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J&P Cycles[®] Featured on ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*

Iowa company does extreme overhaul on two bikes for Friday, Jan. 6, episode

Anamosa, IA Jan. 9, 2012 — A team from J&P Cycles[®], the world's largest catalog retailer of aftermarket [motorcycle parts](#) and accessories for [Harley-Davidson[®]](#) motorcycles, pitched in to rescue two vintage dirt bikes in just 4 and a half days to aid an Iowa family whose farm was being refurbished for the hit ABC television show *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. The episode aired 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. ET (7 p.m. CT). on Friday, Jan. 6, 2012.

“Four and a half days to rebuild two bikes sounded impossible, and if you're trying to do this in your garage, it's not realistic,” said [J&P Cycles](#) Ecommerce Merchandiser Patrick Garvin, who was heavily involved in the effort. “Luckily, we have a lot of knowledgeable, dedicated people at J&P Cycles, and they made it a reality within that crazy timeframe.”



The episode was taped last October in West Union, Iowa, an hour and a half drive from J&P Cycles' headquarters. Producers called J&P shortly after discovering two vintage motorcycles in a barn on the farm of Audrey Gibbs and her six children, which they were renovating. J&P dispatched a team immediately to pick up the bikes, and they arrived to find two Kawasaki motorcycles, a 1981 KZ750 and a 1980 KZ560, engines dead and parts lying next to

them on the dirt floor. They loaded both into a trailer and headed back to the shop at J&P



Cycles, where this *Extreme Makeover: Motor Cycle Edition* transpired.

When initially called, the J&P crew did not know much about the Gibbs family, but on the way to West Union they learned that seven months after her husband died, Audrey Gibbs suffered a brain aneurism that affected a quarter of her brain and left her legally blind. Doctors could not say if she is going to lose her sight completely, or even if she is going to live, but Audrey remained committed to do whatever it takes to raise her kids. Quickly realizing she could not continue her career as a cosmetologist, she attended massage therapy classes, as massage was something she could still practice if she lost her sight. Though the family owns and lives on a farm, where they rent land to local farmers, major repairs were needed. Before *Extreme*

Makeover: Home Edition arrived, the farmhouse had no working toilet, a ceiling that was caving in and a layout that did not work for the family, especially if Audrey lost her sight completely.

“And yet, in the photo of the family we saw, they were all together and smiling,” Garvin said. “The first thing that came into my head was, ‘Man, these people have to be so strong.’”

The J&P Cycles crew spent 4½ days and nights and overcame numerous obstacles to get the motorcycles back in tip-top shape. Rocker Bret Michaels, who was the lead vocalist in the rock band Poison and the winning contestant on the NBC reality television series *Celebrity Apprentice 3*, made a trip to J&P to help the staff put the finishing touches on the bikes and take them back to West Union, where they were part of the TV show’s show-ending surprise for the Gibbs family.

Check out a special section on the J&P Cycles website that includes additional footage and details on the motorcycle overhaul at www.jpcycles.com/extreme-home-makeover.

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About ABC-TV’s *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*

The Emmy-Award winning reality program *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, now in its ninth season, is produced by Endemol USA, a division of Endemol Holding. Brady

Connell and George Verschoor are executive producers, and David Goldberg is Chairman of Endemol North America. Episodes currently air Friday nights, 8- 10 p.m. ET on ABC.