



Auctions America by RM drops the gavel on this 1910 Flying Merkel during the Jan. 12-14, Las Vegas Premier Motorcycle Auction. It sold for \$86,800, including buyer's premium. (Photo Auctions America by RM)

Strong Results and Attendance Highlight Auction America by RMS Las Vegas Premier Motorcycle Auction

Auctions America by RM realized over \$4.1 million in total sales at its first motorcycle auction in Las Vegas, Nevada. Over 82 percent of the bikes entered in the Jan. 12-14 auction sold.

The three-day event attracted strong international interest. Bidders from at least 35 states and 10 different countries were registered. A total of 490 bikes were offered, including units from eight private motorcycle collections. A highlight was the Christiansen Collection, featuring eight motorcycles at no reserve.

The high-priced bikes were a 1910 Flying Merkel that was built in Milwaukee, and a 1926 Cleveland Fowler. The Flying Merkel was beautifully restored in the Wisconsin company's old bright orange livery and brought \$86,800. The Cleveland Fowler fetched \$76,160.

The sale also featured Criss Angel's custom chopper, which sold for \$19,040 as the magician watched from the podium. All proceeds from this sale—including auction commissions—went to his BeLIEVE Anything Is Possible foundation that helps needy kids.

Auctions America President Donnie Gould said he was extremely pleased by the response and outcome of the sale. "It exceeded our expectations for a first-time event, and we received nothing but positive feedback from the buyers, sellers and attendees," Gould declared.

During the auction an exclusive motorcycle seminar moderated by SPEED Channel's Dave Despain featured Cycle World editor Mark Hoyer, bike show promoter Buzz Walneck (the founder, of Walneck's Classic Cycle Trader), motorcycle book author Doug Mitchel and auction expert Joe Bortz.

Full results from Auction America's Las Vegas Premier Motorcycle Auction are posted online at <u>www.auctionsamerica.com.</u>