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Spring 2018

Spring is finally here, or so they tell us! It is going to be an exciting riding season for the Cherokee Chapter. There will be no shortage of events for members to attend. We are gearing up for the Fandango and national road run in 2019. Plans are to have flat track racing, swap meet and rides thru the Texas Hill Country. It will be held in Fredricksburg, TX which is a destination location with activities for all of the family. The national road run is taking shape under the leadership of Jon Nueman. It will take place in Kerrville, TX providing some of the best vintage riding in the United States.

Without our members there is no Cherokee. That simple fact was apparent at both Giddy Up and the Pie Run over the past couple of weekends. The enjoyment of riding and socializing with fellow club members made both these events memorable, but without the hard work and dedication of ambassadors Rodney and Rosie Sterling and Jason and Shannon Smith none of the fun we had would have happened. Thank you all for your facilitating our fun!

See you down the road. Let's ride and let's have fun! Proud to be Cherokee!!



Message from Lecil Morgan, the Membership Director!

Greetings fellow Cherokee Members. As your Chapter Membership Director, one of my duties is the chapter membership report to the National Board of Directors. To be a Chapter member in good standing, the AMCA National Board mandates their membership to be current and up to date. All Chapter memberships are reviewed by the AMCA to verify compliance. Our Board is then notified of Cherokee members not current with their AMCA membership. I hope to report back with 100 % participation! I can accomplish this with the help and cooperation of Cherokee members. Please update, renew, and/or apply for your AMCA membership if you have not yet done so. I truly appreciate your cooperation and I am proud to be Cherokee.

To join the AMCA go to antiquemotorcycle.org and click the link **Renew Here** button in the top right corner.



International Motorcycle Show 2018

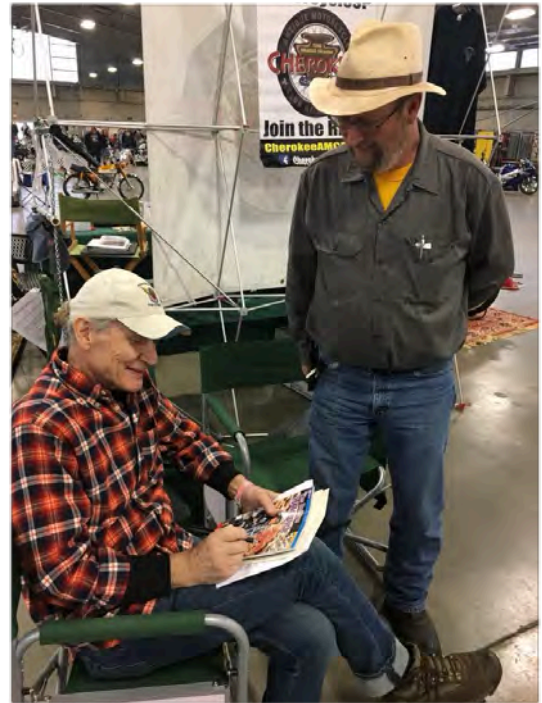
The International Motorcycle Show (IMS) was in Dallas the weekend of February 2 -4. For the second year Cherokee chapter was asked to display some of the member antique motorcycles. Cherokee members showed up and displayed 18 motorcycles. The weekend brought good weather and with that there was plenty of motorcycles coming to the show and lots of foot traffic. Both Clifton Waxman and Mike Harden had bikes in the show and there were two future cannonball motorcycles there. All this gave a good exposure to motorcycle community by the Cherokee chapter. Jerry and Lecil Morgan were steadfast as usual in setting up the show and organizing everything. Thanks Jerry and Lecil. Thanks to everyone who displayed one of their bikes and showed up for support.

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OKC Bike Show and Swap Meet

The annual OKC show went off this year without a hitch. There was some rain but that didn't deter Cherokee members. Many showed up for a weekend filled with fun and vintage motorcycles. Lyle Henry organized a turnout and was there to sign autographs on the AMCA magazine that featured his likeness, way to go Lyle! Members took home seven trophies for featured bikes, good work all!

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Giddy Up Motorcycle Show & Rally

Another awesome show and morning ride at the Giddy Up Vintage Chopper Show at the River Road Icehouse in New Braunfels on the last day of March. Cherokee members Rodney and Rosie Sterling hosted the party and the morning ride and showed off some of that central Texas hospitality. Weather cooperated for the show and the ride so all could enjoy the scenic Hill Country. This is the fifth year of the show and every year it gets more popular. Cherokee Chapter displayed eight motorcycles at the event and had the opportunity to introduce some young chopper riders to vintage motorcycles. Thanks to Rodney and Rosie for putting on a great event. If you haven't been to the Giddy Up you need to make a point of it next year to participate. I had a great time and once again was smiling for the week after. 'Til next year.



Giddy Up 2018



2nd Annual Cabin Fever Pie Run

Saturday morning April 7th brought in a Texas norther to north Texas. That didn't stop Cherokee members from participating in the 2nd annual pie run. The ride started out at the Cotton Exchange Cafe in Hillsboro off the town square. After a full breakfast members rode up to Glen Rose to the Pie Peddler for a slice. Temps dipped down to 33 degrees and there was a steady mist but all the rider and bikes powered thru to Glen Rose. The ride back was better since the wind was at our backs but I was still looking for the St. Bernard and his barrel when we got back. Thanks to Jason and Shannon Smith for putting on this event, great job! If you're in Hillsboro or just want a place to ride to, check out the Cotton Exchange Cafe, you won't be disappointed.





Ennis Bluebonnet Festival Bike Show April 21

Come and enjoy the bluebonnet festival in downtown Ennis on Saturday April 21st at the corner of W Belknap & NW Main. Cherokee Chapter will have a display so bring your bike and show it off. There will be vendors in the area. Be alert because there is a lot of car traffic in the area with the bluebonnets blooming so be careful if you are riding in. If you are interested in attending contact Joe Burch at 972-672-9432. He will be able to give you more information on the event and parking if you want to trailer your bike.



Cherokee Pate Swap Meet 4-26/29

The Cherokee Pate Swap Meet is taking place the last weekend of April. This will be the final year of the Cherokee organizing and selling spaces at the Pate Swap Meet. Cherokee will have a booth but there will not be a bike show. There have been numerous spots sold from Cherokee for vintage motorcycle parts vendors. There will be many vendors there ready to sell or buy what ever the case may be related to motorcycles. Shelby Withrow is the contact you'll need if you have any questions regarding the Pate Swap Meet. Don't hesitate to come out to the swap meet, there will still be plenty parts available and members to just shoot the breeze with. We'll see you out there.





2018 Carson Classic Motors Antique Road Run

Livingston, Texas May 3-6

Carson Classic Motors is hosting an antique road run the first weekend of May. Sponsors include the Cherokee and Confederate Chapters of the AMCA. Bring your vintage or late model motorcycle down to the piney wood area of Texas and enjoy the east Texas country side with fellow vintage bike enthusiasts. Motorcycle Cannonballers are invited to break in their machines in preparation for this September's cross-country trek. Mike, Buck and Lady T always put on a

top notch event. There will be an open house at the museum along with a hosted dinner and live music. Registration forms along with all the information needed for lodging and dining is available at cherokeeamca.org Make plans to attend this event and circulate among the old iron, it surely will not disappoint.

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Central TX Powersports 8th Annual Classic Motorcycle Show May 5th

Time again for Cherokee Members Steve and Theresa Littlefield to host their annual gathering for vintage bikes. Enjoy mingling with vintage enthusiasts and eager members of the public all afternoon while supporting a great business and a fun time. Make sure to check out the riding equipment that Steve stocks in his store. Enjoy the day in Central TX.

Ride Vintage!

**2018 Carson Classic Motors
Antique Road Run**
For Vintage AND Late Model Motorcycles!

Three days of riding through the scenic Piney Woods of East Texas!

CCM Museum Open House and Hosted Dinner Events with Live Music

Motorcycle Cannonballers: Come break in your newly-minted or faithful veteran machines in preparation for September's cross-country run!

Registration Forms and Lodging Information Available at www.cherokeeamca.org

May 3-6 2018
Livingston, Texas





Okmulgee Vintage Motorcycle Ride

**AMCA Cherokee Chapter* invites
All Vintage** Motorcycle riders
to join the ride on May 12, 2018.**

This is a chance to ride your vintage bike at slower speed so we can enjoy some of our smaller bikes. If you don't have a small bike, bring any size bike and know that we are going to try to keep the speed at about 40 MPH. There is no cost, but you will need to register on site.

Ride will start at 10:30 AM from the Okmulgee Walmart parking lot where there is plenty of room to leave your trailer. There will be several break stops along the way and we will eat lunch at Cowpokes Cafe. Chase truck with trailer will follow.

For More Information: Email WeRide@coxinet.net
Text: 918-500-2415
Visit www.CHEROKEEAMCA.ORG



* You don't have to be a member of AMCA or our chapter for this ride.
**Vintage motorcycles are at least 35 year old, i.e. originally built before 1984. All types of bikes welcome including original, modified, cafe, etc.

Okmulgee Vintage Ride May 12

Attention all riders who like to enjoy the ride at slower speeds and take in the scenery. The Oklahoma contingent of the Cherokee Chapter is putting on a ride in Okmulgee, OK. The ride is geared for those who don't want to speed thru the journey or those who want to get there smaller sized bikes out without the chance of being left behind or rolled over by the larger bikes. Come out and enjoy the fun and have lunch at the Cowpoke Cafe. You don't have to be an AMCA member to participate, so if you have friends that aren't members it would be a great opportunity to introduce them. Email WeRide@coxinet.net or text 918-500-2415 for more information. **We Ride!**

Iron Cylinder Sunday MC Creations May 27th

"Big Greg" Hale is hosting a Memorial Day weekend ride starting at his shop. Last years ride brought out a good contingency of Cherokee members to enjoy the scenery and camaraderie with fellow vintage bike riders. At the time this goes the press the details have not been worked out about destination and times. Have no fear that will not slow down the Cherokee crew from the Houston area any. Stay in tune with the Cherokee website, it will be updated when the details become final. Plan on making it to the Iron Cylinder ride, it promises to be as good if not better than last year.



Cherokee members on the road







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Have any questions, concerns, ideas get in contact with you local ambassador. They are also a great source for information on what is happening and any events coming up.

Editor's Corner

Saturday morning found me looking for warm clothes. It was cold, in the mid-30s, forecast didn't see it getting much above that. What else could I pile on to stay warm? Long sleeve shirt, flannel shirt, fur lined bomber hat along with a full set of leathers should do the trick I hoped. Set to load the bike up and it's misting, are we still going? Hell yes. Could I have backed out? Sure, that probably would have been the smart thing to do, but when have I ever let the smart thing to do get in my way. Thing is the main reason I joined the club was to ride, and ride with other vintage bikes. Sure there are plenty of other reasons to belong to the club, all of them good. But I like to ride, so short of a hurricane or snowstorm you'll find me riding if I get the chance. Membership in the club brings us all together. Some members like shows, some swap meets and others just swapping stories. There are no wrong answers. I just enjoy the fact that we can all get together and share our passion for old motorcycles in different ways. It's nice we can learn from each other's passion and enthusiasm. Get out and enjoy a ride, a show, a swap meet or just swap stories with other members, it all makes the club what it is. I'll see you at the next event. Ride safe!

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