



# CHEROKEE PRIDE

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## President's Notes

2017

This year has been a whirlwind of activity for Cherokee, from the International Motorcycle Show (IMS), OKC Swap Meet and Bike Show, Central Texas Spring Fever Ride, Giddy Up, Ennis Bluebonnet Festival, Pate Swap Meet, Texas Revival, Iron Cylinder Sunday, OKC Mile, Cherokee Summertime Run, Southern Throwdown, Lone Star 1/2 Mile, Harvest Classic, to (whew!) Ratrodtober. I can't remember ever having this many Cherokee events in a single year, and we're not finished yet. We have the Run to the Rio Grande coming up on November 3rd, Pistons & Paint on November 11th, and the Christmas Party on December 2nd. Only an exceptional club full of exceptional members could pull off this many successful events.

It's Fall, Cherokee Chapter elections are coming up. This year 2 board seats will be open to new people. If you might be interested in serving as Cherokee board members please contact me or any of the other board members to discuss.

The Fall is my favorite time of year because it's a great time to ride and to socialize with other members. See you down the road!  
Proud to be Cherokee!!



## Southern Throwdown

### *Bomb Factory, Deep Ellum*

Cherokee Members had a good turn out for the Southern Throwdown. This event is a far cry from it's origins in the parking lot 5 years ago and now is in the Bomb Factory. There was an opportunity for Cherokee members to rub shoulders with the new generation of vintage motorcycle enthusiasts.

Cherokee members showed up with their vintage motorcycles and displayed them for all to see. Great afternoon and looking forward to next year in Deep Ellum.



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## Summertime Ride, OK 2017

### *Locust Grove - Talequeh circuit*

Oklahoma members of the Cherokee Chapter out did themselves with the Summertime Ride. Cycle One Motorcycle Shop served as the gracious host for the event. Members showing up on Thursday were welcomed with a motorcycle ride and a float on the Illinois River on Friday. Temperatures were pleasant, almost Fall like but as anyone who has lived in the midwest knows it can change fast. Saturday morning the humidity returned and you were able to find 35 vintage motorcycles and their riders in the parking lot of Best Western looking forward to the day's ride. After presenting Mike Harden his member of the year award and going over safety, the group hit the road, well almost all. Lyle Henry had battery issues and had to stay behind to troubleshoot. Once diagnosed it took little time to repair and get on the road. The third group caught up with the main group at the Checkered Past Dine In located in the Second Kick Cycle Works MC Museum. After enjoying a good meal everyone enjoyed taking in the motorcycles and memorabilia at the museum. Soon after all riders were off to



enjoy the day's ride and the Oklahoma scenery. At the end of the ride all riders and members were welcomed at Cycle One MC shop for a cookout and some cold ones while enjoying everyone's company. Hats off to Lyle Henry and especially Mike Harden for putting on this event. They did a stand up job and it showed in the enjoyment of all who participated. Thanks to the owner and staff at Second Kick museum and Cycle One MC shop, your hospitality was greatly appreciated. Early Sunday morning severe weather came in with a tornado touching down in Tulsa. Fortunately no motorcycles or members were hurt in the filming of this episode (Experience from Pate has taught us well). Sunday morning rain broke up the event as everyone packed up and headed back home. Greg McFarland and Stanley Miller took the Cherokee Chapter creed of "We Ride" to heart making their return trip to Dallas in the rain. A couple of tough hombres indeed.



## Lone Star 1/2 Mile

September 23rd found a group of Cherokee members displaying their vintage motorcycles at Texas Motor Speedway for the Lone Star 1/2 mile flat track race. There was a constant stream of motorcycle enthusiasts coming thru the gates all day. There was plenty of nostalgia going around as race fans admired the old iron and reminisced about where they'd seen bikes like these before. Especially popular with the young race fans were the two vintage flat track bikes owned by President Greg McFarland. Plenty of photo opportunities brought out a lot of big smiles and good memories introducing the younger generation to vintage motorcycles.





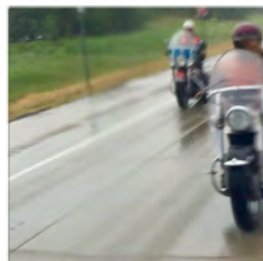
## Chief Blackhawk Davenport Swap Meet 2017



Cherokee chapter was represented well at the famous antique motorcycle swap meet by members looking for parts and supporting the flat track racing. The chapter always looks forward to supporting the Chief Blackhawk Swap Meet since they are a strong supporter of our Pate Swap Meet. Members were able to show up early for the meet and scope out the grounds for needed parts before heading over the the flat track to cheer on current Prez Greg "Buck Shot" McFarland. Racers, pit crews and supporters all had a good time watching the races and talking about improving their bikes and what bargains they found at the swap meet.

### Honorary Cherokee

Lecil Morgan came across "American Pickers" Mike Wolf during the Davenport Swap Meet. With a nod from the Cherokee officers present she was able to bestow upon Mike an Honorary Membership in the Cherokee Chapter. Mike was gracious in his acceptance of the honor and told Lecil that he had heard a lot of good things about the chapter, members and events. One caveat that Lecil had giving Mike a Cherokee shirt was that she wanted to see him wearing it on the show! Stay tuned.





## Annual Membership Dues

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**In order to vote** in the annual elections you **must be fully current on your dues**. Treasurer JoAnn Kugle will be on hand to allow you to renew your annual dues at the Annual Membership Meeting.

- Dues are still \$20 for one year membership when paid in person.
- You may also renew your annual Cherokee dues online at [www.CherokeeAMCA.org](http://www.CherokeeAMCA.org) ahead of the meeting using Paypal for \$21.
- It is also a great time to look at your AMCA Card to see if you are current with the National AMCA dues as well. You may renew your \$40 annual AMCA Dues at [www.AntiqueMotorcycle.org](http://www.AntiqueMotorcycle.org)
- Cherokee will allow current members a grace period of 45 days until February 15, 2018 to renew their 2017 dues at which time your membership will immediately go into non-member status.
- If you have become a new Cherokee Member on or after July 1, 2017 you pay no annual dues in 2018

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## Cherokee Elections 2018...

**Cherokee** has time and time again proven throughout the Antique Motorcycle World that we are the AMCA Chapter that is enthusiastic, that rides, and has fun as a Club! "**Cherokee leads by example.**" The biggest reason for our successes is our Club is built on a strong foundation of open communication and trust between our members and our member elected Board of Directors. Unlike the AMCA our members each get one vote for their annual membership dues. This ensures that the best strategic minded, fiscally responsible, leadership minded individuals get elected to represent you each year. All directors are elected by the general membership and serve staggered two year terms. The Officers (President, VP, Secretary & Treasurer) are then elected each year by nomination and vote from within the board that you have already elected.

**At the Annual Membership Meeting and Christmas Dinner Saturday Dec. 2nd** the Cherokee Membership will cast their individual votes once again for who they wish to represent them on their Board of Directors. This year's ballot consists of the following open positions:

**Director Seat** (currently held by Victor Hugas)

**Director Seat** (currently held by Lyle Henry)

**Director Seat** (currently held by Rosie Sterling)

**Director Seat** (currently held by Mike Carson)

**As usual**, nominations from the floor will be accepted for any Board of Directors seat. If you are sincerely interested in becoming /serving as a Cherokee Boardmember, please call me or one of your existing board members and visit with them about what is involved. **Victor Hugas** is happy to be re-elected to the Board and would continue in his role as Director. **Lyle Henry** is happy to be re-elected to the Board and would continue in his role as Director/Vice President. After serving their terms **Rosie Sterling** and **Mike Carson** will not seek re-election to the board. We thank both Rosie and Mike for their hard work and dedication to making Cherokee what it is today. If you see Mike (GLT) or Rosie, give them a hug or shake their hand and thank them for all they do for the club.

## Ratrodtober McKinney, TX October 21

Tupps Brewery in McKinney was the site for the Ratrodtober Car and Bike show. This is the second time that the Cherokee Chapter has bikes displayed inside the brewery. Cherokee chapter had 28 bikes that rode in or showed up for the show. Cherokee member Mike Harden won best of show for his flathead chopper, nice job Mike. **Cherokee, We Ride!**



## Up Coming Events

### Run to the Rio Grande Nov 3 & 4

New venue for the Fall Road Run, previously scheduled for New Braunfels has been moved to San Benito in South Texas. The Motorcycle Shop is sponsoring the event which includes Live Music, Texas Barbecue, a Beer Garden along with a Vintage Bike Show. Free primitive camping, RV and trailer parking is available at Harley's Country Store. Contact Victor Hugas at [vehugas@aol.com](mailto:vehugas@aol.com) or 956-399-3562 for more information. If you're going you can text or call 956-535-0371 to register. Come on down to South Texas and enjoy riding vintage iron in the valley.

## Harvest Classic

### Luckenbach, TX

The Harvest Classic happened in Luckenbach on the 20th and 21st. Some Cherokee members headed down to the Hill Country to ride vintage iron and enjoy the simpler side of life. Cherokee members Steve Littlefield won in 1950-59 class with his 54 Nimbus and Becky Neal for sidecar with '67 Ducati Rickshaw. Mark your calendar for next year's event. Maybe we can organize a ride from Luckenbach to Albert. Dancehall to dancehall.

**2017 RUN TO THE RIO GRANDE**  
**NOVEMBER 3&4 2017**  
**SAN BENITO TX.**

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**LIVE MUSIC**  
**TEXAS BBQ**  
**BEER GARDEN**  
**VINTAGE BIKE SHOW**



**FREE PRIMITIVE CAMPING**  
**RV & TRAILER PARKING**  
**AT HARLEY'S COUNTRY STORE**







# Pistons & Paint

Nov. 11

November returns and so does the Pistons and Paint car show. Cherokee chapter has been asked again to display our vintage iron. We'd like to see as many vintage bikes as possible since this is an event where the club makes money. Bring your bike out on the second Saturday of November and enjoy the show and company of your fellow members. Contact Ed Hazzard for more information. [hazz1967@gmail.com](mailto:hazz1967@gmail.com)





## Cherokee Chapter Regional Ambassador Program Roster

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### Cherokee Chapter National Ambassadors

These members travel to most AMCA events

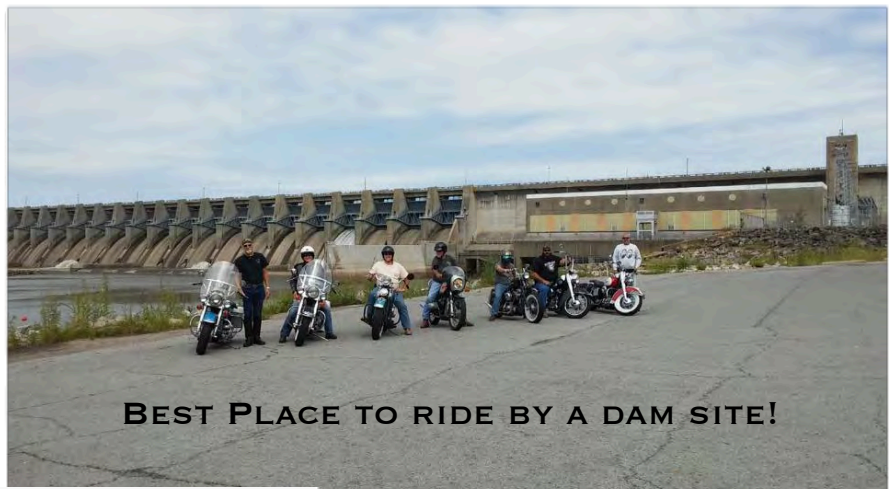
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Stanley Miller	Dallas TX	N/A

**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.**

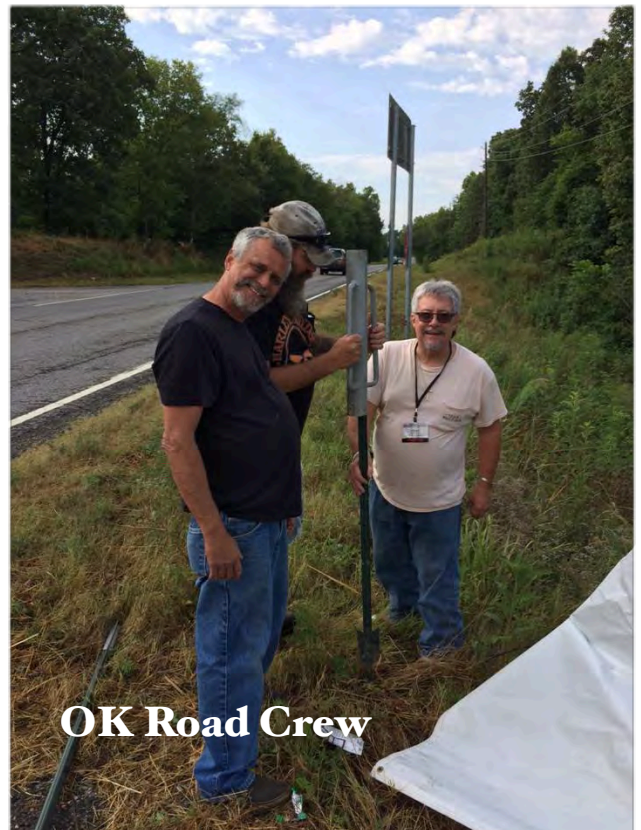




Cherokee Members  
out and about









## Editor's Corner

### Temporary Permanent Repairs

Back in 1986 I was riding around on my panhead in the Berkshire Mountains when I decided to stop and enjoy some adult beverages. After having a couple of beers (can't fly on one wing) I went out to fire up the old girl and much to my surprise there was an oversized oil spot underneath the transmission. After a little investigation I found that the rear brake hose was rubbing on the metal oil feed line which resulted in a pin hole. After securing a quart of oil I nursed the bike back home and pulled the line off. Being the frugal person I am I decided to try my luck at repairing the line. Using a soldering iron I was able to plug the hole and after pressure testing the line it was back on the bike and running down the road. 31 years later I was having oil pump issues. Changing out the oil pump solved my problem and for some reason I thought it was time to turn the temporary repair into a permanent one. Not sure why, it hadn't started to leak or anything else. Maybe it was just that I didn't want to tempt fate, can't really explain it. I installed a brand new oil line and made sure that nothing was going to rub and off I went down the road. If anyone else out there has some stories they'd like to share please feel free to pull me aside and give me the basics. I'm sure the members would love to read it and it might just bring back some memories for them. Remember to ride safe!

**PROUD TO BE CHEROKEE. WE RIDE!**

