

LA GRANGE À BÉCANES, COLLECTION LEMOINE RHINE MOTORBIKE MUSEUM

La Grange à Bécanes, the Rhine Motorbike Museum, opened in 2013 in a renovated barn on a farm in Bantzenheim village centre.

The museum explores the history of vintage motorcycles through one passionate collector: Raymond Lemoine.

New acquisitions loaned and restored by the Friends of the Motorbike Museum Association are regularly added to the collection.

The museum was recognised as being of community interest in 2017 and it is now managed by Mulhouse Alsace Agglomération.

Bantzenheim retains ownership of the collection.



RAYMOND LEMOINE, COLLECTOR

1928

- Raymond Lemoine was born in 1928 in Trans in the Mayenne area. His passion for motorcycles and engineering began when he was 12.

1943

- He did his apprenticeship during World War II and became a **specialist mechanic**. He worked as a wheelwright, blacksmith and agricultural equipment mechanic.

1950

- He moved to Paris to work at (SW) Schneider-Westinghouse then came to Mulhouse for the launch of the SW trolleybus in 1957.

1956

- He bought his first new motorcycle, the Ravat 154 G, and became a huge fan of the brand. **He began collecting motorcycles and dreamt of opening a museum.** He was forced to sell his first collection in the 1980s.

1995

- When his wife died, he tracked down his first motorcycle and bought it back. **This was when Raymond Lemoine started his new collection of 180 motorised bicycles.** He restored countless vintage models.

2005

- He donated the 91 motorcycles in his collection to **Bantzenheim** on the condition that it would form a museum. The town council bought the rest of the collection.

2013

- Porte de France Rhin Sud Council opened La Grange à Bécanes to visitors.

