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NEWS & EVENTS

Motorcycle Donation Revs Up Benefit

Two large, energetic Labradors greet visitors to the rural Chesterfield home of Gary Savill and Barbara Stampfli-Savill. The couple, who met in Tampa, Fla., and married in 2010, acquired the two dogs from a rescue organization. Self-described animal-lovers, they have also actively supported a big cat rescue organization in Florida.

Stampfli-Savill's position as a human resources executive brought the couple to Missouri shortly after they wed. At about the same time, Savill, who was Dell Computer's regional manager providing support to large commercial clients, began looking for a hobby that was less cerebral than the demands of his job. He wanted, he said, "something to do with his hands."

He decided to build a motorcycle.

His first experience building a chopper involved a lot of trial and error, and Savill said he was fortunate to find Darren Williams, the owner of Liquid Illusions art, a custom motorcycle painter, who is also knowledgeable about bike building. Savill said Williams helped him through some of the learning bumps in the road.

Although his first motorcycle presented challenges he had not anticipated, what Savill had intended as a pastime quickly became a passion and took the career of the former British Navy diver, SCUBA instructor and computer company executive down another path. He created Silver Wraith Choppers LLC and began building custom motorcycles for a living.

Savill and Stampfli-Savill have also found a way for [Silver Wraith Choppers](#) to be a vehicle for their philanthropy toward animal welfare. The couple is donating a custom chopper that Savill built and Williams painted to the MU College of Veterinary Medicine. The College is selling tickets for a drawing that will be held during the 2014



Gary Savill and Barbara Stampfli-Savill at their Chesterfield-area home with their two rescue Labradors.



Darren Williams of Liquid Illusions created the ethereal mule artwork to reflect the College's mascots, Tim and Terry.



Gentle Doctor Benefit on April 5. All proceeds from the sale of the tickets will benefit the College’s student scholarship fund.

Silver Wraith Choppers has donated a custom-built motorcycle to the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine to raise money for student scholarships.

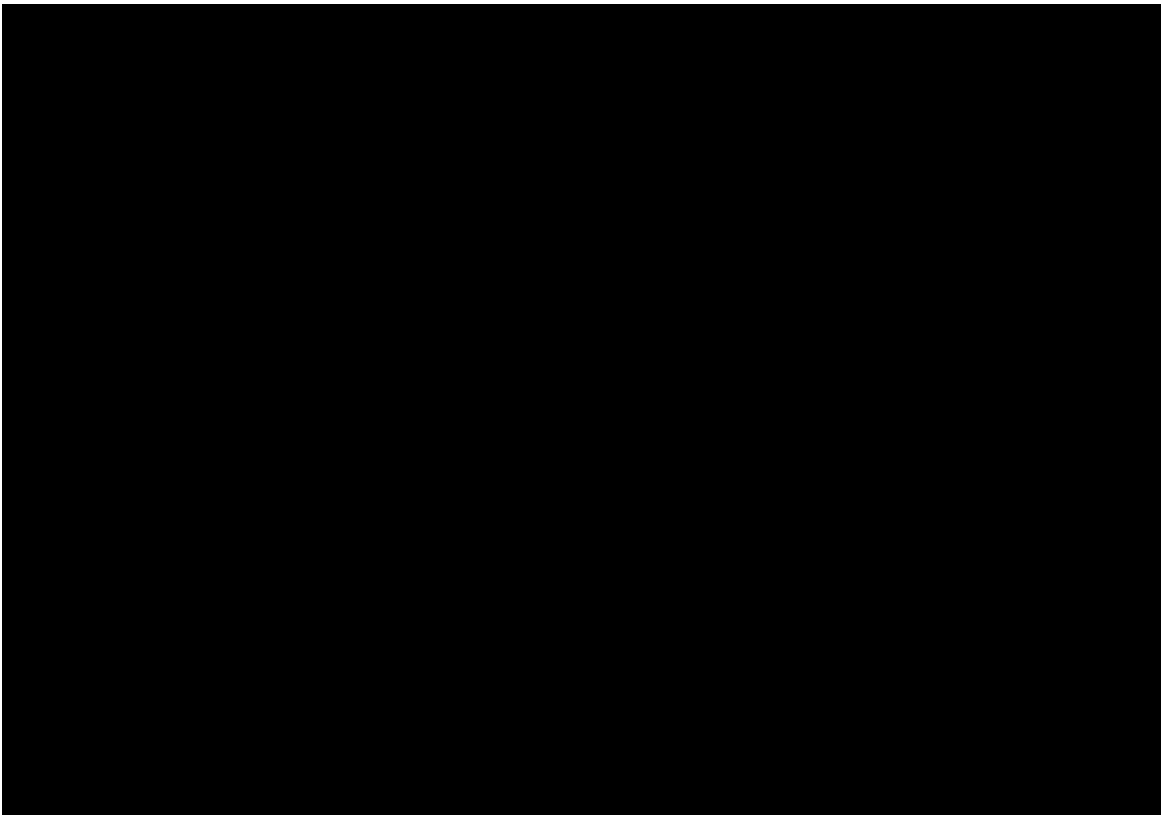
“The bike has a Harley-Davidson feel to its ride and look, but with the Springer front end,” Savill said. “It harkens back to the classics of the ’70s era, with the real ‘Chopper’ look. Also, it has the seating and rear pegs for a passenger, but looks great as a solo bike. “

The technical specifics of the chopper are as follows:

- 80-cubic-inch Evo Engine, sitting on a rigid frame
- Mikuni carburetor
- 5-speed Rev-Tech transmission
- 2-inch open primary
- Custom-built tank and rear fender
- Copper on black Springer front end
- Chrome 60-spoke wheels
- 240 rear tire
- Chain final drive
- Chrome-finish upper and lower controls
- King/queen seat, with tuck-away passenger pegs.

The artwork for the chopper is inspired by the College mascots: the mule team of Tim and Terry.

To meet the Savills and learn more about their gift to the College, please enjoy our video.



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