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# Cherokee Chapter, AMCA



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## You might be a Vintage Motorcycle Enthusiast If?

Your fingernails always have grease and oil in them?

You would rather drive hundreds of miles to dig through a pile of old parts than take up the game of golf at the course across the road from you?

You sift through your old Easyriders magazines and only look at the bike details?

You can tell what kind of motorcycle is approaching you just by listening?

If you answered yes to these you are terminally incurable as a Vintage Motorcycle Enthusiast. And you are in very good company.

This spring has been a great time to be a Cherokee Chapter Member. In this issue you will see firsthand how our **National Road Run** in Kerrville TX came out so successfully, find out how much our membership has grown since our last newsletter and also see pictures of our Annual **Smithville Bike Show** and Swap Meet.

Yes the Cherokee Chapter of The AMCA is healthy, happy and your Board of Directors are all working hard to ensure that our future calendar of events and services to our members is equally as worthwhile to our ever growing membership in TX, OK and Arkansas.

You will also notice that we have members from other states around America as well. Florida, Colorado, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Kansas and Ohio to just name a few. Why do they join? People recognize excitement, commitment and passion for the sport. People enjoy belonging to a club that has these ingredients. Our dues are quite inexpensive, our newsletter is good, our website is first rate and people just want to know what we are doing and when our next event is. People like a good parade.

I cannot verbalize how proud I am of all of you that planned, served on commitees and volunteered at our Texas National Road Run last month. Chairman Jon Neuman explained to our members over a year ago that if they planned well enough in advance and were detailed enough when the event arrived, they would have time to enjoy the event and ensure our guests would also. Jon was right! Hands down... Just a "First Rate" national event. Many, many unsolicited compliments were all the same...."The Best National Road Run ever! "And also..."Your members are all so friendly and helpful" For this I simply tell you all... Job Well Done!

So what can each of you now do in the future to ensure all this enthusiasm, club camaraderie and membership and event growth continue? Just communicate to your board. On page 4 of every newsletter issue and also on our website is a complete listing of your elected Board of Directors. Call or email them with ideas or suggestions of things you would like to see our Chapter consider being involved with. Watch our Events Calendar and bring your motorcycle and a friend whom is not a member. Take a moment right now and make a list of people you know who own a vintage machine, used to own one or would like to get one again. Call them and invite them to come to an event with you. At the very least, have them look at our website and consider becoming a member themselves. It is easy to do and fulfilling.

#### For The Love of the Sport



Steve Klein, President



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## From the VP...

# This spring has been exciting in our Chapter.

Membership continues to grow and the quality of events our Chapter has planned and done have all been just exceptional.

I hope you are getting more familiar with our Chapter Website and have looked at it weekly instead of just once a month to read our newsletter? All you have to do is go online and Google www.CherokeeAMCA.org

You can then quickly get up to date with what is going on in our Chapter and The AMCA. To make your life easier...Just save this website in your Favorites and it will be a quicker click away to look at.

I try to change the **Blog** content once a week to keep a wide variety of topics out there that will appeal to all our almost 200 members.

Events are constantly updated whether they are our events or just well -run events in your area that are worth attending. And lastly, we are constantly adding photographs to existing albums and starting new albums. This allows our members and guests to see first-hand the kind of machines we ride and what we are doing as members all over Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas each month.

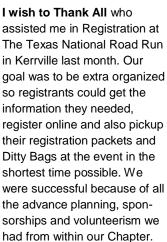
New T-Shirts will be printed soon as well so watch our Cherokee Store and be the first to order any new styles coming. And yes we will be adding shirts for the ladies as well very soon.

# Read about my BBQ in this issue and come on over!

See You On The Road! Greq

## From Our Treasurer...

**Hi! Summer is just around the corner...** and Whew... Where does the time go?



For the first time we had far more registrants online than ever before thanks to Greg McFarland being our website manager. Some still mailed in their registrations and as usual onsite registration was extra busy as well. It was amazing that people kept showing up on Day Two and even Day Three and wanted to register. Without the help of so many in our Chapter to help me "woman" the registration tables we would not have been able to process so many people in such a short period of time.

Registrants were alphabetized. Ditty Bags were pre-stuffed and all signage to our Hospitality Room were professionally designed and made making it easy for arriving attendees to our event to get in and out fast.

I also wish to thank my husband David for handling all the Sponsors, Donations of Door Prizes and Ditty Bag Stuffers. We were able to have door prize drawings at the Safety / Road Route Dinner, every morning before the road run and every evening when people arrived back. On the evening of the Awards Banquet we still had plenty of items left to give away also. Everyone likes winning something.

Our Treasury is filled again as the event was profitable, even though we spent more on planning, upgrading and marketing the event than ever before. This allows us to have the money to plan and promote even more events in the future and still keep a rainy day fund for the next National Road Run in three years.

I appreciate all of you who stepped up to help us have a great National Road Run.





JoAnn Kugle, Treasurer jakugle@austin.rr.com

John Nixon, Director <a href="mailto:jnixon@texas.net">jnixon@texas.net</a>

## Smithville TX Bike Show and Swap Meet...

The Smithville Bike Show and Swap Meet was another successful event on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>. We as your board must admit when we reserved the same weekend each year, that we did not notice this was also Mother's Day Weekend. This oversight did cut the attendance by many of our members but certainly did not show signs of lack of interest by the general public or swap meet vendors.

We had more vendors than ever before and the variety of parts, literature, basket case motor-cycles and such was larger than ever. Two basket case J Harleys for instance. A complete British twin with sidecar and many other machines were present. As usual Doyle Franks was there and we all look forward to seeing

Doyle each year for replacement parts to keep all our old bikes in running order. Doyle stocks complete carb rebuild kits for Linkert as well as smaller packets of springs and gaskets. One can never have too many extra of these on the shelf as you know.

The number of motorcycles that were in the Bike Show was a bit less than years past, but the quality overall and the variety of brands was exceptional this year. Brands such as Mustang, Harley, Indian, Ducati, Vincent, Norton, Triumph, Excelsior Henderson, Sears and more.

New member Ford from Austin along with his wife and son brought 6 bikes themselves as well as an old fashioned family style lemonade stand.

Now that is nostalgic!

Public attendance was way up as many motorcycle clubs and groups arrived throughout the day Saturday. No doubt due to cooler riding temps and sun filled skies.

During our membership meeting Saturday afternoon it was suggested that we consider an alternate location other than Smithville in the future that was closer to or directly on I-35 to make the annual event easier to attend by more members from Oklahoma south to San Antonio? Our club will talk to The Pate Swap Meet in Fort Worth more about blending talents and holding our event there next year. That venue attracts huge crowds and will give us far more visibility as well as allow us to have a far larger and better swap meet.

John

## Membership First...

Gloria and I have spent the last 35+ years on the road picking parts, setting up booths at swap meets and have met virtually every type of person in the world of motorcycling. I cannot say I have enjoyed the sport any more than I have the last two years since joining the Cherokee Chapter of the AMCA. The Spirit of Camaraderie, the Can Do Attitude, and the Enthusiasm this Chapter has is... well just refreshing. I thoroughly enjoy the people, the machines, and the events.

Looking back at the last 18 or so month's I can say it has been a whirlwind and a time that is very gratifying personally. Our members voted for me to become a Director and I volunteered to be in charge of Membership.

This is something that is near and dear to my heart for it allows me to meet many new people and share with them all the great things this vintage motorcycle sport can offer them if they just become a member of our AMCA and our Chapter.. In the last year we have grown from approx. 30+ members to 170+ total today. By having new members we attract more types of people and the machines they enjoy.

Step Two is to get these new members involved. We do this in two ways primarily. First we make sure they know who other members are in their geographic region are so they can meet, ride and work on their machines together.

Secondly we try to hold a Regional Social in the form of a Ride and BBQ. This June 21st

Chapter VP Greg McFarland is hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual North TX / Southern Oklahoma Members Ride and BBQ at his property in Dallas. Make sure you all attend. Greg smokes a mean brisket!

Work is already in play with numerous other venues that want our Chapter to attend. One such venue is the Pate Swap Meet. It covers the entire infield of the Nascar Raceway in Fort Worth and will allow our Chapter and our sport far greater visibility to the public as well as get all motorcycle vendors to consolidate in one area. We will continue to promote our sport for y'all.

Please Stay Tuned! Shelby



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## Membership News

#### We Proudly Welcome our Newest Members!

Tom Feezer, Lititiz PA
Fred Davis, Wakeman OH
Dan McCullough, Luther OK
Frank Tomassi, Euliss TX
Willie Frazier, Houston TX
Tim Russell, Kerrville TX
Dan Raines, Hutto TX
RD Raven, Smithville TX
Doug Tindall, Carlsbad NM

Jack Horner, Jacksonville FL
Russell Plunket, Gravevine AR
Stewart Stevenson, Seagoville TX
Doc Wood, Ft. Worth TX
David Ghiselin, Port Lavaca TX
Steve Orrell, Georgetown TX
Ford Strei, Leander TX
Larry Bradford, Canon City CO

John Clark, Franklin TN
Justin Rhody, Duncanville TX
Joe Fuller, Bedford TX
Ron Menefee, Lorena TX
Michael McMains, McGreagor TX
Rodney Sterling, New Braunfels TX
Marie Snyder, Pflugerville TX
Ray Strubel, Canon City CO

Note: New members whom just joined online or at our Smithville Bike Show and Swap Meet may not be reflected yet.

#### NOTE: All Members 2014 Annual Dues (\$15) were due January 1, 2014.

- ü If you are an existing member or a new member whom joined prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 <u>please renew your annual dues NOW</u>.
- ü If you are a NEW member in 2013 who joined after July 1 2013... You do not have to renew in 2014

  Renew online at <a href="www.CherokeeAMCA.org">www.CherokeeAMCA.org</a> Please check the new box for <a href="Renewal">Renewal</a> (There is a \$1 fee to use PayPal and pay online)

  Or lick a stamp (saves you two bits) and mail your \$15 check to JoAnn Kugle, Treasurer; 8601 South view Road, Austin TX. 78737

We want all 2014 Renewal Dues paid by the end of January, 2014. <u>No exceptions or extensions after that date.</u> Annual Dues are only \$15 so please do not expect us to finance your hobby membership until later in the year. If you did not renew, you are dropped off our membership roster.

#### 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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## Local and Regional Events Caledar...

June

21 Cherokee Members BBQ – Greg and Christie McFarlands Home, Dallas TX. on Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 4-9 pm. Open to

all Chapter Members expecially those in the North TX & Southern Oklahoma areas. This is our **Second Annual Members Social**. New Members and potential new members are especially welcome to ride in, meet our Chapter and

enjoy smoked briskit and all the timmings. Please bring a side dish or desert to share, and a lawn chair.

RSVP to Greg and Christie at gmcfarland@chargerllc.com

July 20

Swap Meet - Arlington TX. Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ball Park Way. Texas' Largest Indoor Air

Conditiomned swap meet. For more info...foot@harleysalvage.com

24-26 American Iron Kickstart Classic - 100 bike Invitational Two Day Ride. SOLD OUT as of May 16, 2014

http://www.aimag.com/2014/01/registration-form-for-july-2014-kickstart-classic-motorcycle-ride/

Day One – Wheels Through Time Museum, Maggie Valley NC to Corky Coker's Museum in Chattanooga TN Day Two – Ride to Mike Silvio's Famous Cyclemos Museum in Red Boiling Springs TN. Supper at each Museum.

Three Great Museums, Great People, Great Roads...

### AMCA National Events Calendar





Come on Y'all.... Let's Ride More in 2014 Stanley Miller, Dallas TX

#### Texas National Road Run

The Texas National Road Run was a huge success! This is not an over statement either. Chairman Jon Neumann and Co-Chair Greg Nelson and their entire Road Run Team planned; organized and performed an extremely well operated and well enjoyed national AMCA Event for our Chapter as well as the 180+ attendees from all over America who arrived in Kerrville TX.

Comments were all favorable and complimentary throughout the three day event...

- <u>"I a tt en d n at io n al R o ad R u n s ev ery yea r</u> and your Chapter has the friendliest people and your event is the most organized and the best one I have ever attended."
- "The difference with your event is that you have more members, more volunteers and they all have had time to visit and help us with questions. I think I have met most of your members here? Y'all are so friendly and make it look easy. <u>Just a</u> Great Eve n t and we 'I I b e ba c k!
- <u>"Great Roads, Great People and a Great Facility</u>. Coffee and doughnuts at the Bike Parking lot every morning, cold drinks and snacks at the end of the ride, security at night for the bikes... You guys thought of it all. Thanks and I'll be back next time and bring others"
- · "Bes t Nation a l Ro ad Ru n l've ever a tten d ed! Please keep me on a list and do it again."
- The Parking Lot... Wow. There are 200 machines out here. And more people keep showing up. There is a 1913 Henderson Four, a 19 HD twin, a row of J's, a row of Knucks... a row of Indians, a row of Nimbus'... and everyone stays out here way past dark visiting. I'm telling you, this is the best part right here!"
- · "Your Chase Vehicle had carb parts in it for a Linkert, and 6 volt batteries and coils... Who thinks of that? You guys kept me on the road!"

And there were many, many more sent to us. There is no way that in any article I could try to Thank Everyone without missing several people who volunteered and made a big difference in the overall performance and overall reflection to our entire Chapter and AMCA. So I will just say a heartfelt THANK YOU TO ALL who were involved. You deserve great applause.

Day One was met with a Texas Squall Line that brought 60 mph wind gusts, pea size hail and heavy rains. Luckily this was our Short Day and riders took shelter up under hotel balconies and in their bike trailers with an extra cup of coffee in hand to wait it out. Stanley Miller, Greg McFarland and Jon Schroeder courageously held onto a 10 x 20 tent in the parking lot to keep it from rolling through 150+ bikes parked downwind. Reminded me of the scene in the movie Bubba Gump where Forrest Gump's Army Sargent was on top of the shrimp boat mast during a hurricane, yelling "Is this all you got?" The tent was removed thereafter. All riders left 2.5 hours late but enjoyed the Willow City Loop and Luckenbach.

Day Two brought beautiful cool, "Zip up your leather jacket riding weather" and took riders South and West through Medina, Leaky and the Three Twisted Sisters routes of County Roads 335, 336, & 337. These roads are considered 5 star riding roads by all major motorcycling riding publications. A group of wild hogs decided to run across the road at a blind corner and luckily no riders went down. When pigs are three wide and almost all the way from one shoulder to another, it is hard to find a hole to ride through. Known Texas Pistolero Stanley Miller ended one small Peccary's misery with a head shot and bungee'd it on his Panhead for a Last Rites Ride in style. When have you ever seen a Panhead rider pull into a parking lot with a hog on his luggage rack?

Day Three was equally beautiful weather and rode the same areas as Day Two, but different routes. All the area grills, hamburger joints, old country stores and wide spots in the road knew we were out there. One could not ride past any spot big enough to park and not see a baker's dozen of the most gorgeous and high cool vintage machines parked momentarily for a photo op or a cup of coffee.

The Awards Banquet was held in High Texas Style on Wednesday night beneath the dimmed iron chandeliers of the main Ballroom at The YO Resort Hotel. Prime Rib and a long buffet line of salads, side courses and deserts were enjoyed by all. A projector showed over 600 photos 16 ft. tall on the front banquet wall that were taken by a variety of members during the event. Special Thanks to Cherokee Members Joe Burch for his photography and video skills and Wes Brown for reviewing, organizing and dubbing Texas background music to this very enjoyable show as an added touch to attendees.

We had three AMCA Board members in attendance. Director of Chapters Fred Davis from Ohio personally thanked all Chapter Members for their volunteerism and a presentation of an award went to each at the front of the room. National Director of Events, Rick Najera vocalized similar sentiment and was also presented with a (mock) Texas Historical Society Roadside Marker for his now world famous Low Water Crossing near Luckenbach. J Youth Coordinator Buck Carson won Youngest Rider and encouraged our members to find someone younger to join soon.

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The air in the banquet room was full of excitement, anticipation and fellowship. We recognized all the Cannonball Riders (8) whom either belong to our Chapter or are getting support from our Chapter Members. David Lloyd, Confederate Chapter and a close friend of Cherokee, rode his newly built 1919 HD Twin as a shakedown run for this year's 4,000+ mile coast to coast event. Carson Classic Motors had a display set up whereby attendees could make a donation of \$20 and get a free t-shirt. These dollars added up all night as it does cost approximately \$30K per machine minimum to run the Cannonball.

A special moment of silence was dedicated to AMCA Member and noted Author Stephen Wright who passed away recently and others were recognized as well for their contributions to our sport the last decades. Among these were attendees in our event such as Bud Redmond age 87 who rode all three days, and Rich Shultz who was instrumental in starting Chapters, events and authoring books. We were all honored by their presence and we tried our best to show it.

Awards and Presentations went forth to many categories throughout the evening and you can read about these in the upcoming National AMCA Magazine article about our event. <u>I especially wish to thank longtime Cherokee Chapter member Demi Heye</u> for always designing and building a beautiful presentation award for each road run. This year's "Demi Award" went to Chapter Member Richard Fish for his Dedication and Never Quit Attitude. I introduced the artist and the recipient to each other to make the award even more memorable for both of them.

The Last Award... was the much coveted, highly respected, extremely sought after, worth only 8 bucks a pound scrap metal prices, Cherokee Traveling Trophy. Much like the Stanley Cup (only less shiny) this mixture of worn out, rusty and broken parts welded together by a now famous, but still obscure artist from Paradise TX (where else?) by the name of Shelby Withrow was won this year by Kansas with close points of contention from Colorado, the Confederate Chapter, and the Diamond Chapter. Each recipient at each event is challenged to weld on another significant, worthless but recognizable and high cool part so that other Chapters can try to win, (steal, cheat or otherwise get the damn thing back) to their own Chapter Trophy Room for bragging rights each year. Who needs a NBA Championship, Super Bowl or World Series ring anyhow?

In Closing.... We have a list of ideas to further improve upon at our next event. Jon Neuman is compiling a very detailed "Road Runs For Dummies" binder for use by our Chapter and other Chapters nationwide and will complete this daunting task by July I am told.

Jo n... Y o u alw ays handle all with p ride, de tail and class sir! My Hat is Off to You!

Please look at all event photos online at www.CherokeeAMCA.org and the smaller number posted in this newsletter.









# May Photo Album . . . More Photos also get posted on <u>www.CherokeeAMCA.org</u>



From Sweden all the way to Luckenbach TX! (OK...The Nimbus' are from Sweden anyhow)



A Pistoled Peccary on a Panhead



The Vintage Bike Only Parking Lot at the YO Ranch Hotel was a constant center of activity before and after each days run as well as long into the evening every day. Many friends caught up and many new friendships were made.

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Up...Down...Left...Right...Repeat!



Is Nimbi plural for Nimbus? Ever see such a large row?



Are you sure we are not kin?



Texas and New Mexico Buddy's



All Twins? Nope Norton is single



Tuck yer jeans in... It's gettin deep



60 mph Winds? Look at Jason's Hair!



Both machines were delivered by "Dr. J"



Always photograph my best side.



A David Lloyd Limited Edition 1919 Confederate Cannon Baller



Does not play well with modern HD's with neon lights.



A beautiful Kirk Sharp hand-fabbed 26 JD 4 speed Chopper



Not a sharper Norton to be found! Pristine!

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A Row of Knuckleheads



Lots of Sharp VL's



If these two guys cannot figure it out ??????



Henderson Conservators - Rich & Jane Shultz, Linda & Tim LaQuay



Howdy and Welcome from Bud and Helen (They tirelessly stood in the Lobby for 4 days & never complained!)



**Registration Desk** 



LaQuay Motorsports runs Doc Cleveland's 13 Henderson



The Van...The Ladies.... The Mission (Shop... Spa... Winery)



Stacked like a box of crayons



39 WLDR anchors the row!



There's my 52 Buick license plate!



Where did that Panhead with that pig go?



The British invasion was large and in charge!



Two Scott Flying Squirrels were in the event!



Our Road Run backyard



No BS spoken here?



Where did I set my darn coffee cup?



just lt does not



much better



than this.... I don't care who you are!



Heh... a Gold Star snuck into a row of J's???



An Extremely Sanitary, Solid and Correct 36 EL Knuck



AMCA Youth Coordinator, Experienced Cannonball Rider And general all around Good Guy....Buck Carson J



A Cummins diesel powered, Hudson Hornet Indian Hauler Driven from San Diego CA by Paul Grabner



Smithville 2014 L-R Dr. J Neuman, Joan Klein, Dave & Jo Ann Kugle & Chapter Secretary Emily Hudkins, enjoy a late afternoon moment.



Smithville - Side hacks rule! At least they rule over more space! This hack is owned by Elton and Debbie Morris

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Smithville - Steve Klein's 1948 Indian Chief rider



STX Member Bobby Burrows Black and White Flattie. Very High Cool!



Elton Morris rides the \_\_\_\_ out of this Lil Bobber.



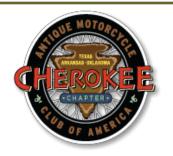
Steve Klein's 29 Excelsior Henderson KJ is still a work in progress



Jerry and Liesel with the world's cleanest 165 Both are new 2013 members who have become very active and attend all our events.



What a beautiful row! Ford Strei...TY for sharing!
(Makes me want lemonade! J



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#### We're on the Web 24/7!

Watch for the next Newsletter and all Current Blogs at:

www.CherokeeAMCA.org



## New Cherokee Website is Online 24/7/365

Thanks to Director, Greg McFarland our new Chapter website is always online and available for all members and others on the worldwide web to use to find us.

www.CherokeeAMCA.org
Enjoy reading our newsletter
now every month when you
feel like it as it will always be
online from now on. We will
simply send out an email to
all chapter members that it is

posted online for viewing. Members without computers will still be sent their newsletters through US Postal Service as usual. Features of this site also allow you to view photos of recent events, see a list of our officers and directors along with their contact information and also be able to read the current **Blog** anytime you wish to.

We are all very proud of this new website and know the convenience to our members will be appreciated.

#### We All Thank You Greg!



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.

# 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

#### We Welcome You!







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