beauty. One thousand tickets are slated for sale at \$100 each during the coming months. Call the 800 number below to buy a ticket, but better hurry. As soon as they're gone, the winner will be drawn and the KC bobber will finally find a home. The HOHS kidney dialysis charity will get a health infusion of cash, too, allowing even more dialysis patients to escape being tethered to their homes and dialysis machines so they can enjoy a week on the open seas with the bikers. Fourteen patients will cruise in November, the largest number so far, compliments of the money raised on prior cruises (the more money raised through the

various raffles and fund raisers, the more patients that can join the subsequent HOHS rallies). The patient's cabin, airfare, and medical treatments by expert medical staff are provided by the fund. The Andersons kick in some spending money, too.

As for future High Seas Rallies, the roster for 2007 includes the fifth year anniversary celebration of the Caribbean trip in November. Imagine partying at Margaritaville in Jamaica with 1,600 of your closest biking friends! These rallies offer exotic ports, a top-notch cruise ship with amenities to spare, world class parties, top-name vendors onboard, and the best feature for most of the guys, no formal dress code for dinner—or at all, for that matter. Not to mention hundreds of thousands of dollars in prize giveaways all week long. A new cruise to the Mexican Riviera will join the circuit in April, 2008. This should make it easier for west coast riders to

attend. Add the chance to contribute to a life-changing experience for dialysis patients and you can see why these rallies have caught on with big-hearted bikers who just want to have fun—and help people at the same time.



**Martha Rychener, flanked by (from left) builder Efreem Mah, Dean Anderson, husband Richard, Debbie Anderson, and KC all-around good-guy Cisco, sits on her bike for the first and only time. Minutes later, she shocked everyone and gave the bike back!**

For additional images of this event, go to [www.ironworksmag.com](http://www.ironworksmag.com) and click "Current Issue."



**The infamous Red Onion Saloon featured a different kind of wildlife hazard for cruise co-director Dean Anderson.**



**Ron Segal of Segal Fine Art commissioned artist Manon Elder to create this original painting specifically for the Alaska cruise. Limited edition prints could be ordered only during the cruise. Now that's exclusivity!**



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# IronWorks / HOHS

## Bike Show Winners

For several years, *IronWorks* has sponsored a virtual bike show on High Seas Rally cruises, creating a way for rallygoers to show off their bikes even if they can't ride them during the week-long event. Judging in seven classes is based on photos and bike specifications provided by the owners. Here we present the winners from the 2006 Alaska Rally.



**Eddie Pool**  
**Snellville, TN**  
**2001 Road King**  
**Class: Twin Cam**

With its one-off saddlebags, modified rear Ness fender, altered Sumax front fender and 6" stretched tank, this sleek customized bagger is a hands-down winner. Stone Mountain H-D souped up the engine with Screamin' Eagle parts. Eddie added a Rinehart exhaust system and Legends air suspension. A scan through the Ness catalog also netted the bars, primary cover, controls, dash, and wheels. Nice job!



**Richard Rychener**  
**Smyrna, TN**  
**1998 FXSTC**  
**Class: Evo**

In a cosmic, unexplainable occurrence, Richard's bike won Evo Class the day before his wife won the KC bobber grand prize. And equally astounding, the Rycheners returned the bike to charity. They're satisfied with their cool, comfy Evo. That says more about the bike—and the owners—than anything we can write here. Credit goes to Classic Customs Cycles in Mumfreesboro, TN, for work done to the FXSTC.



**Laura Lenchner**  
**Mariposa, CA**  
**1978 FX**  
**Class: Pre-Evo**

With help from her husband and sons, Laura enjoys owning this mostly-stock Shovelhead, a sterling example of how classy these bikes truly were and still are. Blacked out and equipped with saddlebags and luggage rack, the bike is as functional as it is fabulous. Mild performance modifications ensure it can keep up with the big dogs, while looking good in the process.



**Curtis Harmon**  
**Riverside, CA**  
**2004 Fat Boy**  
**Class: People's Choice**

Here's a case of less is more. Take a stock Fat Boy, add a Corbin seat, Vance & Hines exhaust, Progressive air suspension, and PM wheels and brakes, and you have one beautiful bike that eats up the miles in style and comfort. That's the winning formula applied by Curtis Harmon, and the crowd agreed with his method, voting his bike the People's Choice winner.



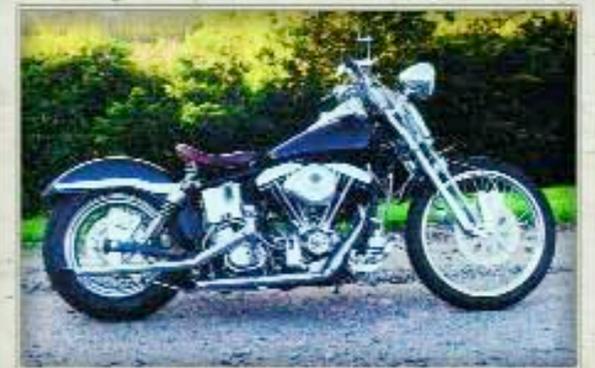
**Ron Vest**  
**Pottsboro, TX**  
**1997 Buell S1 Lightning**  
**Class: Sportster/Buell**

This was a no-brainer for our judges. Yes, the S1 Lightning is mostly stock, but the custom paint job makes it a standout at first glance. Bits of Kevlar, lots of sinister black parts, and an aggressive stance combine for success. With a K&N air cleaner plus Vance & Hines exhaust, this bike doesn't sit still for long. Look fast: Ron's outta here!



**Gene Williams**  
**Joliet, IL**  
**1947 Indian Chief**  
**Class: Other V-Twin**

You can't deny the sensual beauty of a true classic—at least, our judges couldn't. The owner gave this nostalgic model a thorough restoration, bringing it back to its original glory in fine detail. Gene built the exhaust system and describes the brakes as "weak" but any guy fortunate enough to have a Chief in the garage certainly doesn't complain much about it. He simply enjoys it.



**Bobby Stouffer**  
**Waynesboro, PA**  
**1978 FXS Street Bob**  
**Class: Custom Built**

Further attesting to the timeless appeal of the venerable Shovelhead, Bobby found a similar vintage swingarm frame for this engine, added a Paughco Springer, progressive shocks, and modified the sheetmetal to make this cool, clean statement. With drag-style pipes, a solo seat, and strictly business styling, it cuts a striking profile without resorting to themes or tricks. Bravo!