

The Retarded Spark

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The President's Lowdown

Jarl Rue

Salutations! I hope this letter finds you well and that everyone survived the flood and the long hard winter. I personally like the change in seasons but this year's winter was way too long here in Nebraska. Record snow fall and the cold and ice has made spring time even more appreciated. So let's all say goodbye to a nasty winter and say hello to spring!

Riding season is just around the corner and I hope you are ready. The national club is kicking off the season in Texas in a few weeks and a group of us are heading down to enjoy the festivities. The national road rides are a great way to get out of town and see parts of the country you may not normally get to plus you get to ride an old bike. They typically lay out the red carpet for visitors which also makes it a hard thing to pass up.

We have a "tentative" schedule of events included in this newsletter. We will be updating it as developments arise so check the website or call your road captain! Our first local ride will be the annual Rusty Ride in May. We'll start at Rusty' s place and, weather permitting, we will have a nice afternoon to go for a ride up north. Then in June we are planning to go up to LeMars Iowa to see our founding chapter member Rich Shultz and do a little garage tour. This will be a fun ride up and back so don't miss it! We are also finally getting to make the Templeton Rye ride a reality after two years of postponements. As you can see, 2019 will be starting out with some nice rides. So get those projects finished up and get your bike out of the garage and ride it!

We are also working on summer meeting locations. It looks like we are going to try a few new places so we will be posting them as they come up. We will do an email blast also to remind everyone of the locations. If you have a suggestion, please let us know.

So until next time ride safe and ride often! **J.R.**

Notes from the Editor-in-Chief

Bruce (Scoop) Johnson

I hope you are as excited as me to be entering the spring riding season. We have a lot of road rides planned for this year. Please check the Schedule of Events and join us on as many as you can! Also, to keep our *Name That Antique Motorcycle* section going, please send in past photos of yourself or other members on a motorcycle. And, let us know if you have classified ads you want included in future newsletters. The newsletter email address is OmahaAMCA@gmail.com.

Lincoln Highway AMCA National Swap Meet (February 2018)

Well, once again the round of meets across the country starts off with the Lincoln Highway meet Febr. 21-23 in Fremont NE. As is the custom, we met Thursday at the Village Inn at 6 a.m. for breakfast and stimulating conversation. Then, off to Christensen Field to get the vending tables and a good percentage of bikes set up. Friday was a nice day and we had a great turn out for the swap meet but the motorcycle entries were down this year -- no doubt because of concerns about the weather. We held a town hall meeting and, for nearly the first time in the U.S. (It had already been done in Australia), Jim Crist's Sportster was virtually judged using a laptop to connect with several experts across the country. Despite their best efforts, Jim's bike still scored in the high 90s.

At 5 p.m. the meet was shut down and we all filed in for a delicious meal consisting of either roast beef or chicken with all the fixins (Nary a cherry to be spotted anywhere!!). Then our illustrious new National President Ross Metcalfe regaled us with his involvement in several Land Speed records he and 3 friends achieved on old Indians and Harleys. If you weren't there you missed a great evening.

Saturday dawned with ice on the roads and blizzard warnings in the forecast. We soldiered on with judging taking place and awards handed out. With the weather about to turn foul, we packed up and hit the road early and, as far as I know, everyone got home safely. So, next up, the Rusty Ride starts a new season of riding so stay tuned for the summer email. See you soon!

For full size pictures from the event, click here:
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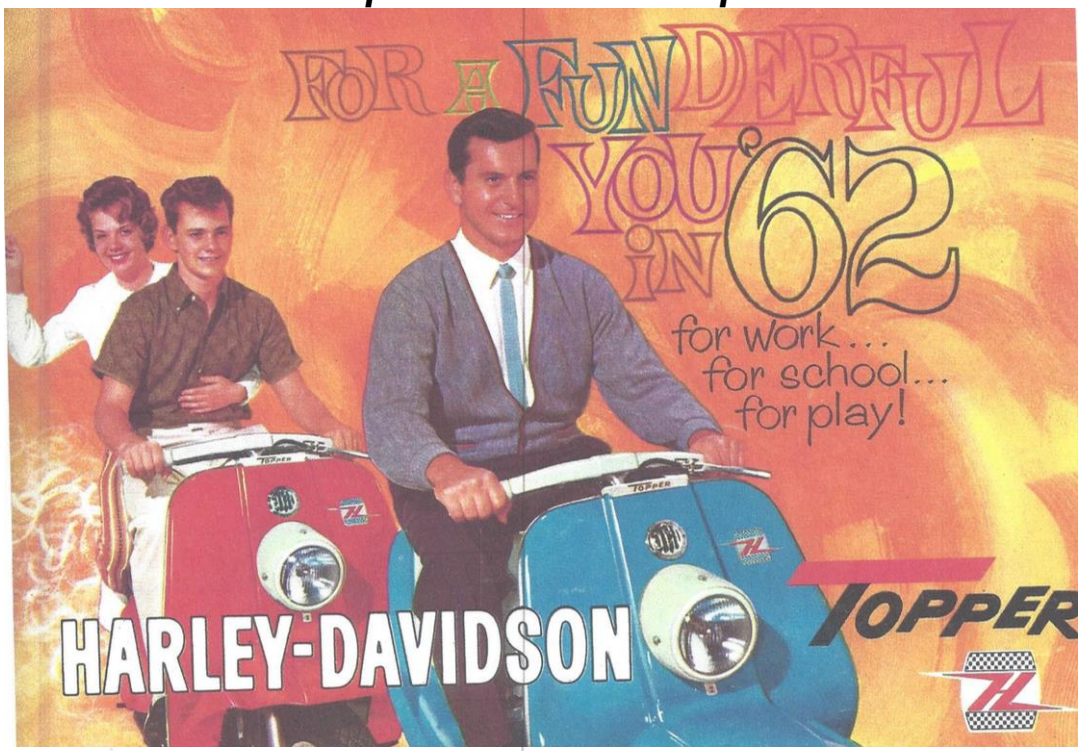



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HIGH COMPRESSION HEAD—Deep-finned aluminum alloy cylinder head gives the H a compression ratio of 8 to 1. An efficient "squish" chamber insures proper combustion and gives greater volumetric efficiency at all engine speeds.



DEEP BREATHING—The H has a BIG carburetor, with intake passage and transfer ports to match. Plenty of fuel gets to the cylinder for top horsepower output—a real performance extra for scootering pleasure—gets you away from the stop lights fast.



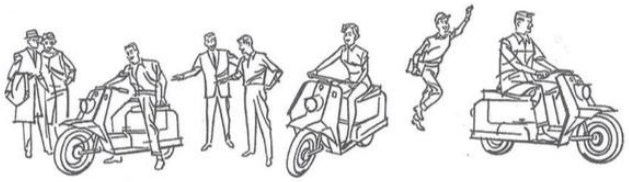
DUSTPROOF SCOOTAWAY DRIVE—Primary drive of automatic transmission operates in a sealed oil bath. No dust and dirt can get in to interfere with power flow. Wearing surfaces are alloy steel for long, trouble-free life.



LONG LIFE BEARINGS—Needle rolle bearings on both end of the connecting ro insure long, trouble-fre service. Stainless ste choke and throttle shaft running in stainles steel bushings prolon carburetor life on th new Topper H scoote









NEW HANDLEBAR STYLING
TOPPER H for '62 now features streamline style handlebars, new grips and fingertip ignition.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON TOPPER

INE—Rubber-mounted, single-cylinder, air-cooled, ycle, 10-cubic-inch engine with reed valve intake. 2.375". Stroke, 2.281". Compression ratio, 8 to 1. 1 on under 5 brake horsepower AU model. Vanasil, dome-top piston, tin-plated. Parko lubrized n rings. Full-floating, lock-ring retained piston pin. -forged steel connecting rod with needle roller ngs. Ball bearing main bearings, sealed and lubri- for life. Aluminum alloy cylinder head, crankcase .c. generator cover.

NSMISSION—Scootaway fully automatic trans- on. Automatic ratio change, infinitely variable gh riding range. No shifting. No clutching. Dust- , enclosed primary drive running in oil bath. inum floating sheave, steel faced. Steel stationary e. Carbonized and hardened steel ball tracks. al lockout for starting also serves as parking brake.

ERATOR—Alternating-current generator. Rugged, ndable, waterproof, engine mainshaft driven. Two ension coils. One operates headlight and taillight, her supplies current for high-tension ignition coil and operates stop light through added circuit breaker. num output of each coil, 3.2 amperes at 7 volts.

RICATION—Engine is lubricated by oil mixed with asoline. Convenient oil measuring cup is attached underside of the gas tank cap.

TRICAL EQUIPMENT—Large, 5¾", prefocused, e-filament headlight; Hi-Lo beam controlled from er switch on left footboard. Taillight has large tor area with stop light legal in all states. Plastic Disc-type electric horn is operated from right ebar.

ME—Tubular steel, unit construction. Ball bearing ng head bearings. Wheel base, 51.5".

FRONT FORK—Leading link with extension spring. Hydraulically damped by means of a strut-type shock absorber. Fork irons out bumps, ruts and washboard roads.

REAR SUSPENSION—Swinging-arm, pivoted rear fork controlled by means of two extension springs for smooth riding. Maintains proper chain adjustment throughout its spring travel.

MUFFLER—Low-restriction, tapered section muffler. Long, low-resistance muffler on AU model.

AIR INTAKE—Carburetor air intake is located at back of saddle. Bottom of saddle forms a chamber that serves as air-intake silencer. Chrome air-intake cover.

AIR FILTER—Polyurethane plastic air filter. Can be cleaned and reused. Located under saddle.

BRAKES—Large, sure-stop, 5" internal expanding brakes, front and rear. Front wheel brake is operated by a lever on left handlebar. Rear brake is right-foot-operated.

BODY—Engine cover and body shell made of durable fiberglass for sturdy, lightweight construction. Front splash shields and fenders are of heavy auto-body steel.

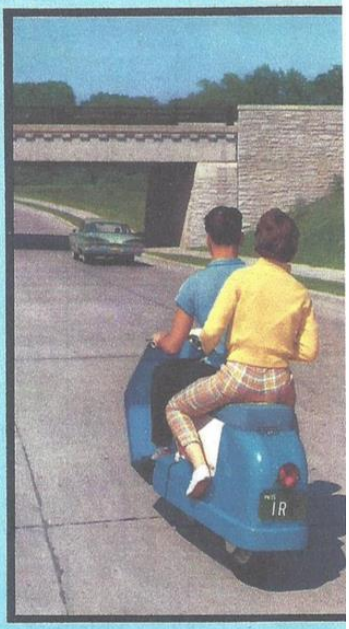
SADDLE—Durable Naugahide over 4" of foam-rubber. Two-tone cover. Saddle is 22" long, 10" wide, 4½" high. Buddy Seat hand strap. Concealed carrying space under hinged saddle.

TIRES—Large 4.00" x 12" for safe roadability.

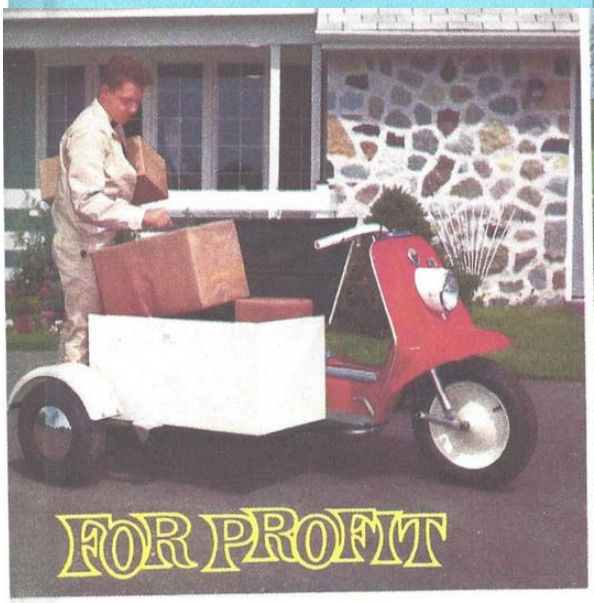
DIMENSIONS—Overall length, 75.00"; width, 24.00"; height (top of handlebars), 37.00"; saddle height, 30.00"; minimum road clearance, 3.50".

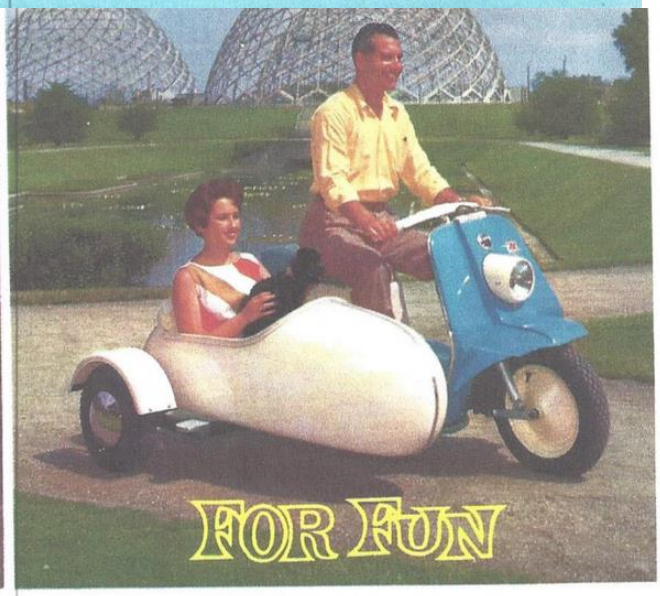
GAS TANK CAPACITY—1.7 U. S. gallons total with reserve capacity provided.

FINISH—All enameled metal surfaces are treated to resist rust and corrosion. Two-tone styling—Birch White with Skyline Blue, Tango Red or Granada Green.



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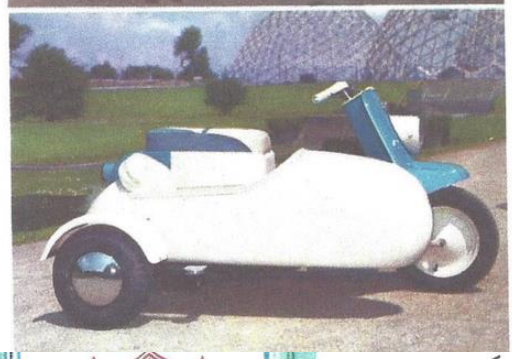
HARLEY-DAVIDSON TOPPER UTILITY BOX AND SIDECAR SPECIFICATIONS

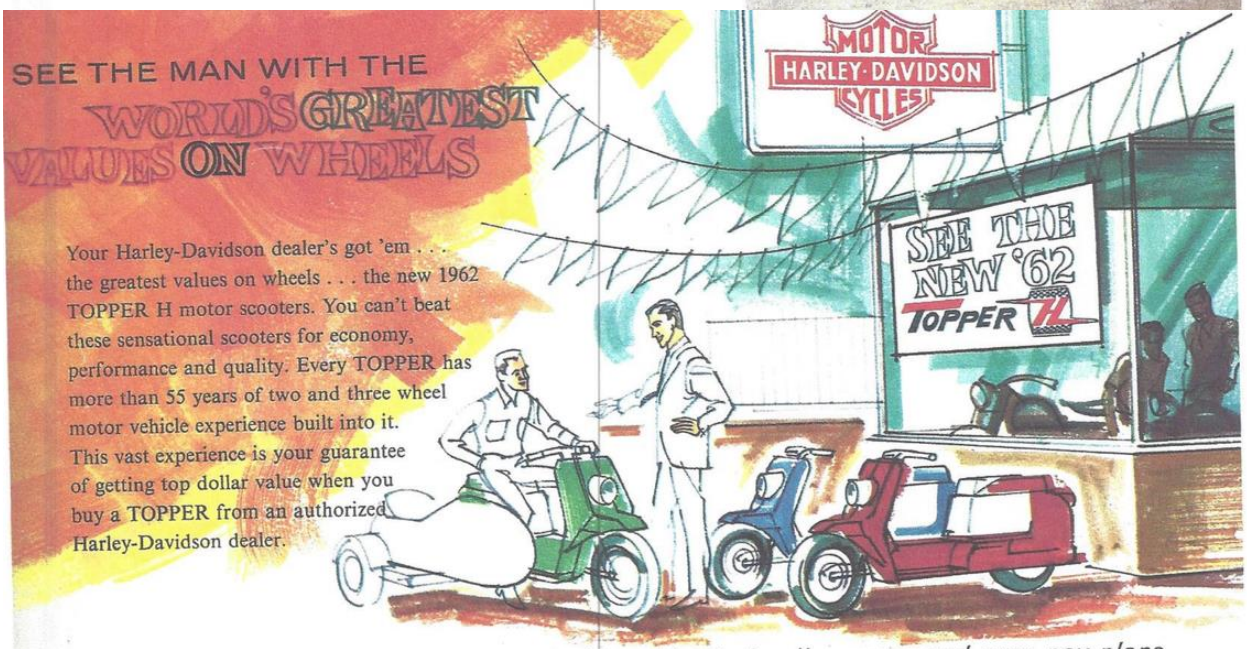
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FRAME—Rugged steel frame. Attachment to Topper frame provides for adjustment of scooter lean and sidecar wheel toe-in.
WHEEL—Anti-friction wheel hub bearings. Hub attached to wheel arm.
TIRE SIZE—4.00″ x 8″.
SUSPENSION—Wheel suspended on ¾″ square torsion bar 11″ long.
TREAD—38″.
BODY—Two styles available.
1. Streamlined sidecar body, fabricated from sheet steel. Padded seat covered with waterproof plastic.
2. Utility box fabricated from sheet steel. Sturdy hinged cover. Dimensions: Width—17¾″ Length—31¾″ Depth—16½″

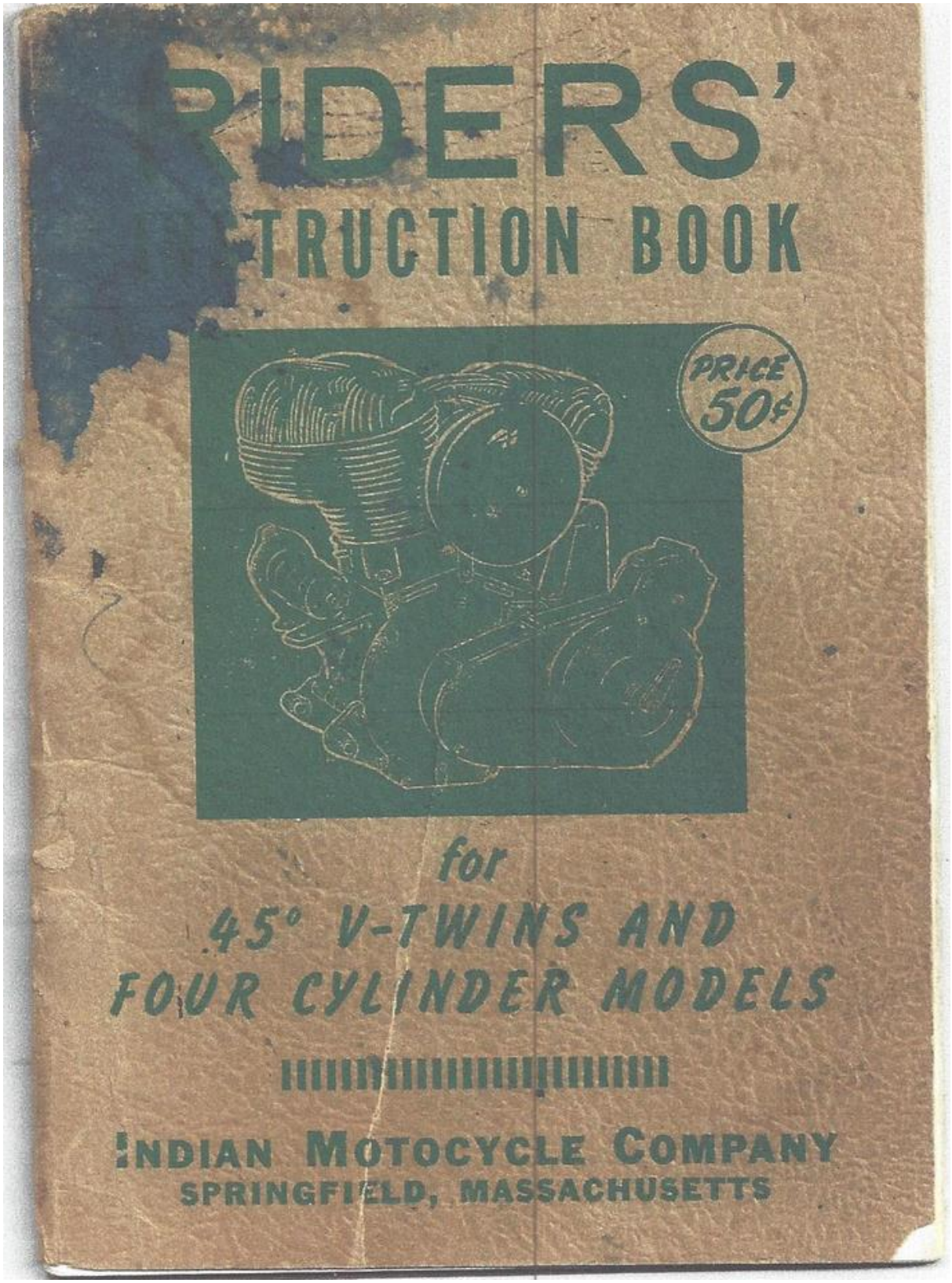
FINISH—All body surfaces enameled in Birch White. Chassis enameled in black.
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT—A number of equipment items available.







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Name That Antique Motorcyclist



December's Motorcyclist
Dale Gammell

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Shovelhead 2 into 1 w/ kicker headpipe/exhaust. 66-71 tank emblems. Pogo seat t-bar. Runner/rider condition. Contact Kory Varilek at (402) 719-1640.

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2019 AMCA Remaining Events		
Apr 8-10	**Cherokee Chapter National Road Run** http://www.cherokeeamca.org/index.html	Kerrville, TX
Apr 16	**Chapter Get Together – 6:00 PM** Petrow's (5914 Center Street)	Omaha, NE
Apr 26-27	**Perkiomen Chapter National Meet** www.facebook.com/PerkiomenChapterAmca	Oley, PA
May 18	**Rusty's Run – 9:00 AM** Rusty's House (11115 N. 72nd Street)	Omaha, NE
May 21	**Chapter Get Together – 6:00 PM** TBD	Omaha, NE
May 17-19	**Southern National Meet** www.amcasouthernnationalmeet.com	Denton, NC
May 24-25	**European Chapter Meet** www.amca-europe.eu	Raalte, Netherlands
June 22	**Day Ride/Shultz Garage Tour** 123 10th Street	LeMars, IA
June 9-12	**Allegheny Chapter National Road Run** amcaamc.com	Seven Springs, PA
June 14-15	**Viking Chapter National Meet** www.vikingmc.org	St. Paul, MN
June 14-15	**Fort Sutter Chapter National Meet** www.fortsutteramca.org	Dixon, CA
June 18	**Chapter Get Together – 6:00 PM** TBD	Omaha, NE
July 5-7	**Empire Chapter National Meet** http://www.empirechapter.com	Trumansburg, NY
July 13	**Templeton Rye Ride**	Templeton, IA
July 16	**Chapter Get Together – 6:00 PM** TBD	Omaha, NE
July 19-21	**Wauseon National Meet** www.wauseonnationalmeet.org	Wauseon, OH
Aug 2-3	**Yankee Chapter National Meet** www.yankeechapter.org	Terryville, CT
Aug 2-11	**Sturgis Week** https://sturgismotorcyclerally.com/	Sturgis, SD
Aug 11	**Pioneer Park Road Ride– 9:00 AM** Departs from McDonalds (14363 NE Hwy 31)	Lincoln, NE

2019 AMCA Remaining Events		
Aug 18	**Baxter Cycle Open House**	Marne, IA
Aug 20	**Chapter Get Together – 6:00 PM** TBD	Omaha, NE
Aug 24-25	**AMCA Australia Chapter** www.amcaaustralia.org	New South Wales, Australia
Sept 4-6	**Music City Chapter National Road Run** https://www.facebook.com/musiccitychapteramca/	Nashville, TN
Sept 7	**Rustemberfest** 19340 Jesup Ave	Pacific Junction, IA
Sept 17	**Chapter Get Together – 6:00 PM** TBD	Omaha, NE
Sept 22	**Chapter Picnic – 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM** Glenwood Lake Park (207 East Sharp Street)	Glenwood, IA
Sept 23-25	**Yerba Buena Chapter National Road Run** www.yerbabuenaamca.org	Monterey, CA
Sept 27-28	**Chesapeake Chapter National Meet** www.ccamca.org	Jefferson, PA
Oct TBD	**Waubonsie Dirt Road Run** Tentative	Tabor, IA
Oct 15	**Chapter Get Together – 6:00 PM** TBD	Omaha, NE
Oct 20	**Chapter Business Meeting – 2:00 PM** Famous Dave's (12020 Anne Street)	Omaha, NE
Nov 19	**Chapter Get Together – 6:00 PM** TBD	Omaha, NE
Dec 17	**Chapter Christmas Party** TBD	Omaha, NE