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Presidents Message ...



John Nixon, President

The Holiday Season is one for giving thanks and this month I wish to thank many people in our Chapter for a truly great 2013.

First I give thanks to **all our terrific members** whom year after year renew their membership in our organization. You are all great AMCA and Cherokee Chapter Members. To belong to these organizations carry's much Pride, History and a Duty to Preserve our Sport of Vintage Motorcycling. You all do this each year without fail.

I wish to thank new 2013 Directors as well. **Steve Klein** filled our vacated **Secretary** position and also took over the newsletter very late last December. I think the new newsletter format is a good one and Steve seems to try to find better improvements as he goes.

Shelby Withrow became **Membership and Events Director** and has done a great job in helping us get in front of more potential members all year long through his

suggested Reach-Out Program where we selectively attend non-AMCA motorcycle related events and set up our Cherokee Chapter Booth. A good idea that worked well due to all the volunteer help Shelby got from existing and new members. A large majority of our new members in 2013 came from this *"trial test and later perfected effort."*

Greg McFarland was asked as a new **Director** to facilitate the planning, design and implementation of a new website for our Chapter. I know you will all agree he did a great job. He also designed and sold new lines of t-shirts this year for our Chapter.

Existing long term leadership also carried their load well again. **Marian Guerin** has been our **Chapter Treasurer** for many, many years now. Membership applications, reports to National, and doing our Chapter financial books are just part of what Marian has done very well for a very long time.

Vice President, Bob Guerin has also served our membership tirelessly for over 35 years now. He continues to support and offer advice to our Chapter based on his long history of experience in our sport and in this Chapter. Bob will not be seeking re-election in

December and his contributions as an Officer will be missed going forward.

When I first joined the Chapter about thirty years ago, Bob and Marian were there. They have both served our Chapter very well for about 35+ years, devoted untold thousands of hours, and many miles unselfishly for the benefit of our members, our Chapter and our sport. I personally cannot thank them enough for this dedication. Therefore I ask you all as members to thank them for our Chapter.

New members are also in line for recognition. **Jon Neuman** volunteered to chair our spring road run in Jefferson TX. It was a great success and as a result Jon seems to have had so much fun he volunteered to be the 2014 Texas National Road Run Chair as well. That project is well planned in advance and will be a great success as well next year.

We had a much busier events calendar in 2013. The Annual Smithville Meet was as well attended as ever and continues to be a good annual event for our members. It has evolved to where it not only is a very good Bike Show and Swap Meet, but also an annual RV gathering event for many of our members.

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Presidents Message continued...



A Cherokee Chapter Display

Make plans to attend as many local, regional and national events as you can in 2014. The experiences and friendships you make are long lasting!



A New Member signing up in Denton TX



Cherokee Chptr. Trailer and Bike Display

Membership Reach-out Programs took us to Arlington TX (x2), Oklahoma City, Davenport, Hot Springs AR. and Denton TX this year. Plans are in place to duplicate this effort in more parts of our States in 2014. We are planning to attend similar venues in the major areas of Houston, San Antonio, West Texas and Far South Texas with some input from our members on their preferences for events near them.

Many of our Members attended Regional and National Events on behalf of our

Chapter to spread the word on our National Road Run. These events included Hot Springs AR., Davenport and The Barber Vintage Meet. Thank You to all who traveled and spread the word for our Chapter and The AMCA.

Elections are held at our Annual Christmas Gathering and Year End Meeting. Our By Laws state that Directors are elected every other year for 2 year terms. This year Bob Guerin, Marian Guerin and myself are finishing our terms. Bob and Marian wish to continue to be active

members but not be re-elected to board positions. This opens two Directors positions besides my term as Director / President. Steve Klein has expressed his interest to become President and I wholeheartedly support him. Other members are interested in other positions as well and these are all explained in the **Elections article in this issue.**

I cannot "Thank All of Our Members" enough for their continued participation in our sport. **Happy Holidays to All!**

John Nixon

Where We Traveled and Why in 2013 ...

We understand that some of our membership cannot just arbitrarily travel to the far reaches of America to attend National Meets due to work and family commitments. Knowing this it is our current Board of Directors intent to Reach Out even more in 2014 to be able to offer our membership opportunities to enjoy their machines more, make new friends in the sport and participate at a more local level. At least one more time each year than you are able to now.

In 2013 we did Reach-Out Booths in Arlington TX in December and July, Oklahoma City in February, and Denton TX. in early November. **Why?** Our members from those areas made an effort to suggest an existing worthwhile event to set up our Reach-Out Booth at and they helped us plan

and manpower the event.

Our Chapter wishes to attend similar non-AMCA motorcycle shows, swap meets or similar venues in many more areas of Texas in 2014. If you can suggest a worthwhile quality event in the areas of Houston, Corpus Christi, The Valley, San Antonio, West Texas or The Panhandle, please talk to us about your idea. All shows we have attended have been successful, have provided our existing members with a local event to attend and also have obtained us many new members as a result.

Please contact Membership and Events Director, Shelby Withrow at:
shelbyinparadise@wccs.net
or 940.748.2555

As Membership and Events Director Shelby is working on a **Draft 2014 Calendar** of

Events that can serve as a template for our 2014 Officers and Board to consider when planning 2014 events and our overall budget in Jan.

In a perfect world we believe we should have both a Spring and Fall Road Run Ride and at least one event at each major population area of Texas and Oklahoma each year. As well as try to provide one annual "All Chapter Event" such as our Smithville Bike Show and Swap Meet. As our membership grows and we have the membership power to achieve all this we know our membership will be stronger across more areas of Texas and Oklahoma and we will be much more visible to the general public about our sport. We have been asking you in each newsletter for suggestions in building this calendar. **Please help us.**

Year End Annual Christmas Dinner & Meeting is Dec.8th...

Each year our Board reports to its members on the immediate year we are in, concludes its current years business, holds our elections and also starts talking about the year ahead. We have much to talk about this year as our membership has grown a lot and we are "The Chapter to Watch" it seems from the National AMCA's perspective?

It was voted at the last board meeting that the **Members Annual Christmas Gathering** will be held at **Steve and Joan Klein's home in Georgetown TX. Dec 8th**. Georgetown is about as center of the Cherokee Territory as it gets and allows all our members to meet in a relaxing setting that is far quieter than a family style

restaurant atmosphere.

There is room for extra RV's so any out of town or state attendees can arrive Saturday if you wish. Just call Steve so he knows. There are also a multitude of affordable hotels on I-35 within 5 minutes of our home as well.

Steve has planned a Saturday afternoon ride for early arrivals, weather permitting of course. And as always he opens up his shop and collection for all of us to view and participate in some shop talk therapy sessions.

All food will be catered by the nationwide famous Monument Café at a cost to our members of approximately \$15.00 each, and as usual a few extra deserts are always brought by our members. 😊

Gift Exchange. It has been a long standing tradition that a "not to exceed \$10 gift" can be brought and you return home with *another* "not to exceed \$10 gift" in return. This is not mandatory, but is a lot of fun none-the-less. So try it! Bring a gift!

You can use any number of mapping services online to reach our home at:

201 Whitney Woods Circle, Georgetown TX. 78633 or just email or call me personally and I will offer the best direct route for each of you.

We realize that this is a long distance for some members, but with the ability to come a day early we hope to see a large Cherokee Chapter Family turnout.

Steve and Joan Klein

Please RSVP Joan Klein NOW!

512.966.8601 or email at: JoanKlein6@Hotmail.com

Serving begins at noon!

Annual Meeting and Elections follow the meal!

Desert and Coffee follow the Annual Meeting!

Annual Elections are held at the Christmas Meeting...

Elections are always held at the Christmas meeting. With our expanding membership in all three states we certainly encourage our members to consider being nominated for a position on the Board and give some much needed rest to those members whom have served unselfishly for so many years until recently.

To clarify our By Laws.

Three Board members are elected every year for two year terms. All Directors are voted on by the general membership. Once Directors are voted in, the new Board of Directors then vote whom will be officers of the Board. Officers serve at the direction

of The Board whom represents you as the membership of our club.

John Nixon has been President now for well over a decade and has expressed he will not serve again. Steve Klein has been asked if he would accept such nomination and has expressed he would do so for the club.

Director Greg McFarland has indicated he would accept nomination for Bob Guerin's Director / VP seat.

JoAnn Kugle from West Austin has volunteered to seek Marian Guerin's Director / Treasurer position. JoAnn recently retired from

school teaching and has handled their family contracting business books for over 30+ yrs. Marian will help train JoAnn to ensure the transition is seamless.

Steve Klein's unexpired current Directors position serving as Secretary/Editor will be open for another year. Emily Hudkins, Llano TX has unselfishly volunteered to seek this nomination. Her long term credentials in business and community service are above reproach. Steve will help Emily transition and also continue to write for the newsletter.

Greg McFarland's unexpired

Director term is thereby open for another year. Dwight Rinner, Oklahoma City has expressed an interest in a nomination. Dwight has been a very active member in his region. John Nixon has expressed he would remain on the board if asked to represent South Texas and try to help our growth there in the future.

Any other members whom wish to be nominated should just call or email me very soon so we may talk about the duties of a Director and the time commitments and expectations of the position relative to our Chapter.

A copy of The By Laws are available to any member upon request. Please call or email Steve Klein, Secretary. 361.652.8300 cell or email at Steve@SteveKlein

The AMCA Way...



John Nixon said it very well in the previous column. **It's all about our Members!**

Good members keep renewing and new members give us new ideas and the ability to grow stronger and serve more areas of interest in our sport moving forward.

Last year our Chapter attended and was represented at many events outside our Chapter territory. The Diamond Chapter of Arkansas and The Confederate

Chapter members attended our Spring Road Run in Jefferson TX. In neighborly fashion many of our members returned the favor by attending the Diamond Chapters Annual Motorcycles In The Park Bike Show in beautiful Hot Springs. We also had members attend the Confederate Chapters Booth in Birmingham Alabama at The Barber Vintage Meet. Our members enjoy out of state events that offer good roads and great hospitality

We all make and maintain friendships with members of other Chapters around America and Europe.

This is The AMCA Way.

Make plans to attend as many local, regional and National events as you can in 2014. We try hard to publish these in this Newsletter, our Chapter Website as well as The AMCA National Publication.

We wish to see you all on the road in 2014. Don't Miss Out!

Membership News *We Proudly Welcome our Newest Members!*

- **Wes and Sherry Brown, Georgetown, TX. AMCA# 23505**
- **Mike Thomson, Hot Springs, Arkansas.** (Mike is President of The Diamond Chapter of AR.)
- **Stefano Poli, Dallas, TX.**
- **Sam Ivey, Richardson TX.**
- **Jerry Morgan, Frisco, TX.**
- **Chuck Bernard, Benbrook, TX.**
- **Jason and Shannon Smith, China Springs, TX.** (longtime enthusiasts & AMCA Members)

If any of our members have specific ideas or input for our Chapter... Please contact us below! We want to hear from you!

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National Road Run	Jon Neuman	numo@sagebrushcycles.com	214.850.691	2014 Chairman
National Road Run	Greg Nelson	Greg.char@gmail.com	512.731.4446	2014 Co-Chairman



National Events Calendar

AMCA National Meets & Road Runs	
2014	
Feb 21-22	Omaha Chapter Meet, Fremont, NE
Mar 7-9	Sunshine Chapter Meet, New Smyrna Beach, FL
Apr 14-16	Cherokee Chapter Road Run, TX
Apr 25-26	Perkiomen Chapter Meet, Oley, PA
May 9-11	European Chapter Meet, Geldrop, Netherlands
May 16-18	Southern National Meet, Denton, NC
May 18-21	Bluegrass Chapter Road Run, Bardstown, KY
TBA	Rhinebeck National Meet, Rhinebeck, NY
Jun 13-14	Fort Sutter Chapter Meet, Dixon, CA
Jun 13-15	Viking Chapter Meet, St. Paul, MN
Jul 17-19	Oregon Trail Chapter Road Run, OR
Jul 18-20	Wauseon National Meet, Wauseon, OH
Aug 1-2	Yankee Chapter Meet, Hebron, CT
Sep 8-10	Allegheny Mountain Chapter Road Run, Elkins, WV
Oct 3-4	Chesapeake Chapter Meet, Jefferson, PA

Local, Regional and Non AMCA Events Calendar ...

- Dec. 7/8th** **Cherokee Christmas Celebration** Steve and Joan Klein Home 201 Whitney Woods Circle, Georgetown, TX 78633
See article this issue. For further info and RSVP JoanKlein6@hotmail.com or Joan's cell phone 512.966.8601
- Dec. 29** **Arlington Swap Meet. Arlington TX.** The largest indoor swap meet in Texas. (Same venue we attended last year.)
- Jan. 9-11** **Mid America Auctions, Las Vegas** South Point Hotel www.midamericaauctions.com If you have never attended A Las Vegas Auction, do not hesitate. The machines, seller and buyers create an awesome several days.
- Jan. 9** **Bonham's Las Vegas Auction Bally's Casino Hotel** www.bonhams.com/departments **-C C** This auction is not far away and is a totally different experience than the Mid America Auction that follows it. Attend both!
- Feb. 15/16** **Oklahoma City Bike Show.** Same Show we attended in 2013. We are VIP invitee's again and signed up a lot of new members last time. Dwight Rinner, OKC will be in charge. *(More in the December issue of this newsletter)*
- Mar. 7-9** **Vintage Motorcycle Alliance Swap Meet and Bike Show, Lake County Fairgrounds, Eustis Florida**
For more info visit www.vintagemotorcyclealliance.com or contact Shelby Withrow, Event Promoter.
- April 14-16** **Texas National Road Run.** Kerrville TX. For info go to www.CherokeeAMCA.org.
- May ?** **Annual Smithville Bike Show and Swap Meet.** Date not confirmed as of today. *(See December Newsletter.)*

Cherokee Chapter Membership and Events Director Shelby Withrow is currently drafting a **2014 Events Calendar** for our Chapter. If you know of any events in your local area that fit the family orientated lifestyle of our members and you believe the event is well run, of interest to our members, and also an opportunity to Reach-Out to those whom are interested in Vintage Motorcycles to become members of our Chapter and The AMCA....Please let Shelby know by contacting him at shelbyinparadise@wccs.net or cell phone 940.748.2555

Cherokee Members Help Out Motorcycle Rights Assn. . .

Steve Klein and Greg Nelson, both of Georgetown TX received a call from Wes Brown with TMRA (Texas Motorcycle Rights Assn.) asking if we could provide some Vintage Motorcycles in a TMRA booth at The Annual Pflugerville Chili Pfest.

The TMRA is a motorcycle organization that represent motorcyclists in legislative processes to ensure our rights as motorcyclists are heard at each legislative session. The local Austin Chapter of the TMRA was raffling off a 2003 Harley Davidson Sportster for fundraising purposes to allow them to continue their

work at the State level. By having some quality vintage bikes on display they hoped to attract more attention to their booth and sell more raffle tickets.

Greg Nelson provided his beautifully restored 1950 Panhead and his 1947 Indian Chief. Steve Klein provided a 32 VL and a 1912 Harley belt drive single. Over 120 raffle tickets were sold to help this worthwhile effort. It also proves that even 1 or 2 Cherokee members can represent our Chapter easily by displaying a bike or two and having membership forms available. Greg did sign up one new member and we both enjoyed good weather and really great chili.



Member Greg Nelson with two of his Classics



There He Goes Again ???

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, numerous members from our Chapter have attended other national level events at their own expense to represent our Chapter and our 2014 National Road Run. I wish to take time here to thank Shelby and Gloria Withrow, Jon Nueman, Greg McFarland, Mike and Buck Carson and many, many others from our Chapter whom made this effort. The members mentioned here did attend the Davenport Swap Meet along with approximately 17 other members from our Chapter. They also attended The Barber Vintage Meet in Birmingham Alabama this fall with another 7 or so of our members. That is a lot of traveling expense and time off for all our Chapter Members for sure. While at each meet our members set up a booth, our Chapter Banner, 2014 National Road Run banner and talked about what was going on in The Cherokee Chapter, kept their eyes and ears open for potential new members and also passed out many tall stacks of Cherokee Chapter Texas National Road Run Fliers for our upcoming 2014 event.

Members Jon Neuman, Mike and Buck Carson also rode their machines in **A Cannonball Race Tribute Lap** immediately after **The Century Race**. Over 60,000 vintage motorcyclist enthusiasts attended the event this year so Jon, Buck and Mike certainly had an audience for this ride. **It also must be noted here** that our very own **Jon "Dr. J" Neuman** on his venerable, dependable, and now famous mid 20's pocket valve "J" Model Harley Davidson, devoid of any notable paint whatsoever, apparently missed the pit exit at the end of the Cannonball Lap and he had to make the entire circuit just one more time 😊

Note: (We strongly believe Jon is simply suffering from the post neurological side effects of "Rockstar Envy" or Pro-A.S.S. ("Pro-Racing Assimilation Activity Syndrome") How many people can be the only person running on an entire international quality racetrack while that many tens of thousands of people are watching? And who else could get away with it other than Jon and on a J Model Harley?



Jon "Dr. J" Neuman and one of his "J's"

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NATIONAL ROAD RUN



KERRVILLE, TEXAS
APRIL 14 -16, 2014
3 FULL DAY TEXAS HILL COUNTRY ROAD ROUTES
Ride The Old West Again!

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Texas National Road Run Registration Form

--- Ride The Old West Again in 2014 ---

Print Name _____ Passenger Name _____

Rider Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email Address _____

Cycle Ridden_YR _____ Make _____ Model _____

Addtl. Cycle_YR _____ Make _____ Model _____

(If applicable)

Rider Advance Registration Fee (____) X \$125 = \$ _____

(Registration at the event will be \$135)

Passenger Advance Registration (____) X \$75 = \$ _____

(Registration at the event will be \$85)

Xtra Banquet Award Dinners Wed (____) X \$35 = \$ _____

Extra T-Shirts (____) X \$20 = \$ _____

Checks Payable To: Cherokee Chapter Total Due \$ _____

Rider T-Shirt Size S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____

Addtl. T-Shirts Ordered, S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____

(Please put # of each in appropriate size. Total number must match # in Xtra T-Shirts ordered above)

Rider

Signature _____ AMCA # _____

(A current active paid AMCA # is required)

Mail Registration Form and Check to: Jo Ann Kugle, 8601 South view Road Austin TX. 78737

• Questions may be left on voice mail at (512)288.3537 and will be returned in reasonable time.

Registration online and pay by PayPal will become available soon. www.CherokeesAMCA.org

November Photo Album . . .

www.CherokeeAMCA.org for more photos from Denton TX.



Greg Nelson and John Heckeroth at Phlugerville TX Event



Cherokee Chapter trailer at Denton TX Pistons and Paint Show



New Members showing their pristine HD lightweights. Sharp!



A New Member owned Topper. As Sharp as they come!



Dennis Stout proudly displays his Fathers 49 HydroGlide



Cherokee Members at our Info Table all day Saturday!



(L-R) 2-36 Knucks, 39 WLDR, 39 WL, 41 Knuck



Same row... another angle.



The Carson Clan and "Mr. Cannonball" Mike Bell



The Carson Classic Motorsports Cannonball Trailer Display was a huge crowd draw and many thousands visited all day!



New Members just gotta have fun. **(and they did!)**
This was the first Cherokee Chapter Event to show their Bikes!



Our entire 34 bike display . (L-R) Cannonball Display , and The Cherokee Chapter office / info center /membership trailer.



A homebuilt 70's 650 Yamaha on display in Trophy Class Show.



"This is how much we would love to have you as members!"



Partial view of the 500+ car / truck / hot rod show display field.



All ages had fun dressing up for the show.

こんにちは Kon'nichiwa to our Cherokee Friends from Tokyo Japan ...



One of the greatest benefits of AMCA Membership are the friendships created at National Meets. Above is Stanley Miller with **Gen and Mieko Ishi**. Gen and Mieko try to come to America each year to buy parts. Gen is especially interested in 28-31 four cylinder motorcycles and tells us many of his club members in Japan are into European cycles. He stays in touch with our Chapter via email and also follows our Cherokee Chapter website to see what we are doing in Texas. Kon'nichiwa to Gen and Mieko from our entire Chapter!



Cherokee Chapter Newsletter

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Watch for the next newsletter
at:

www.CherokeeAMCA.org



New Cherokee Website is Online Always!

Logging onto The Cherokee Chapter Website needs to become a habit for you. At any time 24/7 you can view all the photo albums of all our events in 2013, read current & all past newsletters, check the upcoming events calendar for current information and much more.

Our most popular feature to date is **The Blog** where each week a new topic, event or

project is revealed to all our members along with photos. A Blog is like a mini one page newsletter with only one news topic and is always a very fun Breaking News Format for all our members.

If you have a project you are working on, good photos you wish to share or something you experienced in this great sport of Vintage Motorcycling just contact me to submit the story topic, a few details and

a photo or two. I'll do the rest
Lets have a Terrific 2014!



Greg McFarland

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Who We Are . . .

The Cherokee Chapter of The Antique Motorcycle Club of America was formed for the purpose of enjoying old motorcycles. We accomplish this through local member organized events in and around Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Our members own, study, preserve, restore

or just appreciate vintage motorcycles that are at least 35 years or older. Often our members also study and collect all forms of vintage motorcycle art, literature, clothing and memorabilia related to these vintage machines. If you have an old bike or just have an interest

in learning more about these magnificent machines and the wonderful history of our great sport, please visit our website and also contact us about membership, road runs, bike shows and other club activities.

We Welcome You!



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