

The Retarded Spark

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The President's Lowdown

Jarl Rue

Hello all of you antique motorcycle enthusiasts! I really hope you are enjoying your riding season. Yes, it sure seemed like it went from cold to hot and we missed some of spring but that should not deter us from enjoying ourselves and making the most of everyday possible. It does not matter whether you are just out for a nice little stroll or taking a long jaunt...get out and ride! Don't forget about all of the nice events and meets, if I am lucky I may see you at more than a few of them.

I was not able to make our maiden voyage of the spring the "Rusty Ride" but from what I hear it was a nice turn out and I am sure Bruce will tell us all about it in his rants. I really enjoyed our trip to Pioneer Village and the weather gods smiled down on us. Nick really had his stuff together on that front and he did a great job standing in for Scott! I will let our editor in chief give you all of the nice tidbits about the trip...let's just say there are a few juicy details to share.

I would like to take a minute and talk about the auction last weekend at Frontier Harley Davidson. Dave Fisher had quite a nice collection of bikes and everything Harley Davidson. It is sad to see the end of an era. I did not know Dave personally but I felt he ran a good business, promoted riding, and antiques bikes. I remember when he bought the dealership at the old building and the big investment he made in the new location. I was not planning on attending but at the last minute decided to ride down and take a look see. Hopefully some of the bikes get to see the road again and everything sold finds a good home. Heck, we may see some of it at Fremont next February!

Well enough B.S. from me! Get out and enjoy our hobby/passion. You are the best advertising and promotion we have to keep it all going. See you all on the road.

Ride safe! **J.R.**

Notes from the Editor-in-Chief

Bruce (Scoop) Johnson

I hope you are enjoying the summer riding season! We still have lots of warm weather left and 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.

Perkiomen Chapter National Meet in Oley PA (April 2018)

Your roving correspondent, Wes Scott, Ray Barr, and Jim Crist braved the elements and went to the Perkiomen Chapter Swap Meet in Oley PA. There was a lot of cool stuff and bikes but it was a cold, rainy Friday and that took some of the fun out of the event (well, at least for me). Saturday the sun came out at noon and warmed up my old bones. The banquet the Oley chapter put on was first rate with the speaker being none other than a Davidson granddaughter Jean Davidson (show-offs). Jim, Wes, and I were put up by my lovely daughter and her family in first class facilities. They have a beautiful home only 40 minutes from the meet! My grandkids Reid and Claire fell in love with Jim and Wes and, when we weren't spending time with my family, we did some tourist stuff in Philadelphia. First, we saw the Liberty Bell and Constitution Hall. It is quite a feeling to be standing in the same space that the founding fathers stood in, debated, and signed the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Then we hopped on a tour bus and travelled around the city and hopping off whenever we spotted something interesting. We spent a lot of time at the nation's first federal prison (Wes thought he spent some time there in a previous life). The next day, we visited Valley Forge, hoofing up and down those historic hills and seeing where the Continental Army had their winter camp. On our last day, we visited the Battleship New Jersey. My grandson got to launch a couple of missiles and we saw the cabin Bull Halsey lived in while on the battleship.

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Rusty's Run (May 2018)

The cold and rainy theme continued for the annual Rusty Ride. Rusty was his usual cheerful self and hooked us all up with delicious donuts and mega coffee (grown where the 'copters can't spot it). After some stimulating coffee and conversation, we mounted up and headed down the by-ways of eastern Nebraska to the lovely town of Fremont. Jim Ringle was kind enough to open the doors of his shop to us and we enjoyed some additional coffee (did I mention it was chilly?). He has quite an impressive collection of motorcycles and cars stuffed in the building and I have it on good authority that some of the machines were actually his! I had to go to work so I split off from the group early. The rest of the riders went up to the Bottom Road Bar north of North Bend and finished up with a lunch.

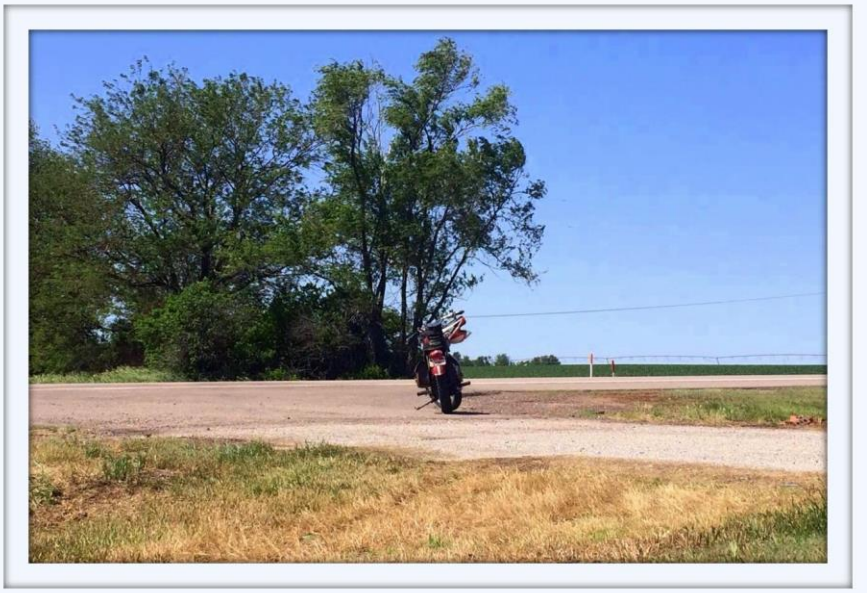
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Pioneer Village Road Ride (June 2018)

This ride, like the other rides, started out looking like rainy and cold weather. But, low and behold, the clouds parted and we all met with nary a drop on anything! After breakfast, we hit Highway 6 and headed west for Minden and Pioneer Village! More than one brand of bike was represented on the trip. We had the Axis powers, Bob Alf (Italy) and his Moto Guzzi, Nick Hildreth (Germany) on his BMW and the most daring of us all, Kevin Naser on a mid-60's Triumph. He was not content with riding his 1914 Indian (which made it across the whole country in the Cannonball and scored a perfect 100 points). Instead, he insisted on riding an Antique British motorcycle with almost 2,000 miles on the clock half way across Nebraska and back (making his previous accomplishments pale by comparison). Alas, it was not to be…it will be up to some other brave soul to do what most think is impossible for the Triumph coughed up a hairball and ground to a halt near Friend, Nebraska. And, because we are an optimistic group, we did not have a chase truck along. Being the compassionate group that we are, we made sure he was well placed at an abandoned farm (I am pretty sure I heard banjos) to wait for his wife to drive over 100 miles to retrieve him. We look forward to his next impossible dream and hope it comes true. After we ~~ditched~~ left Kevin, we soldiered on to Minden where we were greeted by the Pioneer Village Marquee announcing our arrival. I am glad I made the trip. We witnessed the end of an era. What once was a thriving tourist location is now almost a ghost town. But, if nothing else, Pioneer Village has a lot of very cool stuff from horse and buggy to the first American Jet fighter. If you haven't been, try to go, because another piece of history is about to disappear. As far as the ride went, the weather was spectacular, the roads great, and the company first rate as always. So, welcome to summer people and hope to see you soon!

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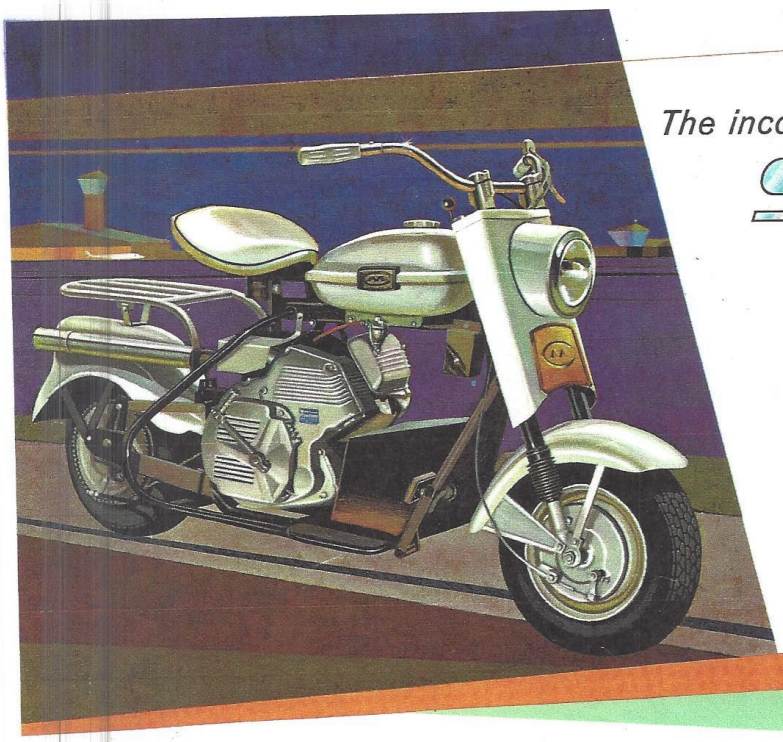
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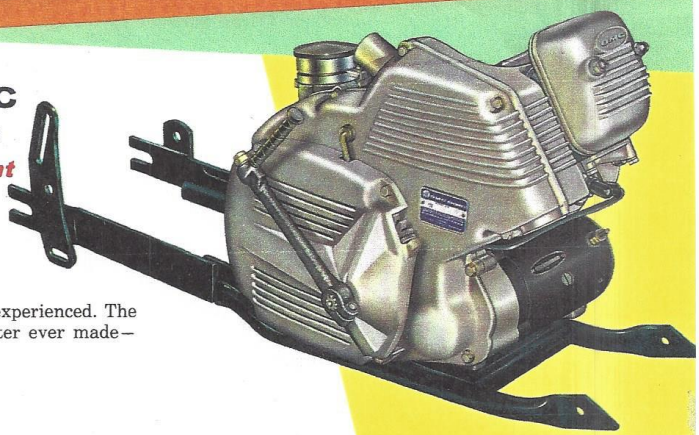
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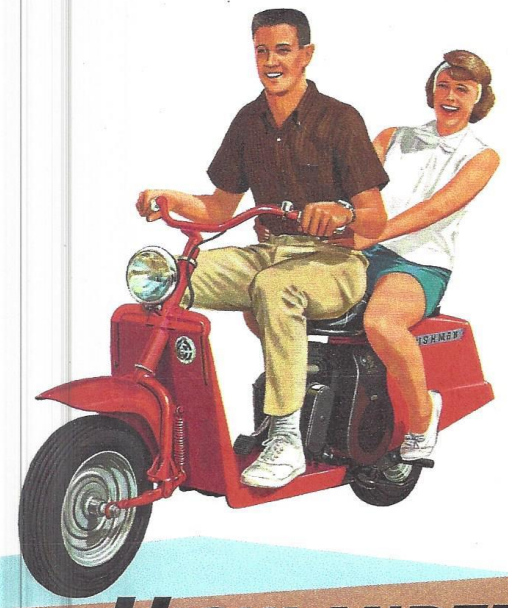
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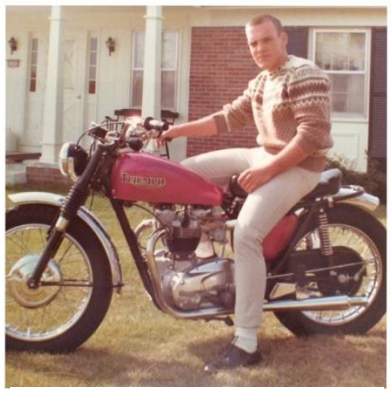
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2018 AMCA Remaining Events		
June 15-16	**Viking Chapter National Meet** www.vikingmc.org	St. Paul, MN
June 15-16	**Fort Sutter Chapter National Meet** www.fortsutteramca.org	Dixon, CA
June 19	**Chapter Get Together – 6:00 PM** Stumble Inn (15409 S. 2nd Street)	Bennington, NE
July 17	**Chapter Get Together – 6:00 PM** Stumble Inn (15409 S. 2nd Street)	Bennington, NE
July 13-15	**The Wild Ones Vintage Motorcycle Rally** https://www.facebook.com/events/1447292358680699	Milwaukee, WI
July 16-19	**Panhead Ride to Wauseon, OH** https://badgerheritage.com/panhead-70th-anniversary-	Milwaukee, WI
July 20-22	**Wauseon National Meet** www.wauseonnationalmeet.org	Wauseon, OH
July 26-28	**Oregon Trail Chapter National Road Run** www.antiquemotorcycleoregon.com	Cotton Grove, OR
Aug 3-4	**Yankee Chapter National Meet** www.yankeechapter.org	Terryville, CT
Aug 5-11	**Sturgis Week**	Sturgis, SD
Aug 12	**Pioneer Park Road Ride– 9:00 AM** Departs from McDonalds (14363 NE Hwy 31)	Lincoln, NE
Aug 19	**Baxter Cycle Open House**	Marne, IA
Aug 21	**Chapter Get Together – 6:00 PM** Stumble Inn (15409 S. 2nd Street)	Bennington, NE
Aug 24-26	**AMCA Australia Chapter** www.amcaaustralia.org	New South Wales, Australia
Aug 30-31	**Davenport Swap Meet**	Davenport, IA
Sept 4-6	**Driftless Chapter National Road Run** www.facebook.com/DriftlessAMCA	Onalaska, WI
Sept 8	**Templeton Rye Ride** Tentative	Templeton, IA
Sept 12-14	**Black Hills Chapter National Road Run** carlcycle@nrctv.com	Deadwood, SD
Sept 18	**Chapter Get Together – 6:00 PM** Stumble Inn (15409 S. 2nd Street)	Bennington, NE

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Sept 23	**Chapter Picnic – 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM** Glenwood Lake Park (207 East Sharp Street)	Glenwood, IA
Sept 28-29	**Chesapeake Chapter National Meet** www.ccamca.org	Jefferson, PA
Oct 6	**Waubonsie Dirt Road Run** Meet at Scott's at 9 AM (61333 Levi Rd Glenwood IA)	Tabor, IA
Oct 16	**Chapter Get Together – 6:00 PM** Stumble Inn (15409 S. 2nd Street)	Bennington, NE
Oct 21	**Chapter Business Meeting – 2:00 PM** Famous Dave's (12020 Anne Street)	Omaha, NE
Nov 20	**Chapter Get Together – 6:00 PM** Stumble Inn (15409 S. 2nd Street)	Bennington, NE
Dec 18	**Chapter Christmas Party** TBD	Omaha, NE