



From the Chapter President

It was great to see everyone at Texas Fandango this year. The event is getting bigger and better each year. In 2018 we decided as a chapter to create and host Texas Fandango as the premier antique motorcycle swap meet and vintage bike show in Texas. We also incorporated dirt track races, the chopper show and drag races. AMCA members and motorcycle enthusiasts around the world have come to know and love this event. We had a record number of vendors this year to include a vendor who traveled all the way from Germany, W&W Cycles. We are now an annual event that the antique motorcycle community puts on its calendars and looks forward to each year. With great things comes great responsibilities. Lots of effort goes into preparing for Texas Fandango throughout the year and tons of effort goes into working the weekend of the event. We have been blessed as a chapter to have members who are willing to step up and volunteer to make this event happen each year. For this event to grow and continue, there will need to be a constant rotation of volunteers and staff each year. Start by volunteering a few hours for the event or dive in and take charge for a year. As the host chapter, we bear the weight of putting on Texas Fandango so others can enjoy the event. As years go by, the task of putting on this event will be passed from member to member. Start early this year and see how you can be a part of Texas Fandango 2024.

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Tawny Tully presenting the Optimist club of Fredericksburg with a donation from the Cherokee Chapter for \$5,000 as part of Texas Fandango.

Fandango



2023



Tawny Tully receives the Outstanding Member Participation award at Fandango.



Donnie Gage Gillespie
County Fair & Festivals
employee of the event.



Veronica Kilpatrick, Board
Member Award



Kevin Lammers presidents choice award 1946 Harley
Davidson UL Flathead sidecar.



Tom Freed, vendor of the year

Fandango



2023



We had a great 1st event ticket sale, thanks to Cherokee members Doc and Miyong Wood. They were great help manning the quilt booth throughout Fandango. It is already on the AMCA website. I want to thank all the chapter members that submitted their Chapter shirts to be immortalized on the quilt. She is introduced as 'Solidarity' and opportunity tickets are 1 for \$5, 5 for \$20, 14 for \$50 or 30 for \$100.



Randy Neal, vintage tank shift race winner



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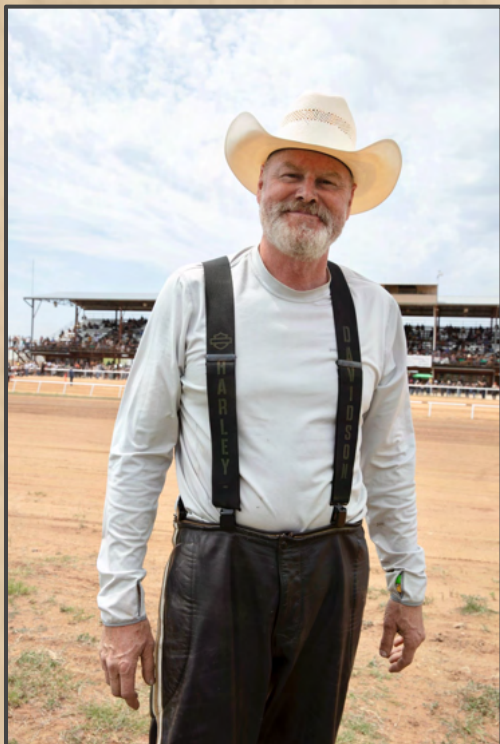
Fandango



2023



Fandango - it's an experience that's hard to define or explain - one of those "You've got to experience it to understand it" type of events. To say that Fandango offers a little bit of everything for everyone would be an understatement. From antique motorcycles to choppers and anything in between, parts, basket cases, complete bikes, to motorcycle racing, drags, and mini bike races. A time to catch up with old friends and an opportunity to make new connections. From pristine antique motorcycles in the Cycle Source show, to custom builds and bikes reflecting the character of their owner. Vendors offering everything from vintage clothing, custom leathers, pinstriping, and most any part you could hope to find. Watching the more seasoned rider take the time to talk to and inspire the riders and enthusiasts of tomorrow is always a highlight. Mark your calendars now to attend the 2024 Fandango!













1959 Panhead "Purple Sparkle"

I got this Panhead from one of Rodney Sterling picks (which usually turn out awesome), it used to be a shovel top with Pan lower end (Named "The Ole Cantankerous Bastard" by the original owner's wife), but Tommy at the Hog Haus restored it to its original state as a Panhead.

The frame was given to me by Chris Kehl from Denver. I then manipulated it into what I wanted it to look like. This included cutting the frame, raking it to 40 degrees, and stretching it 3 inches.

It has a set of 88 soft tail tanks that I cut and welded together to make one chopper tank. These are all that was left of my first Harley, and I have been carrying them around for 20 years. Finally, they live again. I then took it to Kansas to have a gentleman named Tyler Scott bust out the paint. He killed it with what his daughter named "Purple Sparkle" custom paint. I had bought a lathe throughout this chopper build off we had, so now everything had to go through that process as well. All the little mounts and attention to detail is what means a lot to me so that was tedious but super fun.

With the help of my son Ryun, we designed and fabricated a custom sissy bar in my shop as well. Ran it over to San Antonio and had it brass plated, to match some of the brass accents I threw into this build. I thoroughly enjoyed this challenge build.

-Pat Olson



Cherokee Choppers

Another Fandango and another project done. Cherokee Members, Pat Patterson, Rodney Sterling, Ryun Olson, Bill Page and Pat Olson and including their buddy Cole Deister worked their tails off and dedicated endless hours to get these beauties ready for Fandango and be included in the Chopper Show.

Some of them took advantage of having a pinstriper at our event to get some art on their machines.

Bill Page, Cherokee member from Augusta, Kansas brought his 1964 panhead, with shovel head cylinders. Jammer rigid frame from the 70's, with plus 6 springer front end painted by Tyler Scott. Rodney's project stretched from Fandango 2022 to 2023. He came in with a 1950 FL Sporting a 22" over springer dressed with a design by Rosie and painted by Leach custom cycles.





1950 FL Chopper



The thought of this Chopper build was to build a long chopper with styling of the 70's.

After Rosie merely mentioned it would be nice to build a chopper, (the only thing I don't have to be told twice about) I got to figuring out just what I wanted the bones to look like. I contacted Mick's chop shop for some answers for a long bike. Soon after, here comes the 22" over twisted springer and 6" up 40 deg rake frame.

I had found a nice set of 1950 engine cases for the foundation. As I waited for the frame and started finding the parts needed, I asked Rosie to figure out the paint and design. By the time I had everything mocked up she jumped into action with a sharpie in hand and started laying out the design. From there we delivered the frame & sheet metal to Jerry@ Leach custom cycles to do his magic and lay down a beautiful paint job.



Now for the back story, after receiving the frame and front end, Pat mentioned he wanted to do one more Cross Country Chase as it takes 3 to retire your number (I have done 3 and was done at the time). Only one stipulation, I will only do one more Chase on a chopper. That surely meant he would have to get busy building his chopper for the event in 2024 Chase. I thought I had plenty of time to build this bike, but no, while at the initial meeting with the painter, the pressure was set. Rosie was expecting this project to be finished by Fandango 2023 and that's when the Race to Fandango began.

The Race to Fandango chopper build started with 4 guys then turned to 6 guys in a race to get them done.

Regardless of the Fandango Chopper Show outcome, we are all proud of our machines and now ready to put them through the Chase test.

-Rodney Sterling





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Greetings,

Hello to all of my fellow antique motorcycle enthusiasts! My name is Ken Hall. I will be taking the reins from David Miller as the new Director of Oklahoma - Cherokee Chapter. Motorcycles have been a part of my life since I was old enough to remember. I built my first bike when I was in high school - a 1973 FLH. I have been riding and collecting motorcycles for close to 40 years at this point.

I was basically coerced and blackmailed into this position by several members if you want the truth (some who shall remain nameless but not Bob Felder - I am naming him) HA HA. All joking aside, I am excited to be filling this leadership role within our organization. Being able to serve as your director is definitely worthy of my time. I don't have much experience planning events but I look forward to learning and helping to facilitate current and future events. I am confident that I will be well supported by the many amazing members we have like Bob Felder and David Miller and Lecil Morgan (I could go on and on). I am very much interested in hearing any ideas you may have for events, shows, swaps, rides, builds, seminars etc. Oklahoma is basically the crossroads of America and definitely lends itself to potentially large events. I know that I have met many of you over the years and I hope I get the opportunity to meet ALL of you in person.

A little background on me... I live in Norman after moving here from Colorado in the late 90's to establish a bronze art foundry. I own and operate a art studio in downtown Norman for the last 17 years. I have been very active in my community and sat on various non-profit boards throughout the years. I am married and have 3 grown daughters and a whole football team of grandkids. Please feel free to reach out to me!

Regards,
Ken Hall

Motorcycle Sherpa's Ride to the Heavens

In November of 2022 I traveled to Nepal for Motorcycle Sherpa's Ride to the Heavens with my good friend and fellow Cherokee AMCA member James Lette. We booked the trip as a retirement adventure and had a great time. This is the first guided motorcycle tour I have ever been on, and I would highly recommend it. I grew up overseas and traveled to a lot of countries growing up, so traveling to Nepal was not a big culture shock for me. It was a great cultural experience though. The people of Nepal were kind and very friendly. What really stood out to me about the trip was how organized it was. Bear Haughton and Buddhi Singh put together a very organized ride with extraordinary routes and excursions and are both super nice guys. The trip is all inclusive, your food, lodging, motorcycle, fuel and entry fees were all covered. I joked several times that it was a gourmet food trip that we got to ride motorcycles on.

What makes the trip such a great experience? Well first off you are there for the ride and to enjoy it. No worrying about your motorcycle breaking down, where are you going to go today, how do we get there, where will we eat, where do we want to stop, where will we sleep and will my bike still be there in the morning. All these issues were taken care of letting you enjoy the ride and the experience. If your bike breaks down, one of the guides pulls up and hands off their bike to you and tells you to continue the ride and they stay and fix the motorcycle. It was hard at first to ride off as I wanted to stay and help fix the bike. However, their focus is you enjoying the ride and being able to take in the experience to the fullest. At the end of the day, the crew lined up the motorcycles and cleaned and worked on them throughout the night fixing items we broke during the day and ensuring that the bikes were roadworthy for the next day's ride. Meanwhile we were out enjoying dinner, the local atmosphere and a good night's sleep. After competing in the 2016 Motorcycle Cannonball and spending almost every night wrenching in the parking lot and not knowing which town we were in, I have great respect for the Motorcycle Sherpa staff that worked throughout the night on our bikes and greeted us with smiles in the morning and road with us all day long.



Motorcycle Sherpa's Ride to the Heavens, continued

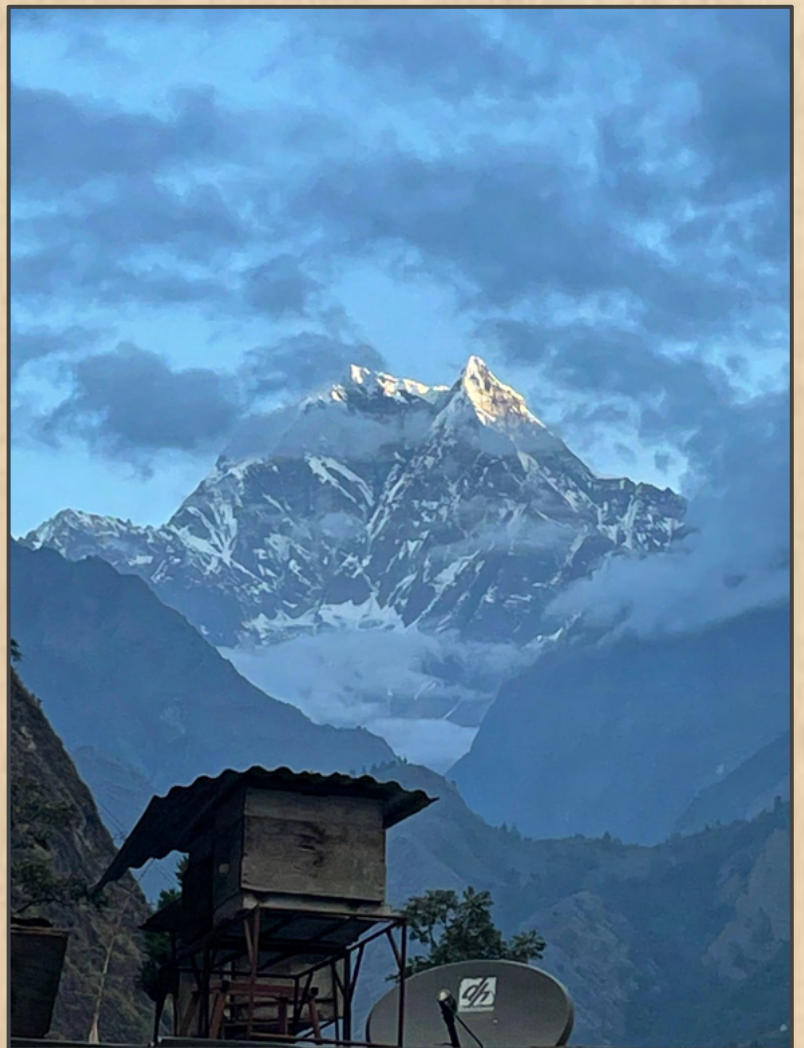


The Ride to the Heavens is a 13-day trip and takes you to so many great places which you would never be able to do in such a short amount of time on your own. We visited temples, wildlife reserves, hot springs, cold pools, roadside coffee shops, beautiful towns like Muktinath at nearly 13,000 feet elevation with one of the highest temples in the world, to Pokhara which was a city bursting with restaurants, local cafes, and shops as the starting point for most travelers on the Annapurna circuit. Also included in the trip was a flight over the Himalayas to see Sagarmatha (Mount Everest) which was incredible.

Would I recommend this or any other guided trip by Motorcycle Sherpa, absolutely. As for the money I have spent on motorcycle trips, adventures, and tours, this was hands down the best value for my money and the enjoyment of the experience. I was pleasantly surprised by the nightly accommodations and great food. What to know about the trip. Go with friends, don't wait to take your bucket list trips. Live now, tomorrow is a gift and not guaranteed. If you're taking the Nepal trip, you need to know how to ride in the dirt. The Royal Enfield 441 Himalaya, the bikes provided for us, was the perfect bike for the trip and makes a decent transition from dirt to street as the terrain is ever changing in Nepal. Pack light but bring good riding gear. You don't need a lot of clothes and if you wear a good riding suit you can wear it every day and have clothes to go out at night in. Your bags are transported for you in the chase truck so a tank bag for the items you want with you throughout the day works well.

I will definitely be taking another motorcycle expedition in the future and hope to take it with other Cherokee members and friends.

Motorcycle Sherpa's Ride to the Heavens, continued



Upcoming Events



May	20 26 - 27	Bob Felder to host Garage Hop in Norman, OK Southern Throwdown - Vintage Motorcycle & Van Show
June	TBD	Scott Brower to host Garage Hop - Anadarko, Oklahoma
July	TBD	Eastern Oklahoma or North East Texas Road Run - Location & Routes TBD
August	TBD	Ride Route 66 between OKC & Tulsa. Possible stops or meeting locations: Route 66 Bowl in Chandler, Route 66 Auto Museum in Sapulpa
September	11 - 13 TBD	Sunflower National Road Run Looking for volunteers to lead a local ride
October	19 - 22	Born Free, Texas Edition



Membership Renewals

To renew your Cherokee membership online, visit Cherokeeamca.org

To renew **both** AMCA and Cherokee memberships online, please go to AMCA Renewal

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John “Dr J” Neuman - “Numo”

As sad as Jon’s death is, he had the knowledge of it coming and had the opportunity to say goodbye to so many of his friends and loved ones. People traveled from all over the country for Jon’s auction not just because of the items for sale, but because they wanted to see Jon and let him know how much he meant to them and to the antique motorcycle community. Jon parted with his collection which was turned over to friends to be the next caregivers of these incredible machines and motorcycle memorabilia. In every one of these items, the spirit of Jon Neuman lives on, as it also does in our hearts. Jon told us “Don’t feel sorry for me, I had a great life and have no regrets.” On May 6th we had our first road run since Jon’s passing and his presence was sorely missed, but the best way I know to honor Jon is to show up and enjoy the ride, just like Jon always did. —Victor





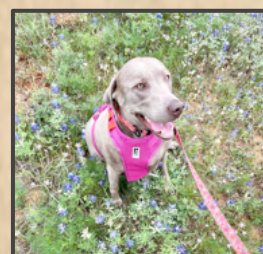
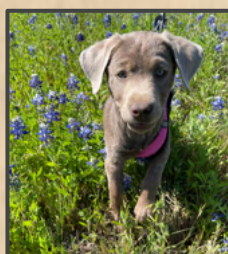
Jon Neuman will truly be missed and will be remembered for his many contributions to the world of Antique Motorcycles. His willingness to help others develop their passion for antique motorcycles and his endless knowledge will live on.

As a tribute to Jon, a donation has been made to Ardent Hospice from the Cherokee Chapter.

Editor's Corner

April and May always seem to be the fastest months of the year - the highlight of this Spring was Fandango - it was nice to see friends and meet more Cherokee members. A huge thanks to all that worked tirelessly to put on such an epic event.

Our pup, Daisy, enjoyed making new friends with everyone she met - she has grown just a little since her first Fandango experience two years ago.



Newsletter Deadlines

Publication	Submission Deadline
February	January 25th
May	April 25th
August	July 25th
November	October 25th

Another Fandango highlight was watching several Cherokee members master Randy Neal's non-motorized 2-wheel machine - checked off a bucket-list item for George.

