



Newsletter



Welcome to Edition 1, 2013 of **The Cherokee Chapter Newsletter**.

I wish to say hello to all our members whom I have yet to meet and wish all our members a great 2013 in advance. In November our President, John Nixon called me and asked if I would take over the reins as Chapter Editor. Knowing what a tedious and “Thankless Job” this is and how long our outgoing Editor Ken Kalustian has been doing this, I hesitated... I paused, and John was still on the phone waiting for an answer. “Yes John, For our Sport... I will take my turn.”

What I have discovered is publishing programs do not like me. I fully intended to use a desktop publishing program that would allow 2 or 3 column (newspaper format) with the ability to cut and paste pictures at will. So far...I still do not get it, so today...I am “punting” and y’all get a very simple communication on plain old Word off my laptop. With time and a resurgence of long dead brain cells, I hope to improve and get to a higher quality, more reader friendly format. Please be patient. I am obviously an underachiever here. ☺

This month’s edition will have a variety of topics as much is happening in our Cherokee Chapter of the AMCA at present. You will find an update from John in his column called **Prez**, I will cover **Chapter Business**, **Membership**, our new **Website**, publish an **Events Calendar** and also show a few photographs submitted by our membership as Ken has always done.

Please note It is our intention to go “all electronic” with future newsletters. This means we will US Postal mail and email this edition but wish to just do email and also post the Newsletter on our Website in the future. If you do not use a computer, please let us know an individual family member or friend whom will accept an email from us so they may print it for you.

2013 will be a terrific year in Vintage Motorcycling and we will see y’all out On The Road !



Steve Klein

PREZ...

I would like to welcome all of our Cherokee members to try to join in more of our events. They are designed to help us enjoy and ride our motorcycles more and to meet and hang out with other old bike lovers. Our club has been very slowly growing but participation has been down. Now we have some new board members who are very enthusiastic about helping our club grow, signing up new members and increasing participation of current members in local non-club sponsored events and state wide club events.

At our Christmas Party three new board members were elected. Shelby Withrow is from NW of Dallas, Greg McFarland from Dallas and Steve Klein from Georgetown, who graciously agreed to be our new secretary and editor. They have many good ideas of how to help the club grow. Greg has set up a new web site which will help members keep up with our club and other motorcycle functions. He also came up with some new designs for T-shirts. Steve has been working hard on the newsletter of which this is his first issue. I can tell you, after working with Ken that it is a lot more work than it appears to be. Steve has some new ideas to add more information to the newsletter. Shelby is promoting our club along with other members at events in the North Texas Area.

Jon Neuman volunteered to set up a Spring Ride and with the help of other members has set one up in Jefferson, Texas. More info, which I don't have yet, will be in this current newsletter.

Our Smithville Spring Meet will be held on May 4th and 5th. More info to follow. Please mark your calendars now!

Our Fall Ride in Llano turned out well except a light rain and cold and low turnout. Only our regular riders, Bob and Marian Guerin, Henry and Larenda Nicar, Elton and Debbie Morris, Lewis and Demi Hey and Susan and I attended. Where were all the other usual riders? We will discuss our next fall ride at our Smithville meet.

I would like to thank our current, new and former board members for all their hard work. Marian does an amazing job at keeping the books, taking dues and taking care of reports for the national club. Bob does the Smithville Route and fliers every year. Ken, our former editor has moved out of town and had to resign from the board. He did a great job of the newsletter for years. He wants to remain a member and we hope to see him at some of our events. Louis, Elton, Bob and Steve, Marion and my wife Susan have also helped put on two National Road Runs in previous years.

I believe that our new and old board members will help our club to grow by improving awareness of our chapter and members, and increasing participation in our events. Most of all we will increase our enjoyment of our hobby by letting us get together with old and new friends and enjoy our old bikes.

I hope to see you at our further events,

John

Chapter Business...

On December 2, 2012 approximately 36+ members congregated at a German Restaurant in Wahlburg TX for great food, the chance to catch up with friends on what is going on in their lives the past year and also to have our year-end membership meeting. Many members rode motorcycles from Dallas and local areas. The weather was just perfect for a leather jacket. While the rest of America is shoveling snow, we ran Harleys and Indians down the road in December. It was simply a Good Day! (see Photo Album this issue)

John Nixon called the meeting to order and a quorum of Directors were present. John updated the membership on recent business, Treasurer Marian Guerin gave her thorough financial report (we have money and all bills are paid) and John asked where we would all like to plan our Winter Ride this year. Member Jon Neuman, Flower Mound TX volunteered to Chair this event. (John is a confirmed J and VL nut and we are certainly thankful for him volunteering as Chairman for this event.. John Nixon then asked me to take the floor and visit with the membership on a couple of things.

(I will paraphrase here to save space.) I introduced numerous individuals from North Texas, Dallas / Fort Worth and surrounding areas who were invited as guests of our Chapter Christmas Gathering to visit us and talk. This group had met several times previously in the Dallas Metro Area to discuss that there just were not enough Vintage Motorcycling activities or any club to support and promote the sport. They were considering starting their own AMCA Chapter and had already talked to National (AMCA) about what it takes to do so. Before making this final decision however they wished to visit with The Cherokee Chapter to see what our long term intentions in the State of Texas and Oklahoma were. (Oklahoma... we will be up to see you in February in Oklahoma City at the OKC Bike Show Feb 16/17)

Our membership was asked if all were happy with the size of our Chapter and the number and quality of our events? We solicited comments on what we could do to do a better job and hopefully increase our membership to help take the load off of John Nixon, our existing Officers and Directors, and the existing membership who always have to shoulder everything we do?

It was suggested and talked about that we could always do better and maybe we could try some “non-traditional” means of getting better exposure for our Chapter and our sport that could allow us later to get better participation and public exposure at our own events.

New member Shelby Withrow, from North Texas suggested that there are always other successful motorsports events throughout Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas that maybe we could “piggy back” on someone else’s event and get some inexpensive exposure. These other events have already paid for facilities, insurance, marketing, security etc... All we would have to do is lease one booth space to get in front of the general motoring public. An inexpensive and low impact means for sure. Several motorcycle and vintage car show events were mentioned as possible examples.

We also talked about the incredible exposure our Chapter got in 2011 at The Lone Star Roundup Hot Rod Event in Austin where 120,000+ attendees admired 27 vintage motorcycles we hand selected to show there. It was decided that for minimal cost, plus a Chapter and AMCA Banner, some brochures and membership forms we should make the effort to attend these non-traditional events. Numerous people volunteered to bring motorcycles and also to man a booth space in a Dallas Show between Christmas and New Years to answer questions. (More on this effort later in this newsletter.)

It was decided that it did not seem to make sense to have two AMCA Chapters only 2.5 hours apart. All Chapters struggle with the same issues of not having enough members to rotate the board and officers positions and handle the workload of Chapter business and activities.

- Why not keep one central Administration / Board of Directors and grow our membership to allow events in more places around Texas than just a Central location that ends up being a bit far for members from outreaching parts of our Huge State to be able to travel to attend? Texas is a big place with many regions and regional and metro cities. And we also need to work on Oklahoma membership as well!
- It would be feasible to try to grow our Chapter Membership so we have a much stronger representation in all of these regions and cities eventually.
- Texas is the fastest population growth state in America and there is just no reason that we cannot find the Vintage Motorcycling public that already lives here and also who has and will move here.
- Texas is also the largest retirement population growth State, so we know retirees from around America in our sport who move here need to find a Chapter and friends in the sport as well.

It was unanimously decided to give it a try.

Elections were held and nominations from the floor were made. Director Elton Morris asked that he not be on the ballot again. Lewis Heye’s Director’s term was up and he was nominated as well as Shelby Withrow and Greg McFarland. The following were the results of the voting by the membership in attendance.

Welcome to all new officers...

- **Steve Klein** – Secretary Editor (Ken Kalustian’s vacated Secretary / Editor seat)
- **Greg McFarland**, Director
- **Shelby Withrow**, Director

- ✓ I also wish to sincerely thank and commend Past Secretary Ken Kalustian for many years of devoted service to our chapter. Ken always kept all of informed and we all appreciate it very much. Ken is an extremely devoted AMCA Member.
- ✓ Also many thanks to immediate past Directors, Lewis Heye and Elton Morris.

Please thank each of these gentlemen when you see them next

If any members have specific ideas for our Chapter... Contact your Officers below!

President	John Nixon	jnixon@texas.net	830.931.3046
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Secretary	Steve Klein	Steve@SteveKlein.com	361.652.8300
Director	Greg McFarland	gmcfarland@chargerllc.com	214.912.9245
Director	Shelby Withrow	Shelbyinparadise@wccs.net	940.748.2555

- ✓ The meeting was adjourned and a large cake was cut and enjoyed by all after the meeting.

New Cherokee Directions...

A **Chapter website** was an idea also brought up in the Membership meeting. In today's world the general public Google's or Bing's almost anything they wish to find out it seems. Director Greg McFarland volunteered to Chair a project to research and start a website for our Chapter. I am very happy to announce that you may now visit

The Cherokee Chapter Website at: www.CherokeeAMCA.org

- ✓ It is a simple one page website at present. (Greg suggested we start out small and grow it later).
- ✓ The website did not cost us \$2,000 - \$3,000 as most do. Greg negotiated the design and launch to effectively cost us a Cherokee Chapter and an AMCA national membership in trade.
- ✓ The website has both the **AMCA and Cherokee** logo's, **Links** to go directly to the AMCA webpage for more information on National Events and Judging, **Contact info** and a **Slideshow** to create further interest.
- ✓ For the slideshow we collectively threw together the photo's we had in front of us to start with but eventually wish to add other Motorcycle Marques, more smiling faces etc... to show as much diversity in our sport as we can in a small slideshow.
- ✓ **Contact Info.** We divided up our State by regions and looked at our membership list and placed a members name and email for each region to allow any interested vintage motorcycling enthusiast to be able to contact someone closer to where they actually live for more information on becoming a member. The public normally wishes to talk to someone more localized for information. Plus it could be overwhelming for only one member of our Chapter to field calls and emails from all over Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Membership

Existing Members whom have not renewed their annual membership fee of \$15.00 may do so at this time.

- ✓ Mail your check payable to The Cherokee Chapter to:
Marian Guerin, Treasurer 1144 Sycamore St. San Marcos TX 78666
- ✓ or contact Marian via email at cherokee78666@yahoo.com if any question.
- ✓ **Also please make sure you join / renew your annual membership with The AMCA.**
www.antiquemotorcycle.org

Welcome to New Cherokee Chapter Members... We all wish to get to meet you!

John and Susie Clark	Jim (Ty) and Trenna Little
Charles and Lauren Price	Jim and Liz Chapman
Red Robert	Greg Hale
John Montoya	John Clark
John and Carrie Little	John Goodman
Bud Reveile, Buds Cycle, Austin TX	Shelby and Gloria Withrow (Photo Album)
Greg McFarland, Dallas TX (Photo Album)	

(As of publishing date. Anyone we missed will be recognized in the next publication)

Please make these new members feel very welcome at our next event and on the road!

Events in 2013....

2013 AMCA National Meets & Road Runs

Feb 22-23	Omaha Chapter Meet, Fremont, NE
Mar 8-10	Sunshine Chapter Meet, New Smyrna Beach, FL
Apr 19-21	European Chapter Meet, Geldrop, The Netherlands
Apr 26-27	Perkiomen Chapter Meet, Oley, PA
May 17-19	Southern National Meet, Denton, NC
Jun 14-15	Rhinebeck National Meet, Rhinebeck, NY
Jun 14-15	Fort Sutter Chapter Meet, Dixon, CA
Jun 14-16	Viking Chapter Meet, St. Paul, MN
Jun 19-21	Rocky Mountain Chapter Road Run, Ouray, CO
Jul 19-21	Wauseon National Meet, Wauseon, OH
Aug 2-3	Yankee Chapter Meet, Hebron, CT
Aug 5-7	Evergreen Chapter Road Run, White Pass, WA
Aug 12-15	Empire Chapter Road Run, Vernon NY
Sep 22-25	Fort Sutter Chapter Road Run, Sacramento, CA
Oct 4-5	Chesapeake Chapter Meet, Jefferson, PA
Oct 7-9	Neshaminy Valley & Seaboard Chapters Road Run, New Hope, PA



Events in your area.... (as of current date)

Mar 8-9	Eustis FL- Vintage Motorcycle Swap Meet /Antique Motorcycle Show, Lake County Fairgrounds (Contact Shelby Withrow, shelbyinparadise@wccs.net or call 940.748.2555 for more info)
Feb 16-17	Oklahoma Motorcycle Show. State Fair Park, OKC (Red Flyer above) www.jswswapmeet.com
Apr 13-14	Cherokee Chapter Spring Ride, Jefferson TX.
Apr 5-7	The Lone Star Round-up, Austin TX www.lonestarroundup.com
Apr 18-21	Vintage Motocross Event in Jefferson TX
Apr 27-28	Vintage Motorcycle Racing / 2 nd Annual Texas Hot Rod Reunion www.texasshotrodreunion.com
May 4-5	Smithville Bike Show and Swap Meet
Oct 12-13	Texas Harley Racers Reunion Drags www.texasharleyracersreunion.com

Breaking News The Cherokee Chapter Spring Road Run is April 13/14

The following information is what we have at press time. **Jon Neumann is Chair** of the event and it will be based out of **Historic Jefferson TX**. We will market the event through our **Cherokee Chapter Website Blog**, the **AMCA Forum**, **Flier Handouts** at region wide motorcycle dealerships and also **Motorcycle publications** plus by **Spreading the Word** among ourselves and others. **So Start Spreading Now!**

There will be two runs... 121 miles on Saturday and a shorter 39 mile ride on Sunday. The scenery will include heavily treed, rolling hills, Caddo Lake State Park and really beautiful twisty back roads of the region.

The local Chamber of Commerce, merchants, restaurants and other local businesses are welcoming us with open arms. **This little Historic Town "Get's it!"** It is also a regular destination of car groups and other clubs and they know how to treat us. Motels are booked well in advance all season.

- Dennis Stout is Route Planner and Route Captain.
- Joe Burch is taking care of all City and Chamber of Commerce communication.
- Stanley Miller is in charge of Hotels & Restaurants
- John Clark is handling communication and awareness with local, county and state law enforcement.
- Greg McFarland is handling all legal, insurance, club requirements, sign-up and releases, Event Fliers etc...

We need one more volunteer to be a Route / Road Captain.

It is best to leave in two or more smaller groups than one large parade across so many miles.

Please Contact Jon Neumann if you will do so. numo@sagebrushcycles.com or 817.490.1372 cell

Hotels / Motels / Camping and RV information will be sent out also when we get this information. STAY TUNED.

From Our Members...

Ken Kalustion recently visited **The Isle Of Man Shop** in **Chicago**. (North of Dallas somewhere) Ken writes in below: While in Chicago, I passed this store, Isle of Man on Lincoln Avenue, several times and always thought it was a motorcycle store because of the white 60's BMW motorcycle and other motorcycle items displayed in the store's windows. When I finally stopped and entered the store, I was surprised to see the high quality clothing by Schott and Barbour, vintage helmets, used leather jackets and boots along with lamps made from vintage industrial materials. I asked the store's managers permission to take pictures and she gave the ok. I was familiar with Schott leather jackets and chaps as I used to sell them in the 80's when I worked for Barnett Harley Davidson in El Paso. Both companies produce high quality items. Steve McQueen wore Barbour waxed cotton jackets in his movies. Schott is one of the oldest leather jacket makers in the country and the 1st to use zippers on its leather jackets. They also make their leather jackets in the USA. What surprised me the most was high quality clothing these two produced other than jackets. The sweaters were gorgeous. The Isle of Man also sells its own brand of men's shaving accessories, along with WWII military trunks turned into coffee tables, motorcycle history books, knives and more. They advertise themselves as a store for "Men of Character". **The Isle of Man** is a great place to visit and shop if you are in Chicago. **Happy New Year to All..... Ken**



Ken Kalustian



The Isle of Man Shop Window

Steve Klein and Greg Nelson just returned from Las Vegas where they attended The Bonhams Auction and the Mid-American Auction. Over 700+ vintage motorcycles sold between the two auctions. Prices for pre-16 American are through the roof. Prices on Pre-WWII are strong. Values for machines that are "not all real", over restored or not restored correctly were not good. I am guessing 15-20% of all sale lots were no-sales. Always a good trip to see fellow collectors and keep up on values. I highly recommend to all members to attend in the future.

Auction results are online. www.midamericauctions.com and www.bonhams.com/auctions



Mid- America Viewing Room



1912 Pierce (Sold \$147,500.)



Row after Row of Rare

Dallas Swap Meet The week between Christmas and New Year's 2012, Stanley Miller, Shelby and Gloria Withrow, Steve Cornish, Joe Burch, Jon Neuman, and John Clark attended this show on behalf of our Chapter. Our members put many machines on display as well as visited with the general public about the benefits of being a member. The net result of this effort was they signed up around 10 new members to our Chapter plus a couple of renewals. This was the "trial event" that was discussed at the December 2 Christmas Meeting. **Thank You All!**



The Cherokee Chapter Booth – Dallas Swap Meet



Block, Tackle and Sign-Up Team (Stanley, Shelby and Joe)

Mark Scott – Austin TX

Mark submitted two items this month. One is an article on riding **The Tail of The Armadillo**. (Due to the length of this inaugural edition we will publish Marks article in the next issue.) The second item is that one of Marks motorcycles, his 1978 Kawasaki Z1R TC was the subject of a current article in Motorcycle Classics Magazine (Jan/Feb 2013) issue. **You may visit the following link to read this article:**

www.motorcycleclassics.com?classic-japanese-motorcycles/kawasaki-z1r-tc-zmOz13jfzbea.aspx

Elton Morris – Georgetown TX

Dave Kugle, Austin, was contacted by a production company that was set to film a new movie on JFK called **Parkland**. Dave contacted several of our members looking for 60-65 era Harley Davidsons to be used as Police Escort machines in the movie. **Enter stage left...Elton Morris** and his row of Panheads. Elton has been watching Billy Bob Thornton film this past week and his own Panheads star in leading roles for JFK around the set at a local Austin airport. (I will pass the hat to purchase Elton a director's chair for his shop soon.) Popcorn anyone?



On the Set of JFK movie Parkland



Jeff Wilburn, Stuntman (Elton Morris Stunt double ©)

New Rides...

Not exactly like a Baby Announcement, but if any of our members acquire a "New Ride"...

We all want to know about it! Send in your pictures and brief information to Steve@SteveKlein.com

Dave Kugle – Austin TX



1974 MotoGuzzi V-7 Sport - All Original, 8,200 Miles



Congrats Dave...A very Nice Piece of History

Steve Klein – Georgetown TX



1911 Excelsior Auto Cycle, single, belt drive. Owned by Bud Ekins,
Painted and pinstriped by Kenny Howard (Von Dutch).

Your Ride Here

Next Issue

A Tribute...

The Cherokee Chapter wishes to extend our sincerest thoughts and prayers to the Family of Greg Nelson. Greg's best friend and wife Charlene (Char) lost her valiant fight with cancer recently in December 2012. A Celebration of Char's life was held in Round Rock TX and was attended by many Cherokee Members. Char wrote a personal letter to all whom attended and Greg read it to all of us. There were smiles, laughter and tears around the room. Char's message to all of us was how rich her life was by having all of us as friends. She wanted people to focus on their own lives, their own loved ones and the things that matter most in all our lives, health, happiness and relationships.

Char... we have been truly blessed to know you during your life here on earth.



Char and Greg, Smithville TX 2011

Cherokee Winter Photo Album



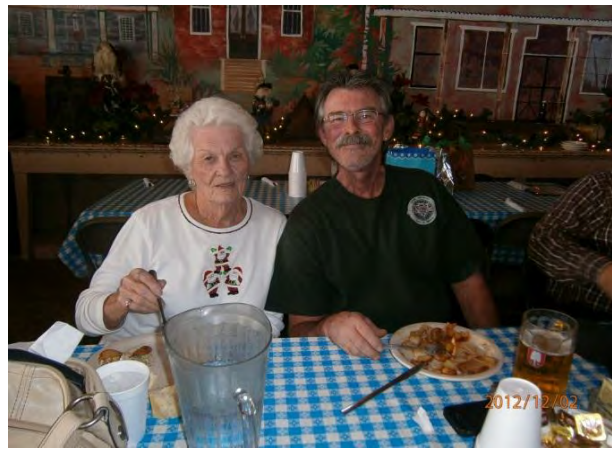
I think we lost the cop's?



Another Philosophy Session



Doyle and Ruby Franks



"I love my Mom!" Bernnie and Dennis Stout



Mr. VP Bud and Madame Treasurer Marian Guerin



Joan and Steve Klein





Debbie and Elton Morris – Georgetown TX



Stanley Miller, Dallas and Susan Nixon,



Gentlemen - Steve Cornish and Henry Nicari



Will Carnahan, Fort Worth TX



Steve Klein just finished restoration on this 48 Chief



Panheads Forever





Inaugural Ride for Joe Burch on his new Flathead!



L-R Shelby Withrow and Jon Neumann in a 1930VC



“The Prez” John and “First Lady” Susan Nixon, Castroville TX



What kind of conditioner do you use?

Special Thanks...

Stanley Miller, Dallas TX has volunteered to be the Cherokee Chapter /AMCA Liason for our Tri-State Region. As you already know Stanley racks up a lot of miles every year throughout America on his 1936 HD Knucklehead and his other vintage motorcycles. Stanley is well known by all and constantly carries the message of our sport wherever he travels. We thank you Stanley for carrying our voice everywhere you go. “Let me shove some gas / motel money in your wallet next time we see each other.”



Stanley Miller – On The Road Somewhere

From The Past...

Each newsletter will feature a photo, advertisement, or other similar to share with our members. If you have something you feel is appropriate, please email it to: Steve@SteveKlein.com and I will file it for future use!



Can anyone identify this Cherokee Member and what year the photo was taken? (Hint: Rat's Hole Show)

HELP ME PLEASE...

To keep this newsletter relevant, current, and interesting, I ask all members to take time to submit information on:

- **Meets / Shows** – Information on dates, campgrounds, hotels, restaurants etc...
- **Photos** from your recent motorcycle travels, rides, shows or local / national meets you have attended etc...
- **Articles / Old Advertisements** worth reading, whether you write them or you cut them out.
- **Photo of "Your Motorcycle"** so I may select a **Members Ride** for each newsletter (Like a Centerfold ☺)
After each newsletter is published the Current Featured Ride will move to a Photo Album on our website that will show all previous Members Rides. (So come on...become famous!)

Send to Steve Klein, 201 Whitney Woods Circle, Georgetown TX 78633 or Steve@SteveKlein.com via email.

Without your help and input, this new position as editor may create personality changes in me. And I am just FINE now !



See y'all next edition *Steve Klein*

