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BIO: CHUCK PALUMBO (pah-LUM-bo)

Palumbo was born and raised in Providence, Rhode Island with a love of all things mechanical. His first bike was a Sears & Roebuck rigid mini-bike at four years old. He worked with his dad to “upgrade” it from a 3.5- to a 5-horsepower engine.

Palumbo also raced BMX bikes – tore them apart and rebuilt them too. As he got older, he transitioned to cars and motorcycles. He fixed up his Oldsmobile Cutlass, working after school and during school breaks in an autoshops. This is where he learned how to paint, weld, do plastic-work and other automotive aspects.

Palumbo excelled in sports during high school, making the all-state basketball team. When he graduated from high school, he headed to college – but discovered it wasn’t a good fit for him. He found himself homeless. When his brother enlisted in the U.S. Navy, Palumbo figured that he would give it a try. The U.S. Navy took him to San Diego, where he became an aviation mechanic working on aircraft carriers as well as at the then US Naval Air Station Miramar. After four years with the U.S. Navy, Palumbo left to try college again and playing basketball.

Palumbo not only went back to school, he was All-American as a freshman. He later was awarded a full scholarship to Central Missouri State University. It was during the college years that Palumbo’s curiosity was piqued about professional wrestling.

During an airing of WCW Monday Nitro, Palumbo saw an ad for the WCW Powerplant – the training camp for the WCW franchise. He decided that this was what he needed to do at this point in his life. He called the number listed in the commercial, sold everything he owned, drove his family cross-country to Atlanta to attend the training camp.

In 1999, the WCW offered Palumbo his first contract. From there he went on to wrestle professionally in the WWF, WWE and other international professional wrestling ventures. Palumbo retired his wrestling persona in 2008.

Palumbo left the wrestling world to pursue his love of building motorcycles. He founded CP Kustoms in San Diego with Bruce Barker in 2007. Palumbo can do customization of existing bikes to ground-up custom builds. He has built choppers for Rey Mysterio, Dave Batista and Chavo Guerro.

Palumbo lives in San Diego with his family. When he isn’t building choppers, he like having quiet time with his family and dogs and performing with his band.

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