



From the Chapter President

I hope everyone is staying cool. It has been hot here in South Texas and when I say South Texas, I'm talking about the Rio Grande Valley. I know it's hot everywhere right now. The heat doesn't make for the best riding, so I have only taken a few rides in the past couple months. I did have the pleasure of riding out to South Padre Island on my 1948 Harley FL and meeting David and Nelson Kugle for lunch while they were there working. If you're in the area give me a call. I guess the summers here are like the winters for those motorcycle enthusiasts up north, it's best to be in a climate-controlled garage or shop and work on your bike projects or do maintenance on the bikes you have. After years of waiting, I finally built my shop at the house last year with insulation and AC. I love it! It enables me to comfortably work on a bike or project without burning up. It also allows me to stop and start working without setting up and picking up after because it is a dedicated space for working on my bikes. This allows me to work when I want and for as long as I want. Before I would have to determine if the setup and clean up time was worth the amount of time I had available to work on a bike. I'm currently restoring a 1966 Harley Davidson GE Servi-car. As usual I made my list of needed parts and had my good friend and fellow Cherokee member Wayne Ruhe order them from V-Twin. Within days the order arrived, and I noticed the inner primary cover was wrapped in newspaper to protect the finish and then placed in the plastic packaging. Further inspection and translation of the newspaper revealed it was the Saturday September 20th, 2013, edition of the United Ting, from the People's Republic of China. I was highly entertained by the fact that the Harley Davidson inner primary for a 1966 Servi-Car was sent to me wrapped in this foreign newspaper. It raised all kinds of thoughts in my head. First if it wasn't for V-Twin and a few other



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companies, reproducing these parts, most old Harleys wouldn't be on the road. Second, who was the person that carefully wrapped the part in the newspaper to protect it and did they know what the part was and what the motorcycle it fit on looked like? Do they ride a motorcycle? Finally, it allowed me to know the part was probably made around 2013, letting me know they either made a lot of them or they sit on the shelf for a long time before being purchased. My main takeaway from this experience is without the efforts from companies like V-Twin and several others, none of my bikes would be on the road today, and for that I am grateful. I do still complain when I'm having to modify or "fit" the parts that are not quite right but once again it's better than not being able to get them. If you are in the Rio Grande Valley and you would like to read a few articles from the September 20, 2013, edition of the United Ting, stop on by and you can find it hanging on my shop wall in in the air conditioning. Vic



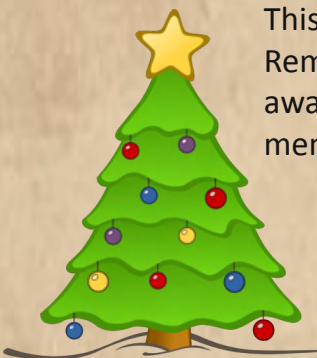
Cherokee Chapter Annual Christmas Party RSVP Today

Hello everyone! Our Cherokee Member Christmas Party will be held on December 2nd. Our celebration has been a success and we've outgrown the Conservation Society's Folk Store of the past two years. We are looking forward to an even more amazing party this year again, and hoping to surpass the 100 guest mark. Remind every member in your circle!

Bring your bike for a morning run and end up at the party venue. We will have nice parking for bike display. Please consider bringing a donation item or two either for door prize or for the 2024 National Road Run silent auction. We will replicate the silent auction from the last National Road Run in 2019 and all proceeds will go to scholarships along with the proceeds from the annual quilt raffle.

Should you come in town before the event, the evening of December 1st, we'll have a get together at 'The Sterlings' like we've done since the Giddy Up days.

This year's location is The New Braunfels' Landa Haus at 360 Aquatic Circle. Remind those members in your circle and make your plans! We are 3 months away, let's get the party on your calendar and plan on meeting more of our fellow members. Thank you, Rosie Sterling



Check your email for the Evite to the Christmas Party and RSVP as soon as possible!



Cherokee Chapter Picnic & Poker Run

We were blessed with perfect weather for the inaugural Cherokee Chapter Picnic & Poker Run in China Spring, TX, May 6. Campers and overnights began arriving the day before followed by food, drink and general lie telling well into the night.

Saturday morning began with registration for the poker run with donuts, kolaches & my wife Shannon's, homemade fried pies. Around 25 bikes made the approximate 85 mile poker run route that stopped at a couple of road side parks with a stop at Clifton Classic Chassis car museum. Dr. Terry Watson has an awesome antique car collection in addition to a room that includes vintage art & some artifacts that are "centuries old"!

Back to the ranch for the final card draw and a catered Bar B Q picnic lunch. Victor's dad, Mario, celebrated a birthday with us as well. I don't remember how old he is now but I believe he can finally purchase bourbon legally. Best poker hand with 2 pair went to Greg Nelson. Worst poker hand winner was Randy Neal.....go figure! The lie telling continued as many folks spent Saturday night on the ranch with us as well.

A good time was had by all and plans for next year are already in the works. Stay tuned!

Jason Smith





Cherokee Chapter Picnic & Poker Run in China Spring, TX

Panhead 75th Anniversary & Pandemonium Circus Ride

I need to start by thanking our esteemed host, Tom Hinderholtz for his huge effort and work in preparation and accommodating this run and party of approximately 70-75 panheads, their riders and passengers. Many assorted antique bikes and riders were present at the party of 3-4 days, and the 4 day, 3 night ride through beautiful parts of Wisconsin. My belief is that these motorcycles were designed for the very country the Badger Chapter led us on.

Areas included, among many others were, Baraboo, Tomahawk, the Dells, and many native gambling casinos. We spent the beginning of the first day in passage from Racine northbound up the coast of Lake Michigan towards Sheboygan. The run turned west from the coastal area towards beautiful forests and rolling hills.

As I have stated, our bikes were perfect for these roads, many of which Wisconsin has designated as historical and wilderness highways. One stop was at the wintering area of the famous Barnum and Bailey 3 Ring Circus. This was the last day of the ride, and the circus museum there was soon followed by the river crossing on a ferry, which I had to forgo due to exhaustion. I had recently had surgery, causing my necessity to return to Racine, and my camp at Tom's Racine headquarters.

At this point, the party started. Included was a visit to the Harley Davidson museum, where I was able to renew connections with many friends from near and far. I had so much going on that I was unable to even get into the museum itself on this visit.

My greatest appreciation must go to Tom, our main host, and the Badger Chapter, who, as usual, hosted a great event. We hope to see them all at Fandango.

Stanley Miller



Photos courtesy of Joe Burch



To the Cherokee Chapter -
 Please tell everyone how very grateful I am for your wonderful support and your very generous donation to Ardent Hospice.
 Jan adored every member he knew & looked forward to meeting the ones he didn't know. He is sorely missed but I can picture him riding

HOPE YOU KNOW HOW MUCH YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS IS APPRECIATED.

in the sky and keeping watch on us all.
 Sincerely,
 Midge Newman



May 25, 2023

Victor Hugas
 Cherokee Chapter of the AMCA
www.CherokeeAMCA.org

Victor and Fandango:

The Optimist Club of Fredericksburg TX would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$5000 to our club. The funds will go toward projects and events for the youth of our community. These projects include such things as T-ball, oratorical and essay contests, Duck Derby and other projects like donating money to the city of Fredericksburg for development of a children's playground at MarktPlatz.

We enjoy our time assisting with your Fandango event and look forward to helping again next year.

Optimistically,

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The Cherokee Chapter of the AMCA proudly presents The Texas Fandango. The Texas Fandango is a **vintage swap meet, vintage bike show, and vintage races** all rolled into one fun-packed weekend, April 12-14, 2024. The Fandango is located in the beautiful Texas Hill Country at the Gillespie County Fairground in historic Fredericksburg. The premier event in Texas for any vintage motorcycle enthusiast. A portion of every ticket sold benefits the Optimist Club Of Fredericksburg, Texas. Please follow us on Instagram and Facebook for community photos and updates.

Cherokee Members on their Wyoming BDR

Rosie Sterling



Here are 5 of our members and a friend from Montrose, CO on their Geriatric, Backcountry Discovery Route.

Approximately a year in the planning, Rodney Sterling (Suzuki DRZ 400), Craig Kilpatrick (Suzuki DRZ 400), Bill Page (Suzuki DR 650), Kelly Modlin, and here's the antique bike of the story!! ('86 H-D M500), Gary Etter (KTM 640) and Pat Olson (Honda CRF 300) set out of Baggs, WY, on Wednesday July 19th.

Dirt, rocks, sand, sun and rain along their trail and beautiful scenery, mountains and rivers to cover for 7 days and 1400 miles.

Unfortunately, three of the guys were unable to complete the route due to unforeseen circumstances, Rodney, Craig and Gary got to the WY/MT border at a remote location on the Crow Indian reservation boundary.

Many fun times were shared and memories made between this bunch. They sure are looking forward to covering the backroads of another state in the near future.



Run to Raton Rally 2023: A Spectacular Motorcycle Event in New Mexico

What's up with the what's up's. AJ Bengoa

The much-awaited Run to Raton rally has just concluded, leaving behind an exhilarating experience that will be etched in the memories of motorcycle enthusiasts for years to come. Riders from all over the Southwest flocked to the charming town of Raton, New Mexico, for three days of bikes, live music, and so much more. Held annually at the iconic Rodman Building in downtown Raton, this rally has become a cornerstone event for motorcycle enthusiasts who seek thrills, entertainment, and a tight-knit community.

The Rally Highlights

The Run to Raton rally is well-known for its diverse range of activities catering to motorcycle enthusiasts of all tastes. Crowds eagerly gathered to admire the stunning bikes on display, from vintage classics to modern marvels. The rumbling sounds of motorcycle engines filled the air, creating an electrifying atmosphere throughout the rally grounds.

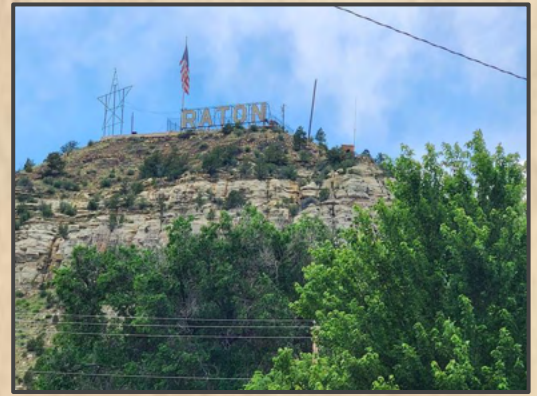
Live music acts provided a soundtrack to the event, with acclaimed bands and artists from the region performing on the main stage. The pulsating beats and energetic melodies resonated with the attendees, creating an ambiance of celebration and camaraderie.

Thrills and Entertainment

In addition to the captivating sights and sounds, the Run to Raton rally offered a plethora of thrilling and entertaining activities. One of the most exciting elements of the rally was the raffle for a magnificent 1948 special construction Harley-Davidson Pan Shovelhead. The anticipation was palpable as rally-goers eagerly purchased their tickets for a chance to own this vintage marvel. The lucky winner would not only ride away with a piece of motorcycle history but also secure bragging rights as the owner of a truly iconic machine.

Miss Run to Raton Pin Up Contest

The Run to Raton rally is renowned for its Miss Run to Raton Pin Up Contest, an event that celebrates the allure and beauty of pin-up culture. This year's theme, "Hollywood Glamour," added a touch of elegance and sophistication to the proceedings. Entrants, dressed in stunning vintage-inspired attire, dazzled the audience with their grace and charisma.





Pinup Photo Credit: [Run to Raton Facebook Page](#)

Run to Raton Rally, continued...

The contest provided an opportunity for talented individuals to showcase their pin-up talents and vie for the title of Miss Run to Raton 2023. The winner not only received the prestigious crown but also took home handsome cash prizes and swag bags filled with goodies from sponsors and local vendors.

Community Spirit and Camaraderie

Beyond the thrill of the motorcycle displays, live music, and the contest, the Run to Raton rally fostered a sense of community and camaraderie among the attendees. Enthusiasts from all walks of life united in their love for motorcycles, forging friendships that will last long after the rally is over. Conversations flowed freely, stories were shared, and memories were made, solidifying the bond between riders who shared a common passion.



Conclusion

The recent Run to Raton rally in downtown Raton, New Mexico, was truly a spectacle to behold. With three days of non-stop excitement, the rally brought together motorcycle enthusiasts from across the Southwest in a celebration of bikes, live music, and more. The raffle for a 1948 special construction Harley-Davidson Pan Shovelhead added an extra level of anticipation, while the Miss Run to Raton Pin Up Contest was a glamorous affair that showcased the beauty and talent of contestants.



Equally important was the sense of community that permeated the rally. Riders bonded over shared experiences, tore through picturesque landscapes, and left with memories that will be cherished for a lifetime. As the Run to Raton rally comes to a close, the countdown for the next year's event begins, promising another unforgettable chapter in the rich history of this beloved motorcycle gathering.

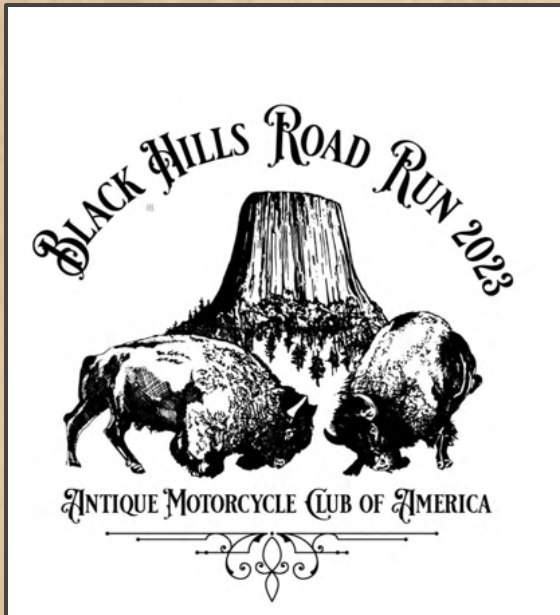


Don't forget to head to YouTube and search for, "Choppers Mayhem & Motorcycles" where we cover all your AMCA adventures. Don't forget to like and subscribe to be entered into future giveaways.

Upcoming Events



- September 5 - 7** Black Hills Chapter National Road Run, Deadwood, SD
- 11 - 13** Sunflower National Road Run, El Dorado, KS
- October 19 - 22** Born Free, Texas Edition
Bike Show, Concerts, Wall of Death
Cherokee Sponsored Vintage Swap Meet
- November 4 - 5** Tour de Windmills 3, Sweetwater, TX
Hosted by Mike Bell at Lake Sweetwater Municipal Park Campground
Entire park has been reserved for the Chapter
- December 2** Cherokee Chapter AMCA Christmas Party and Members' Meeting



Membership Renewals

To renew your Cherokee membership online, visit Cherokeeamca.org

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

Contact Lecil Morgan for any membership questions:

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Tour de Windmills 3



When:
**Nov. 4&5,
2023**

Where:
Sweetwater, TX



For motorcycles 35 years or older
Guests interested in old bikes may ride newer machines

Sponsor: www.cherokeeamca.org
The Cherokee Chapter of the Antique
Motorcycle Club of America
WE RIDE

For more info:
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Come join the Cherokee Chapter for a sponsored road run in beautiful and historic Sweetwater, Texas. The Saturday run will consist of a approximately 100+ mile route that takes us through the Big Country past windmill fields to Buffalo Gap along some great back roads. Sundays ride will be a shorter ride from Lake Sweetwater and back. Saturday's Dinner still to be determined



Accommodations:

Lake Sweetwater Municipal Park Campground has been reserved for the Cherokee Chapter from 11/2 to 11/6. The Cherokee Chapter has reserved the whole park from Thursday afternoon thru Monday morning for this event.

For more info:

www.lakesweetwater.com/sweetwater/Camping
325-235-8816

There are also plenty of hotels in the area as well.

Solidarity Quilt Raffle to Benefit Trade School Scholarships



For those of you who haven't had the opportunity to purchase tickets for the opportunity to become the proud owner of Rosie Sterling's latest creation, "Solidarity", you are in luck! Tickets are available online AMCA Website - [Purchase Tickets Here](#) Opportunity tickets are 1 for \$5, 5 for \$20, 14 for \$50 or 30 for \$100. The drawing will be held at the Cherokee Chapter Christmas party December 2, 2023. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets stubs/numbers will be mailed to you if requested. Make sure your address is correct at purchase. All proceeds go to trade school scholarships at Texas State Technical College. Solidarity is a 96.5 X 116.5 inches of AMCA Chapter T-shirts with cool solid cotton backing and batting. Machine washable. Perfect for display or snuggling on the couch.

Cherokee Members - Do you have throwback pictures you'd like to share? A project bike that you're working on or have completed? Have you attended an AMCA event or gone on an adventure and are willing to share a recap and/or pictures with your fellow Cherokee members? **Please send newsletter information and pictures to cherokeeamcanews@gmail.com**



Here are some old photos of myself on different motorcycles I've owned in the past:

1. Me on a very cold Toy Run on my 1967 Triumph 650
2. Me and a standard issue blonde on my 1971 Harley Davidson Sportster XLCH
3. Me in 1967 at 17 on my Honda 160 super Hawk *Floyd Fry - Cherokee Chapter - Aledo, Texas*

Traveling Cherokee

I rode in my 50th state today.
46 countries and counting.
30 months, non stop on the road and counting.
Ride safe, David Edinger



Editor's Corner



When your husband asks if you want to take a quick trip to Milwaukee, what do you say but YES! "Quick" was the key word - just a short 843 miles from St John, KS to the Harley Davidson Museum for the Unruhly crew, including George & I, our fearless & swift driver Shawn

(Odie) Unruh, and Grant & Shannon Unruh. We spent Friday on the road, then enjoyed the Panhead festivities at the museum on Saturday where we saw an outstanding array of vintage bikes, enjoyed visiting with friends, and making new connections. After enjoying a great dinner, followed by some of the best custard I've tried, we made it home early Sunday evening - just in time to start the work-week.

George, Grant, and Shawn have been busy preparing for the Motorcycle Cannonball, working on engines for several participants and getting "Tillie" (1924 JD), making her 3rd Cannonball trek, and "Willis" (1926 JD), ready for his debut run. After a quick trip to Davenport, they will head back to Kansas, hook up the Cannonball trailer, and make their way to Virginia Beach.

I'd like to give a huge THANK YOU to the members who have contributed articles and pictures to the newsletter! The Cherokee Chapter and it's members definitely have a LOT going on! *Kim Unruh*