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***Diners and Bikers* Just Made Easy Touring Even Easier**

Tune in to CPTV Sunday, October 5, 2008 at 6 p.m.

HARTFORD, Conn. (September 19, 2008) – *Diners and Bikers*, airing on CPTV Sunday, October 5 at 6 p.m. is a unique blend of documentary and reality that is rich in entertainment value and revealing in its insight into the contemporary motorcycle culture.

Hosted by record producer-singer-songwriter Garrison Leykam, the program combines the thrill of motorcycling with the need to find the perfect diner that invites travelers in for a home-cooked meal and friendly conversation while transporting them back in time.

“The diner and the motorcycle are cohorts,” says David Morris, author of *Motostars: Celebrities + Motorcycles*. “Each offers unexpected treasures. The motorcycle is the faithful steed that transports its rider, making each road an adventure. The diner is the oasis whose authentic expression provides simple, honest and reliable pleasure, and replenishment, along the way,” adds Morris, who is a fan of the program.

Diners is developed by Southwest Meerkat Productions, LLC and filmed in Connecticut by Emmy award-winning cinematographer Steve Sattler. In production for over two years, *Diners and Bikers* has garnered an impressive amount of attention in magazines and newspapers across the country.

“It provides viewers with a unique opportunity to experience two of America’s favorite pastimes: eating and biking,” says CPTV vice president and station manager, Jay Whitsett.

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