

The Retarded Spark

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The President's Lowdown

Jarl Rue

Happy New Year everyone! Everybody get through the holidays okay? I must admit that although we had a wonderful time, I am kind of glad it is all over. Now we can get down to business and bring in the new year! The board has been busy working behind the scenes on the 2018 Calendar of Events and it looks like another action packed riding season. Similar to the past, we wait until the national AMCA announces their dates and details for the road rides and swap meets and then collectively try to plan which national and regional events we would like to attend as a chapter. These events, along with our local club rides, make for some good riding. Nationally we are heading to the Black Hills Rally in September to meet up with the Cannon Ball Run and to support some local boys in their quest for perfection! Regionally we have decided to head out to the Panhead Ride and The Wild Ones: Vintage Motorcycle Rally at the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee. This is really a three for one as you have the rally, ride, and swap meet! And yes, Wauseon is also honoring the 70th anniversary of the Panhead! What a deal huh? Locally we have our standard fare of day meets and rides along with rides to Templeton Iowa and Pioneer Village among others. Check out the Schedule of Events enclosed in this issue and please come join us…the more the merrier I always say. Before we can get to all the fun rides and rallies happening this year, we have our very own Lincoln Highway National Bike Show and Swap Meet coming right around the corner here in February. This year it is the 22nd – 24th and as always we appreciate your support and help putting this event on. Please put this on your calendar and make the trip out to Fremont. Bring out your Panheads, Shovelheads, Flatheads, and yes we hope to see all of you knuckle heads in Fremont! Seriously we do want you and your bikes in Fremont and yes we always appreciate your help in putting this event on so please call me personally (402-510-3725) if you think you can help with the setup, tear down, manning the door, security, or any other odd job that always seems to creep up. Heck we even need help taking out the trash…yes dear. So there you have it—the start of another great year for the Omaha Chapter of the AMCA! Hope to see you soon! **J.R.**

Notes from the Editor-in-Chief

Bruce (Scoop) Johnson

As the year has drawn to a close I would like to share what a great time I had in 2017. The local road rides and national events that I was able to attend were sensational! We are including pictures from 2017 for a walk down memory lane. If you have never gone on one of these rides, what are you waiting for?! Our chapter always has a great turnout at the national road rides. A bunch of your fellow members went to the Rocky Mountain Chapter Ride. Wes and Shari Scott and my girlfriend MJ and I brought our 1979 and 1980 sidecar rigs to the mountains. We rode up to the summit of Mt. Evans (the highest paved road in the U.S.). I also brought the hack down to the Smokey Mountains and flogged it around and through civil war battle grounds and out to the Jack Daniels distillery. One of our local rides included an informative ride around Okoboji and the Iowa great lakes with stops at hot rod shops and other points of interest. We also took 2017 to change over to an electronic newsletter. As you can see, it enables us to put as many color pictures in as we want. I know it has been a painful transformation for some of you but it will be worth it. I also want to thank my daughter Erika who was instrumental in the change and is always a great help to me with this newsletter. Now we are in 2018 and looking forward to the February show and swap meet and the kick off to our new riding season. So, enjoy the pictures and hope to see you at the January get together and the February swap meet!

2017 in Review

Lincoln Highway AMCA National Swap Meet (February 2017)

For full size pictures from the event, click here:
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Omaha World of Wheels (March 2017)

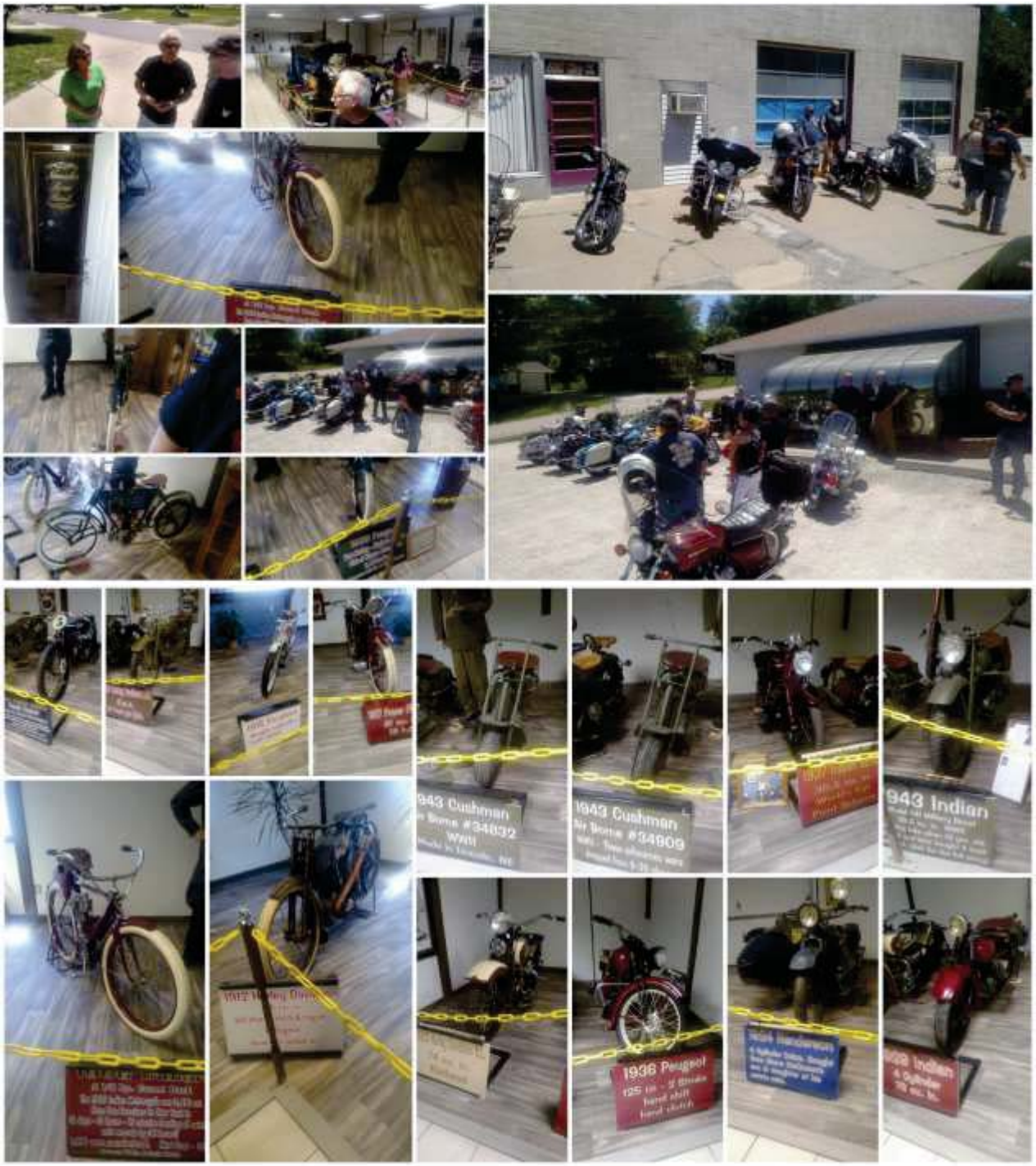
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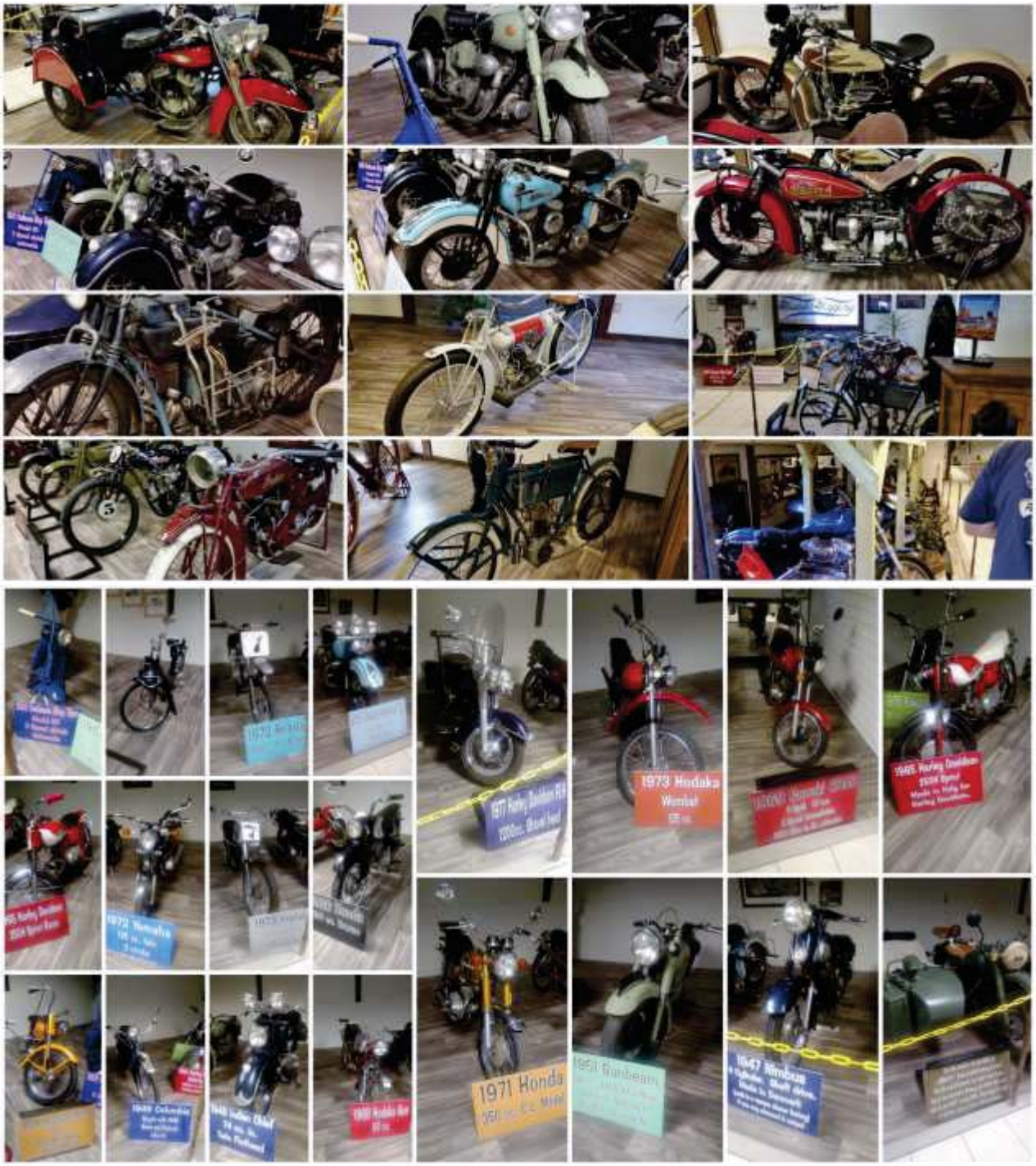


Rusty's Ride AKA
The Wonderful Bill and Carla Montz Motorcycle Collection Tour (May 2017)

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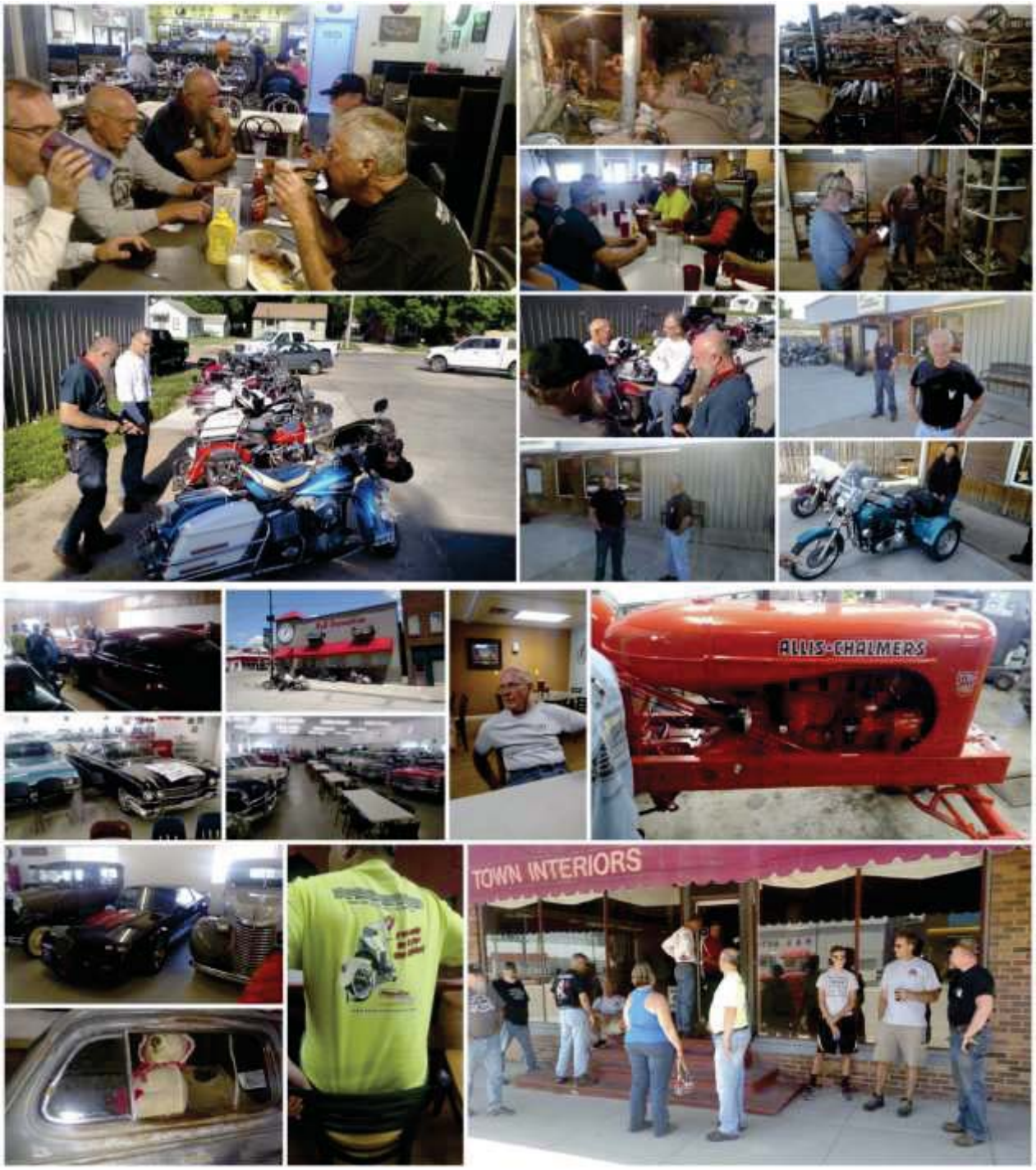



943 Cushman
1943 Cushman
943 Indian
1936 Peugeot


1973 Hodaka
Wombat
1971 Honda

Iowa Adventure by Scott and Nancy (March 2017)

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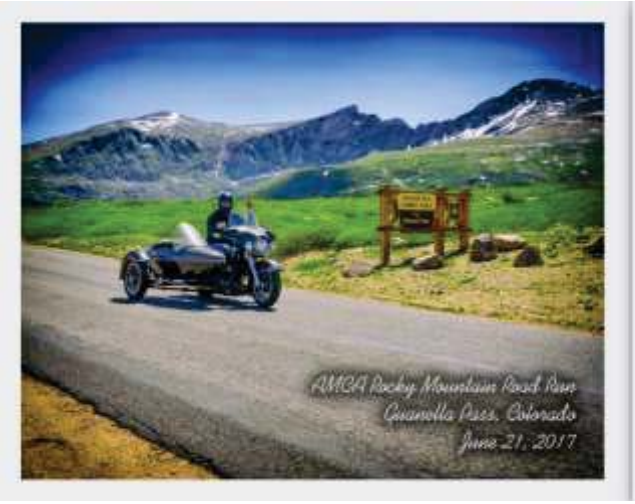


Blackhawk Colorado National Road Run (June 2017)

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AMCA Rocky Mountain Road Run
Guanella Pass, Colorado
June 21, 2017


AMCA Rocky Mountain Road Run - Bakersville, Colorado - June 21, 2017

Okoboji, Iowa Trip (July 2017)

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Bob Butterfield's Memorial Service (July 2017)

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The Eclipse (August 2017)

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Butterfield's Hot Dog Daze (September 2017)

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The Great Smoky Mountain Road Ride (September 2017)

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The Official Home of
Motorcycle Resort



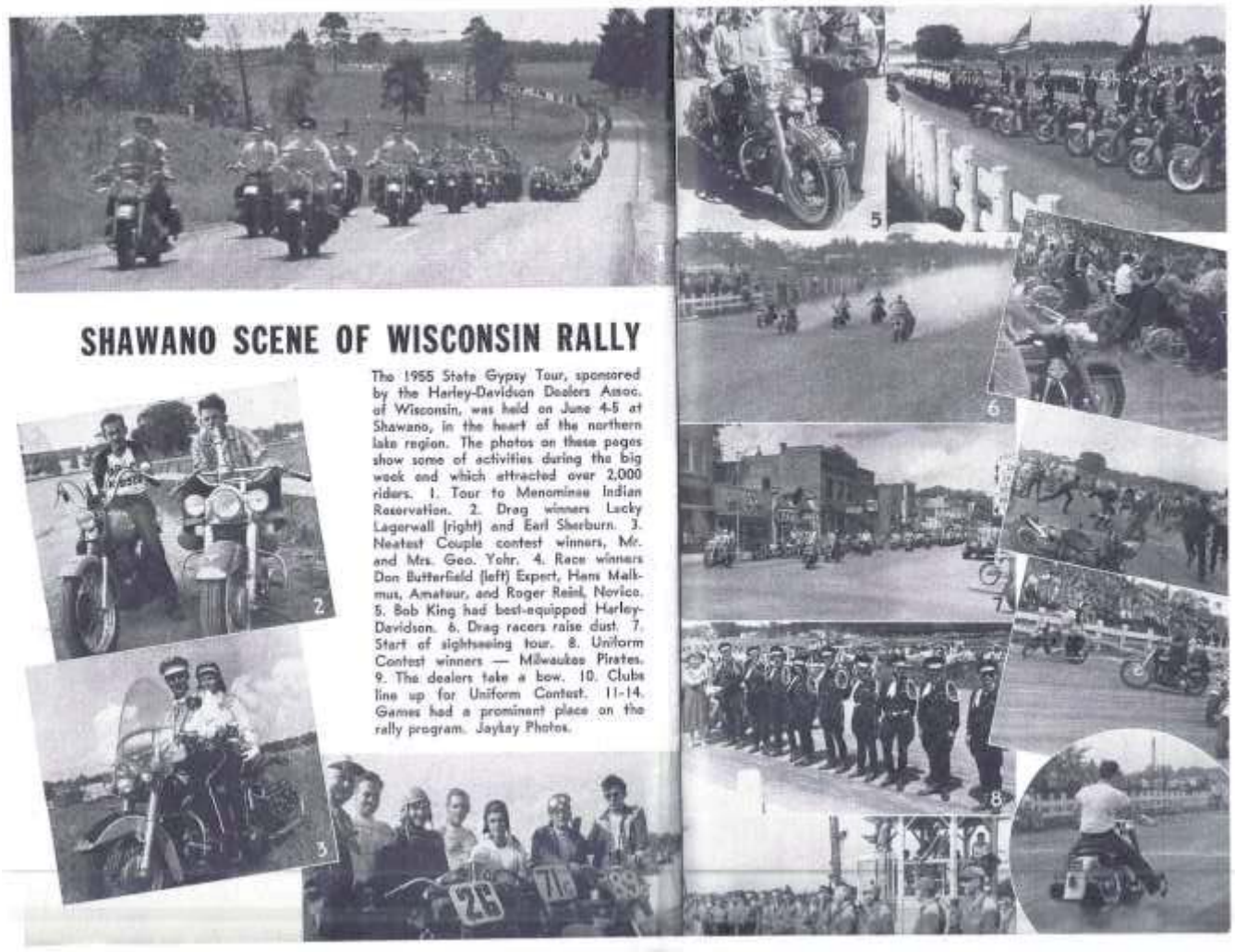
Chapter Picnic (September 2017)

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Blast from the Past

Materials from the Bob Butterfield Vault



SHAWANO SCENE OF WISCONSIN RALLY

The 1955 State Gypsy Tour, sponsored by the Harley-Davidson Dealers Assoc. of Wisconsin, was held on June 4-5 at Shawano, in the heart of the northern lake region. The photos on these pages show some of activities during the big week end which attracted over 2,000 riders. 1. Tour to Menominee Indian Reservation. 2. Drag winners Lucky Lagerwall (right) and Earl Sherburn. 3. Neatest Couple contest winners, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Yohr. 4. Race winners Don Butterfield (left) Expert, Hans Malkmus, Amateur, and Roger Reinl, Novice. 5. Bob King had best-equipped Harley-Davidson. 6. Drag racers raise dust. 7. Start of sightseeing tour. 8. Uniform Contest winners — Milwaukee Pirates. 9. The dealers take a bow. 10. Clubs line up for Uniform Contest. 11-14. Games had a prominent place on the rally program. Jaykay Photos.

Name That Antique Motorcyclist

Who Am I? Stay tuned to the next edition for the answer.

Please submit your photos to OmahaAMCA@gmail.com to be included in future newsletters.



Name That Antique Motorcyclist



September's Motorcyclist
Michelle Spies

Classifieds

WANTED: Rear cylinder for 46-53 Indian Chief. Must clean up at +.020" or .30". Also need rear cylinder for 40-42 Chief that will clean up at +.030" or .040". Contact Mark LaFleur (605-212-0037).

WANTED: Small dog (no chihuahua). Will look at puppies or any dog under two years of age. Free would be great, but will pay up to $200 for the right animal. Contact Paul Shedd (402-330-4856).

WANTED: 1947 Nebraska Motorcycle License Plate, Linkert M51 Carburetor, and 1947 Harley speedometer. Contact Dale Gammell (402-214-0839).

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Contributions from a Lady Rider

Caroline Kline

October 26, 2017

TO: Scoop and Daughter of the OMAHA AMCA Chapter.

Hi HOG and Omaha Chapter Members! From Caroline C. Kline
Every year I attend an Antique Motorcycle Club of America Tour. This year I registered to tour with members at South Lake Tahoe, California. In AMCA, if you are over 65 years, you may ride any motorcycle! I always ride my Diamond Red Tri-glide because it is safe for a long ride and I can NOT kick start my antique bikes!!
I drove I-40 from ABQ to Barstow, Ca. including 110° heat across the Mohave Desert! It was definitely a KICK! Then next up state 395 from Kramer Junction to Reno, Nevada through the Sierra Nevada Mountains with the temp dropping to 40° and I did NOT take my black leather jacket! It was such a beautiful ride thru the Ponderosa Pine Trees and Red Woods with snow capped mountain tops. Just Fantastic!!
Our tour motel was the Beach and Spa resort at S. Lake Tahoe. I have always wanted to swim in Lake Tahoe (on the bucket list) and I heard young children playing in the water (56°-62°) so I joined them! It was fantastic but two hours later I was taking a HOT shower and turned on the fireplace in "MY" suite to warm up the "chillies"! We had an evening meeting with all the members: 109 men and two women drivers! We received our packets and maps for Monday's tour.
MONDAY:We rode in small groups starting at 8:30 AM down to Reno and up the "squirley" mountain road to Virginia City. We had a grand time visiting all the old BARS, like Bonanza and Bucket of Blood in this wonderful old mining town. We then rode thru the old mining towns of Gold Hill and Silver, and back to Reno for our lunch at another old Bar and Grill. I was the only woman so I sat with three handsome MEN!! Onward to Genoa, the oldest town in Nevada and their famous bar and grill of 1853. The total trip today was a little over 200 miles...add that to my 1272 miles to arrive in S. Lake Tahoe.
TUESDAY: Today we rode along the west side of Lake Tahoe which included many 10 M/H curves on my trike! There was a lot of road construction, some turned back, but I tried to be patient and kept going forward with the daily tour map! At Truckee, we headed south to the Donner Pass and the huge Pioneer Woman statue! We then drove thru more road construction and "squirley" roads along the east side of Lake Tahoe. This is the first time I have ever driven around one of the most beautiful Lakes in the USA! Up and down mountain roads, .beautiful forests, lake side beaches, and the weather was perfect. Those who completed the tour today (like me) travelled about 180 miles. As you all know I am not too fast on mountain roads so I had to scramble to take a hot shower, dress up, and get to the banquet with the wonderful odors of steak cooking on the grills (a huge tent only 100 feet from my back patio)!!! The dinner was fabulous and they offered all of us "seconds" which was amazing because we were served so much food the first round! During the dinner the "emcee" called out numbers as there were 120 prizes..one for each of us! My number was called 115 and my new friend sitting next to me was 120...needless to say the two of us made a few loud jokes! After all had eaten and the 120 raffle prizes were given out, the emcee gave out the six top trophies. The first award was for the person who had driven the farthest. He reminded everyone anyone over 65 could drive any motorcycle of their choice. Some lady yelled loudly it had better be a woman this year. And then a man yelled..Caroline completed both tours and even went 30 miles farther by going to Fallon Air Force Base. Yes, alcohol was served at the banquet!! The emcee tried to quiet the boisterous ones and called me to the front. The emcee said you are 65 years old...I said, "no, I'm 7...9 which is MIGHTY FINE!!! Well all the people stood and cheered! It was a wild presentation!...and who remembers the other 5 awards?!?!? It was a truly grand evening! So many people came up to me and gave me "huggies"...it made my "year"!!!

Back to my suite, packed the trike, put on the fireplace, made a cup of tea..and hoped I would wake up at 7AM.

WEDNESDAY: Only about 40 of us went out for the last tour. We drove south to Marklesville which also had another antique bar. When I pulled into the small town a state highway patrolman told me an 18 wheeler had jack knifed on route 4.. It would be an hour or so before all the bikers could travel up the mountain road. It was a boom for the only little cafe in the town. Two women got the eggs, bacon, biscuits and buckets of hot coffee for all the bikers. (It was only 45°this early morning!) The food was wonderful and I do believe they made more sales today than in a whole year! A huge tow truck went up the mountain route 4 (a sign stated that no vehicles over 25 feet should travel on route 4...I guess the 18 wheeler did not see that sign!) About two hours later all the bikers were allowed to continue. On this mountain road I was down to 8 M/H on many of the twisty hairpin turns! We went over Ebbets Pass (8,800' +); thru Calaveras County (frogs); and down Avery Sheep Ranch Road...so rough so many potholes, and onward to West Point and to the Academy Club and Bar for another delicious luncheon of home made bread and steak sandwiches, fried chicken and rolls, 3 salads or more,and lots of drinks...it was fabulous! After lunch I said goodbye to my new friends and headed west to Danville (about 180 more miles) where my sister and family live. Other people on the tour who lived on the coast also headed west instead of going up route 50 and back to Tahoe. I stayed four days in Danville and left early Monday morning and drove 755 miles to Flagstaff. That was the longest I have ever driven my trike in one day. Tuesday morning I drove to the Pueblo of Laguna to celebrate their FEAST and enjoy the afternoon with my former students (now they are grandmothers ...eek on their OLD former teacher!!!) Sister Patrick Marie followed me in her car. We left around 6:30 PM and arrived home by 8:30 PM. Sister said my rear lights are very bright so I don't need to worry about driving at night. My 13 day trip covered 2,830 miles. The odometer when I arrived home on Diamond Red was 64,840 miles! I really had a wonderful trip...such beautiful scenery and met so many wonderful people! I periodically froze..but DOOFUS you could have taken your leather jacket!



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2018 AMCA Schedule of Events		
Jan 16	**Chapter Get Together – 6:00 PM** Stumble Inn (15409 S. 2nd Street)	Bennington, NE
Feb 20	**Chapter Get Together – 6:00 PM** Stumble Inn (15409 S. 2nd Street)	Bennington, NE
Feb 22-24	**Omaha Chapter National Meet** www.omahachapteramca.org	Fremont, NE
Mar 05-07	**Sunshine Chapter National Road Run** www.sunshineamca.org	DeLand, FL
Mar 09-10	**Sunshine Chapter National Meet** www.sunshineamca.org	New Smyrna Beach, FL
Mar 20	**Chapter Get Together – 6:00 PM** Stumble Inn (15409 S. 2nd Street)	Bennington, NE
Apr 17	**Chapter Get Together – 6:00 PM** Stumble Inn (15409 S. 2nd Street)	Bennington, NE
Apr 27-28	**Perkiomen Chapter National Meet** www.facebook.com/PerkiomenChapterAmca	Oley, PA
May 12	**Rusty's Run – 9:00 AM** Rusty's House (11115 N. 72nd Street)	Omaha, NE
May 15	**Chapter Get Together – 6:00 PM** Stumble Inn (15409 S. 2nd Street)	Bennington, NE
May 18-20	**Southern National Meet** www.amcasouthernnationalmeet.com	Denton, NC
May 25-26	**European Chapter Meet** www.amca-europe.eu	Raalte, Netherlands
June 1-3	**Pioneer Village Road Ride – 8:00 AM** Meet at Mom's Café (422 Main St Plattsmouth NE)	Minden, NE
June 10-13	**Hudson Valley Chapter National Road Run** amca-hudsonvalleychapter.org	Round Top, NY
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

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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
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

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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