

# Cherokee Chapter, AMCA



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## It's the Journey... Not the Technology?

Somewhere in past history the phrase was coined.

### It's the Journey... not the Destination.

Fact: The world only spins one complete revolution every 24 hours just like it has for millennia. Just 1 RPM. Yet when one looks around in society today you would swear the world is spinning totally out of control.

People cannot seem to drive a car anymore without a cell phone glued to their left ear. This is why no one uses turn signals anymore... Detroit will have to relocate them to the right hand side of the steering column maybe?

Our cell phones are not just phones anymore. They are both high resolution still and video cameras, our photo albums, weather stations, a stereo system holding every single song we ever heard, a calculator, a notepad, the newsstand to the entire world for every single newspaper, magazine or book we ever want to read, and a computer to connect with the internet to access any information we ever wish to know at a micro-moment's notice. All packed up nicely in a compact small format to fit easily into our shirt pocket or our purse.

Except for some folks when driving in the left hand lane of course. 😊

We can also Email, Text, Tweet, Instagram and Facebook from these wonderful little pieces of assembled circuitry surrounded by shock resistant plastic and glass. And boy do people do that stuff. Pick any car or truck that stays in the left lane on any Interstate and I will bet you my Flying Merkel and a case of 50 WT that they are texting or checking their emails. All at 70+ mph.

People are so addicted to these devices I like to call them "Keyboard Commandos" and "Internet Junkies." Unfortunately many are also what I refer to as "Internet Hot Heads."

As a passionate individual that loves the History of our Great Sport, I do belong to numerous motorcycle clubs, read numerous industry magazines and certainly check numerous websites when I am seeking info on something I am less than knowledgeable on. One thing I always seem to run head on into are the people whom do not have the entire story or all the facts and yet they spew their beliefs all over on everyone else. Why does this happen you ask? Because people only want to believe what they wish to believe while they have their (often dumb) little noses buried in their smart little devices and

a few mere tidbits of info are all that their attention deficit minds can focus on anyhow?

So why do I spend 2 full columns appearing like I am ranting about technology and how people abuse it today?

**Because ...The world only spins 1 rpm a day.** Slow down people. It is ok to talk & get the whole story! Or better yet take your bike out, and ride more often. What you actually see, hear, smell and experience while riding IS REAL! It will take your mind to a much better place devoid of selective facts, partial truths and confirm the reality that **Life is just not Facebook Folks.** It's far better than that!

You belong to the AMCA. You own a Vintage Cycle. It wants to be ridden. Call a fellow chapter member now and go ride! The people hiding behind their keyboards will not even notice you left the house. Now that will surely cause them to be jealous and make a Post!

## For The Love of the Sport



Steve Klein, President

## Riding on My Mind...

### Members,

I know everyone had fun at the National Road Run in April. What we try to do as a club is have a smaller road run each Spring and Fall. Similar to the road run we had at Jefferson, Texas in the Fall of 2013. These runs will be a weekend event in different parts of Texas, as well as in Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

What I need from you, our members, is help in identifying new routes that would best suit antique motorcycles (back roads, light traffic, etc.). As a combined club we have ridden all parts of this state and have our favorite routes. We just want to know about them, particularly around Houston (SE Texas) and West Texas as we would like to boost our membership in these areas of the state as we continue to grow our Chapter.



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An ideal weekend route would be a 100 to a 150 mile route on a Saturday and a 25 to 75 mile ride on Sunday centered around a small town or place (such as state parks) which has hotel and/or camping. And lastly have day activities that would interest non-riders (i.e. wives & girlfriends)

These are just guidelines and are not meant to exclude other routes that might not have all these attributes or even more.

Our goal is to have 6 weekend road runs routes in our back pocket and rotate these annually, with one in the Spring and one in the Fall. If we get more routes then that is a great situation for us.

You provide the route suggestions with a rough map and/or brief description. We'll make it happen. Simple as that. This is an opportunity to make your club better.

Thanks for your help. Greg





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## Membership First...

My wife of 48 years, Gloria and I have spent the last 45 years on the road, picking parts, setting up booths at swap meets and doing mechanical restorations on obsolete H-D Motorcycles.

Health reasons forced us to retire and rethink the world of motorcycling. I have enjoyed the sport more the last 18 months since joining and being voted Membership and Events director of the AMCA Cherokee Chapter than ever before. **The**

**"Can Do Attitude", and the enthusiasm** this Chapter has with the current Board Members is just refreshing. I thoroughly enjoy the people, the machines, and the events.

Look back at the last 18 months I can say it has been a whirlwind of events for our membership. See older posts, Photo Gallery [www.cherokeeamca.org](http://www.cherokeeamca.org)

This Board is committed to serve at the will of our members, we plan events like our April 2014 National Road Run, as can be seen in the July issue of AMCA Magazine.

We are proud to announce the next major event,

## **Cherokee Concourse de Pate Texas Motor Speedway April 30 to May 3, 2015**

The Cherokee Chapter has secured from the **Pate Transportation Swap Meet** a large block of spaces to be used for our Antique Motorcycle Display, Swap Meet spaces for antique motorcycle vendors and a large RV parking area for socializing. The Pate Swap Meet is 10 times the size of Davenport and is visited by 100,000+ people yearly

The Cherokee Chapter plans to host a Peoples' Choice Antique Motorcycle Show, **Cherokee Concours de Pate** while making available vending spaces for the sale of motorcycles and related antique parts from well-known national and local vendors. The Chapter has paid for this large block of spaces, (over 200 individual vending spaces) the first time an area at Pate will be exclusively set aside for motorcycle use, and we will assign these spaces on a first come first served basis.

A large group of members plan to attend Wauseon, while others will be at Arlington Swap meet and Bike Show July 20.

## **The CannonBall 3 -2014 Carson Team; All HD riders**

#3 Buck Carson 1936 R - TX  
#6 Steve Simpson 1928 JD - FL  
#25 Scott Byrd 1931 V - AR  
#54 David Lloyd 1919 J - Miss  
#73 Greg McFarland 1926 J - TX  
#77 Brent Mayfield 1934 VJ - OH  
#90 Mike Carson 1924 J - TX  
#99 Jon Neuman 1928 JD - TX

### **Support Team**

Shelby Withrow, Truck Driver- TX  
Jesse Law, JD/VI Mechanic -TX  
David King -Illinois  
Bob Huffman - Ohio  
Theresa Prosser - Texas  
Paul Esler - Texas  
Steve Norton - England  
Ivan Brown - England  
**Other Chapter Riders /Friends**  
#41 Mike Bell 1923 J -Texas  
#76 Robert Gestavsson 31 VL -TX  
#31 Clyde Crouch 1929 Henderson KJ - Texas  
#34 Peter Reeves 1929 JD -England  
#44 Dennis Leggett 1936  
Indian Sport Scout - Texas  
#50 Gerald Tims 1929 JD -Oklahoma

**This is not a Chapter function. But Individual donations are requested.**

**Contact Buck Carson AMCA Youth Director at his email below.**

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**Please support this effort**

*Please Stay Tuned!  
Shelby*

**Presidents Note:** There are IRS rules against non-profit organizations such as The Cherokee Chapter taking your membership dues and other monies we are able to raise and making donations to other events similar to the Cannonball. Yes there are obviously some loopholes perhaps. Yes the IRS can (conveniently) lose two years of computer records themselves to try to stay out of hot water, but The Cherokee Chapter does not need to become front and center in a Congressional Hearing ☺

**I encourage all our membership to reach into your pockets and make whatever level of donation you can to The Cannonball effort..** By donating \$250, \$100, \$50 or even \$25 dollars individually makes a big difference in helping fund the expenses of gas, oil and miscellaneous travel expenses for all the riders listed in Shelby's column this month. Plus you can sit at the local waterin Hole and have bragging rights that you a spnsor of a 2014 Cannonball Rider of your choice. Or just send a check to Buck Carson and he will divide it up between all the riders listed in this newsletter. How many Chapters can say that they have 14 members / friends riding in one Cannonball Event? **Thank You, Steve**

## Your Board of Directors ...

**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 Calendar...

- July**
- 20** **Swap Meet – Arlington TX.** Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ball Park Way. Texas' Largest Indoor Air Conditioned swap meet. For more info...[foot@harleysalvage.com](mailto:foot@harleysalvage.com) ( see flier in this edition)
- 18-20** **AMCA Wauseon OH Swap Meet** – Many of our members attend this event every year! Log online and plan to attend!
- 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...**

## National Meets, Road Runs, &amp; Events ...

2014 AMCA National Meets & Road Runs		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Location</u>
Feb 21-22	Omaha Chapter Meet	Fremont, NE
Mar 7-9	Sunshine Chapter Meet	New Smyrna Beach, FL
Apr 14-16	Cherokee Chapter Nat'l 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 Nat'l Road Run	Bardstown, KY
Jun 13-14	Rhinebeck Coalition Nat'l Meet	Rhinebeck, NY
Jun 13-15	Viking Chapter Meet	St. Paul, MN
Jun 20-21	Fort Sutter Chapter Meet	Dixon, CA
Jul 17-19	Oregon Trail Chapter Nat'l Road Run	OR
Jul 18-20	Wauseon National Meet	Wauseon, OH
Aug 1-2	Yankee Chapter National Meet	Hebron, CT
Sep 8-10	Allegheny Mtn. Chapter Nat'l Road Run	Elkins, WV
Oct 3-4	Chesapeake Chapter National Meet	Jefferson, PA



Details of events can be found in the Antique Motorcycle magazine and at [www.antiquemotorcycle.org](http://www.antiquemotorcycle.org)

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

## Cannonball 2013 ... by Greg McFarland

The Cannonball is just around the corner and everyone on Team Carson is putting the final touches on their bikes. Jon Neuman and I rode 130 miles on Sunday and everything is running well.

It's the small things that are hard to anticipate when preparing for such a big ride. Which tools do I need to take in my saddle bags to handle all circumstances? How many spare parts do I need on the trip? An extra motor, transmission, etc.? Or do I just put all my faith in what I've got?

Comfort is another thing to consider. Do I experience the ride as someone in the 1920s might have by using only comforts available at that time? Or do I use every bit of modern technology at my disposal?

I imagine I will be somewhere in between, but not so comfortable I lose the connection to the guys who did it without the modern highway system. The ones who had one bike and relied on himself and the kindness of strangers. Remember this is all coming from a Cannonball newbie. I'll get back to you after the race.

## North Texas / Southern Oklahoma Members BBQ

In June around 30 or so members and their significant others gathered at my house in Dallas and enjoyed some backyard BBQ. This is something we try to do each summer to allow all our members in this region to get to know each other better. Small events like this are a good opportunity for members to gather locally to share their passion for old bikes. If it's 2 people or 50 people it doesn't matter. It is important to get together! Especially to allow our newest members the chance to meet existing members and get involved in our club and meet someone with similar interests to ride together, work on their bikes together etc... And on top of that just have some fun. Anytime more than one member is in any one place, it's an event.

Your Board of Directors and our Membership / Events Director Shelby Withrow encourage all our members across Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas to consider hosting such a simple backyard and shop event in your region. Contact Shelby or I and we will assist in planning and promoting the event with you. We would like to see similar BBQ's in the Austin, Houston and San Antonio regions this fall.

## Stay in Touch

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## July Photo Album . . .

More Photos also get posted on [www.CherokeeAMCA.org](http://www.CherokeeAMCA.org)



Susie Burch & her Lil Kicker on Vacation this summer



Friends of The Cherokee Chapter, Dale and Trish from Wheels Through Time Museum on a new Indian Vintage. Lookin Good!



Member Tom Miller, Austin TX loves 4 wheels also. Great Looking rod Tom. Toms vintage bikes are sharp also!



American Art – 1940 Indian 440



Steve Klein's 1912 all original Indian single.



Barn Finds are hard to locate...So Steve Klein borrowed a barn  
Steve's original 14 HD and 12 Indian



1911 Excelsior Single Close-up



Just Good Advice!



L-R 59Pan, 47 EL Knuck, 48 Chief.....  
L-R Juan, Elton Morris, Steve Klein, Greg Nelson and  
Bryan Fuller from Velocity Channels Café Racer TV.



Picking on Tim La Quay's beautiful Twin Cam as  
as being a "New Fangled Motorcycle" 😊



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Watch for the next Newsletter  
and all Current Blogs at:

[www.CherokeeAMCA.org](http://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](http://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!**



## 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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