



Bikers

- Biker movement was born in 1950 in the U.S., came to Europe and Russia in the 1970s (in the USSR in the 1980s, they were called "rockers"), for a time was part of the subculture [clarify] when the bikers were divided into several aggressive and warring factions. Until recently, the term "biker" applies only to the owners of choppers and always associated with remote far ahead of the front wheel, plenty of chrome, leather, long hair and beard motorcyclist. However, since the late 90's on the road more and more began to appear sportbike. For a long time sportbikers do not recognize the "true" biker community as members, even this gesture as a welcome show of hands at a meeting on the road, they did not apply. The reason for this lay in the form of confrontation motorcycle and driving style. High speed and sportbike rider in full gear, more like an astronaut in a spacesuit, not knit in the understanding of the old school biker with the look of the biker.



- Stereotypical biker look "leather jackets" (leather jacket with the lock obliquely) or leather Motorcycle jackets (often Motorcycle jackets worn over jeans or leather sleeveless vest with "flowers" (symbolic) motorcycle club), leather pants. Bikers often released long hair, mustache and beard. To protect your eyes from wind wear glasses, helmets are often ignored, but sometimes choose to wear real or stylized Wehrmacht helmets (with or without horns), rarely - helmets German soldiers of the First World War.



Symbolism bikers

- **Confederate flag** (or rather, his version - Naval Jack). Tradition of use went from American bikers. It symbolizes the nonconformity bikers. It should be noted that not all members of the biker movement have an idea of the historical significance of the symbol, or do not give it a value, using only the Confederate flag as a sign of belonging to this movement.
- **Skull.** Usually symbolizes courage in the face of danger and death. Another reason for using the symbol skull biker - protection from death. There is a belief that when death comes, it leaves its mark on the dead - the skull, and if the person already has this character, she thinks that there has been and does not touch the person.

- **1%.** Sometimes on biker jackets can be seen badge "1%". This term was coined after the speech the head of the American Motorcycle Association (AMA), in which he said that all motorcyclists - law-abiding people, and only one percent of them are "oppressed" and violate the law (outlaws). Following the presentation, the background, and so there is a rigid confrontation between the AMA and clubs, which were classified as MS, the last elected "1%" symbol that distinguishes them from the AMA clubs. Since patch "1%" means that the MS or independent biker identified themselves as outlaw.
- **Tattoo.** It is sometimes suggested that the biker tattoo («biker's tattoo») is a separate kind of art [11] [12] [13]. Very often, bikers choose tattoos featuring motorcycle, symbols and logos, Harley-Davidson, symbols of freedom and roads.
- **13.** In Hunter S. Thompson's book "Hell's Angels" is mentioned that as a badge number 13 means the use of marijuana (in the English alphabet letter «M» thirteenth).

- ❑ **Iron Cross.** Taken over by the American pilots after World War II, when, in fact, there was biker movement. Donning awards enemy pilots were protesting against the American government.
- ❑ **Swastika.** Many bikers can see a picture of a swastika. This issue is not unique character. On the one hand, most of the American outlaw-biker, for many reasons other than right-wing views. On the other hand, there is reasonable doubt that these bikers are convinced, "ideological" Nazis. In many (but not all) it comes from a desire to shock "Tsivil" that is, ordinary, law-abiding civilians.

- The most respected among bikers are considered motorcycles, hand made with skill and rich imagination. Most often, they are a class of choppers or kastomov (hand-built bike with plenty of aftermarket parts), very different from the assembly line came down and having a strong identity.



- Another important manifestation of the biker subculture are numerous bike shows, baykslety, Motor Show and other activities associated with motorcycles. Most of these measures are in the nature shows with guest musicians, strippers, stuntmen. Important component is the use of alcohol, especially beer. The greatest international fame are:
 - Bike Week in Daytona, Florida, USA;
 - Motoralli in Sturgis, South Dakota, USA - the oldest and largest bike show.

