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Presidents Message...

Happy New Year to all our Members, all other AMCA Newsletter Editors and to all AMCA Chapter Presidents Worldwide

2015 is destined to be a Great Year in Our Sport of "Antique" Motorcycling. Or as our new AMCA Executive Director Keith Kizer suggests **"Classic & Vintage" Cycles.**

I do have to agree with Mr. Kizer that "antique" does have a dusty / cobwebbed sound to it perhaps? Kind of indicates subconsciously to most people's minds that we do not run or ride them? Antique does paint a mental picture of something sitting on a shelf in a junk shop or museum just collecting dust? **Classic and Vintage** are better, far more descriptive words and far better for marketing our sport no doubt! We love these old bikes and restoring or riding "a Classic" just sounds better anyway!

This year you will discover our Chapter has even more members, more events and even more focus on **"listening to and understanding" our members than ever before. Why?** Because we know that without **You, our Members,** there would not be an AMCA or a Cherokee Chapter. It is because of **"each and every one of you"** that we have such a diverse and enjoyable sport.

Some of you ride religiously. Some of you restore one or two projects as time permits. Others collect all manners of memorabilia, art, clothing, parts, signs, or literature. Some of you have one Classic motorcycle you enjoy. Other members have many more. A few of our valued members have yet to even purchase their first classic motorcycle and yet have still joined the AMCA and our Chapter to access the knowledge, parts or even an entire machine from the collective resources you immediately get when you join the AMCA and our Chapter. You gain access to the AMCA Website, The Forum, and the vast collection of literature archived. You also have access to your own Chapter Website and that of the other 58 AMCA Chapters. **All at your fingertips 24/7/365.**

So as you can see it's the diversity of our members that makes us "What We Are!" We are a group of people who love all that the sport offers and involves and we certainly also enjoy the camaraderie and friendships that resulted from such a common interest enjoyable hobby!

Make sure that you take time to Thank and Recognize those in your Chapter for who they are, what they

contributed and for being a member. Read this month's article on Applause where 9 Cherokee Chapter Members who stood out like a "Corn Stalk in a Radish Patch" for their unselfish contributions locally, regionally, nationally and worldwide for our sport!

Make sure you take time to check your Chapter Website each month for updates on events near you. Or read your Chapter Newsletter to make sure you are not missing a chance to enjoy your hobby more in 2015. These communication tools are provided for all members to always know what is ahead of them in the year.

The world keeps spinning whether or not you take time for yourself or not! The world spins whether you ride your motorcycle or not! If you have always wanted to attend a certain AMCA National Meet, Road Run or other event... Plan it right now! Make a commitment right now to do more with your hobby in 2015!

You will be glad you did!

For The Love of The Sport



Steve Klein, President



Awarding our members is an important function in any club. It allows us to recognise volunteerism, hard work, and leadership qualities. See the Photo Album in this issue and online at www.CherokeeAMCA.org for more info!

Applause and Recognition ...

At our Annual Christmas Dinner / Awards / Elections many individual members were honored and received awards for their unselfish dedication to our Chapter, The AMCA, and our Sport. *Photos of all are in the Photo Album in this month's issue.*

Board Member of the Year Jo Ann Kugle for the outstanding work she did at our Texas National Road Run this past Spring, in handling registration both online and onsite! A really huge job and she made it look easy!

Leadership Award – Greg McFarland, VP for outstanding contributions to Chapter Communication in planning, designing and maintaining our Chapter website that our members see as relevant and wish to use every week!

Chairman of The Year (2) Jon Neuman and Greg Nelson for Chairing the Texas National Road Run, now recognized as the *"Biggest and Best Ever National Road Run!"*

Vision and Passion Award Mike and Buck Carson for contributions to our sport Worldwide for participating in two Cannonball Runs plus attending virtually all Cherokee Chapter Events with their truck / trailer and the vast Carson Classic Motors collection.

Future of Our Sport Award Jesse Law for contributions to our Sport Worldwide by taking a month off work and being Cannonball Mechanic for 12 of our Chapter Members in the 2014 Cannonball Endurance Run Across America.

Reach Out Award – Jerry and Lecil Morgan for contributions to our Chapter by attending virtually all Reach-Out Events with their restored Harley's and big smiles!

Long Distance Reach-Out Award to Ed Hazzard for attending numerous national events and carrying the word about our Chapter and our Events with him as he traveled.

Member of The Year – Mike Bell for participation in three Cannonball Events and for planning and chairing a very successful Fall Chapter Road Run in Sweetwater TX,

Lifetime Dedication Award to Stanley Miller for his devotion to the AMCA, and our Chapter as our Traveling Chapter Liason each and every year.

/ sincerely congratulate and recognize all of you on behalf of all of our members.

Annual Meeting and Elections...

Our General Membership and Elections Meeting was quite short this year. Three Board of Directors seats were up for nomination and election. These seats were currently held by Shelby Withrow, Greg McFarland and Steve Klein for the previous two year term. The floor was opened for nominations both electronically two weeks in advance of elections as well as the day of elections. A motion was made to nominate all three existing Board Members. Nominations were then closed. All three individuals accepted the nominations and a motion was made to vote for all. The motion carried and

they were elected. In the Board of Directors Meeting that was held on Sunday morning, Steve Klein was re-elected President, Greg McFarland as VP, and Shelby Withrow will continue as Director of Membership and Events as he has been.

The Treasurers Report was given and our Chapter does have enough money to continue to pay our bills, supply startup money for all of next year's events and still are able to maintain a comfortable balance in our operating checkbook and our savings account for "rainy day fund" if such occurs.

The new Cherokee Chapter Facebook Page was announced and rules for its use were given. One member voiced disapproval of such a social media tool being used by our Chapter. We all agreed with this member that it is *"far easier to put ink into the pool than get it back out"* and our members were cautioned about use of any members last names, addresses, phone numbers etc... No one wants a security problem.

An overview of 2015 Events was given by Shelby Withrow including the Pate Swap Meet. Pate President and Secretary were in attendance to meet our members. The Meeting adjourned for Coffee & Dessert by approx. 75 members

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Membership News

All Members 2015 Annual Dues (\$15) are due "NOW January 1, 2015."

- ✓ If you are an existing member or a new member whom joined prior to July 1st, 2014 please renew your annual dues NOW.
- ✓ If you are a NEW member in 2014 whom joined after July 1'2014... You do not have to renew in 2015

Renew online at www.CherokeeAMCA.org Please check the new box for Renewal (There is a \$1 fee to use PayPal to pay online)
Or lick a stamp and mail your \$15 check to **JoAnn Kugle, Treasurer; 8601 South view Road, Austin TX. 78737**

We want all 2015 Renewal Dues paid from now till the end of January, 2015. No exceptions or extensions after that date.
Annual Dues are only \$15 so please do not expect us to finance your hobby membership until later in the year.

Also make sure your AMCA National Dues are current. We have to report all members to the AMCA every month, If you have not paid your AMCA Dues or they have expired.... We are certainly told who you are!

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 Calendar ...

- Jan. 9-11 Mecum / Mid America Auctions, Las Vegas South Point Hotel www.midamericaauctions.com
- Jan. 9 Bonham's Las Vegas Auction Bally's Casino Hotel www.bonhams.com/departments/MOT-CYC/
- Feb. 15/16 **Oklahoma City Bike Show.** Same Show we attended in 2013 / 2014. We are VIP invitee's again and signed up a lot of new members last time. Dwight Rinner, OKC will be in charge. **Read the article in this issue and come join us!**
- Feb 16 **Bikers Lifestyle Expo.** Ellis County Expo Center in Waxahachie TX.

National Events Calendar



Details of events can be found in the Antique Motorcycle magazine and at www.antiquemotorcycle.org

The Antique Motorcycle Club of America
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2015 AMCA National Meets & Road Runs

Date	Chapter	Location
Feb 27-28	Omaha Chapter National Meet	Fremont, NE
Mar 6-7	Sunshine Chapter National Meet	New Smyrna Beach, FL
Apr 24-25	Perkiomen Chapter National Meet	Oley, PA
May 8-10	European Chapter Meet	Raalte, Netherlands
May 15-17	Southern National Meet	Denton, NC
Jun 12-14	Viking Chapter National Meet	St. Paul, MN
Jun 14-17	Yankee National Road Run	Keene, NY
Jun 19-20	Fort Sutter Chapter National Meet	Dixon, CA
Jun 19-20	Rhinebeck Coalition National Meet	Rhinebeck, NY
Jul 17-19	Wauseon National Meet	Wauseon, OH
Jul 31-Aug 1	Yankee Chapter National Meet	Hebron, CT
Aug 27-29	Badger Heritage National Road Run	Wisconsin
Sep 7-10	Black Hills Chapter National Road Run	South Dakota
Sep 21-23	Yerba Buena National Road Run	California
Oct 2-3	Chesapeake Chapter National Meet	Jefferson, PA

Oklahoma City Bike Show in February Plan Now! www.jswswapmeet.com

The Cherokee Chapter will once again be Guest VIP Attendees at The Jeff Williams Productions Bike Show and Swap Meet in Oklahoma City February 15/16, 2015. We attended this show the last two years, set up our booth, displayed a 200+ ft long row of vintage motorcycles and signed up a large number of new members. We won First Place as a Booth and a dozen or more other bike trophy's. **This is the biggest bike show in Oklahoma** and a great chance for new Cherokee Member in the Northern part of our territory to get active and show your bike.

If you are an Oklahoma, Arkansas or North Texas Cherokee Chapter Member... we need you at this event. We need your vintage motorcycle(s) and yourself to help us talk to people for the two day show.

- ✓ **New Members have "First Dibs"** on displaying your motorcycle. The rest of our membership will fill in the missing years or models after you commit to attend.
- ✓ The 200 ft. long indoor booth space is being donated by the promoter. Cost per machine is \$25 and \$10 per each additional machine. This includes two 2 day wrist band passes so it is a big discount over other attendees have to pay.

Please contact **Shelby Withrow**, Director of Membership and Events with your name and what model / year machine(s) you will display. ShelbyinParadesie@wccs.net or 940.748.2555 to reserve your space in our club booth display.



All our Members and all our Trophies!



Smiling Faces All Weekend!



Over 200 feet of our Vintage Motorcycles

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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!



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!



Pate Swap Meet Announces A New Alliance with The Cherokee Chapter in 2015!

The Pate Swap Meet is now the largest transportation related swap meet in America with over 10,000 vendor booth spaces showcasing absolutely **Everything Transportation Related**. Located at **Texas Motor Speedway** outside **Fort Worth TX** Pate offers any transportation enthusiast everything from turn of the century car parts through far more modern performance offerings.. Over 100,000+ attendees will walk over 15+ miles of streets lined with all things transportation, petrolia, signage, memorabilia, parts covering all periods of auto manufacture and all facets of the automotive and motorcycle sports industry plus a **Car Corral & Concours Bike Show**

In 2014 the Cherokee Chapter Board and The Pate Swap Meet Board Officers worked together on a strategic effort **“to enhance the Pate Swap Meet”**, now in it's 42nd year. by making a concerted effort to **Showcase Vintage Motorcycles**, parts, memorabilia, literature, art, clothing and our Entire Vintage Sport in general. Our Chapter had been looking for an opportunity to enlarge our former Smithville TX Bike Show and Swap Meet with a better location near an interstate highway system that allowed our Chapter to attract more vendors and more Classic Motorcycles to our Annual Bike Show. We contacted The Pate Swap Meet Organization and found out that Pate also wanted a successful motorcycle club to do what we wanted to accomplish. **The synergistic relationship has been in high gear since!**

The Cherokee Chapter started out pre-leasing about 200 vendor booth spaces and within 60 days we had those spaces almost leased out to high quality vintage motorcycle related vendors. We now have a total of **389 booth spaces** arranged for and our leasing activity continues very strong and we expect to sell out these spaces well in advance of the show which runs from **April 30 – May 3 2015**.

Pate / Cherokee Vintage Motorcycle Swap Meet continued...

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www.CherokeeAMCA.org

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The National Motorcycle Museum, Anamosa IA, owned by John and Jill Parham, long time AMCA supporters and Vintage Motorcycle enthusiasts were among the first to lease prominent space for our event. Mark Mederski, who handles events and marketing for The National Motorcycle Museum stated that ***"Pate has a remarkable history of providing transportation enthusiasts with an incredible collection of everything that enthusiasts are seeking all in one great location, and one great facility. The National Motorcycle Museum will bring their traveling road show trailer and merchandise booth spaces to Pate this year as a result."*** The National Motorcycle Museum is also a sponsor of our motorcycle portion of the Pate Swap Meet this first year and we sincerely thank John, Jill and Mark for their vision as a preeminent Museum for the sport in supporting our effort.

Wheels Through Time Museum, Maggie Valley NC, owned by Dale Walksler also contacted us for prominent booth spaces. Dale Walksler has been a major vintage motorcycle collector with over 400+ rare machines on display in his museum, but Dale also is a "car guy" as well. Dale has owned a wide variety of American motorcars representing marques such as Dusenbury, Packard through 50's cars such as Corvettes over the years. We are certainly proud that Dale has offered to bring his WTT Road Show and also is being a sponsor of our motorcycle portion of the event.

What's In the Barn? ...or perhaps more aptly...**What's In The Swap Meet?** The Last episode of **What's In The Barn 2015** is planned to be filmed at The **Pate Cherokee Vintage Motorcycle Swap Meet and Concours d'Pate Bike Show** at this event! As normal the film crew will do its best to keep up with Dale and Matt as they travel the over 15+ miles of vendor lined streets at this monumental event in search of the rarest of parts, the oddest of oddities and the coolest of cool! Don't Miss stopping by the Wheels Through Time Display to find out what will happen at Pate, get a T-shirt or have Dale or Matt autograph something for you.

Cherokee Concours d'Pate Be the first to enter your vintage machine(s) in **"The Inaugural Year of The Cherokee Concours d'Pate Bike Show!** In our first year the format will be **People's Choice** only. **Why**.... To kick off our first year swap meet at Pate with over 350+ vending spaces is a huge accomplishment in itself. To plan and execute an entire Concours Bike Show is totally another matter with only 4 month's to show time. **SO....** It has been decided that for Year One we will all just show our rare machines for the "enjoyment and benefit of the public who does not get to see such rare pieces of American Transportation History".... And let the public vote!

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Pate Cherokee Swap Meet & Concours d'Pate Bike Show continued...

In an effort to Display and Share History, The Cherokee Chapter has reached out to other vintage and classic motorcycle clubs in the proper spirit of the sport, for assistance in our first year to ensure the general public that they have a stellar level and number of **all brands, and all years of motorcycles to view!** (35 years or older of course)

The North Texas Norton Owners Group has an extremely large membership and it's club caters to all makes European. The **Vintage Japanes Motorcycle Club of America (VJMC)** has also committed to help our effort with bringing out high quality Asian and Japanese marques to display. Another private group is putting together a display area of **vintage drag racing machines**. We do not have a count yet, but before anyone asks... **"I predict"** that we should have somewhere around 100+ rare American manufac tured machines represented from 1900 – 1980. I am hopeful we can put together another 50+ European machines and it is still too early to guess on the Asian / Japanese Theatre. **But I will tell you the enthusiasm by all clubs is very high to have a first class venue located in The Central South!** I thank these clubs immensely now in advance and am I not going to be surprised with what we end up with!

We intend have the largest display of Vintage and Classic Motorcycles ever assembled in Texas for public viewing. We hope you wish to be a part of this historic effort this coming spring. So get those last minute details done on your machines and get them ready to show! You see, those of us who live in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico & Colorado do have to travel very long distances to attend vintage meets held in Iowa, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida and California. To have an event right here in the Dallas/ Fort Worth location is EPIC!

Manpower is key! To put on such an event is not for the faint of heart so let me introduce you to our Cherokee Swap Meet / Concours d'Pate Management Team right now who will all need help within their respective areas of the show.

- ✓ **Chairman – Shelby Withrow.** Shelby has over 40+years in the vintage motorcycle vendor business. He is also co-owner of The VMA International Motorcycle Swap Meet and Bike Show in Eustis Florida. A show with a very long history.
- ✓ **Co-Chairman – David Kugle,** Austin TX. Dave is a motorcycle guy and currenty rides Indians, a Moto Guzzit and Harleys. He is also a car guy currently enjoying a 57 Chevy Nomad and his flathead rat rod 46 Ford coupe. He is also a Pate Guy!
- ✓ **Legal / Insurance – Greg McFarland, VP of our Chapter.** Greg always brings his risk management and business skills to all our events. A dedicated vintage motorcycle rider, recent Cannonball participant and collector of all things that leak oil!
- ✓ **Financial / Registration – Jo Ann Kugle, Treasurer of our Chapter.** Jo Ann is married to Dave above. She understands gearheads and having oil stains on laundry and extra cars and bikes showing up parked in their building. Nuff said!
- ✓ **Marketing – Steve Klein, President of our Chapter.**
- ✓ **Concours d" Pate Bike Show – TBA**
- ✓ **Swap Meet / Concours Logistics – TBA**

Planning has been ongoing and this Chapter Management Team be contacting our membership starting this month for committee and work assignments for these two incredible historic events for our Chapter. **Mark your calendars now. Plan to attend. Plan to show! Plan to help! Be a Part of History in our Cherokee Chapter!**

For More Info: www.CherokeeAMCA.org and www.PateSwapMeet.com *Note: Do not attempt to lease spaces through Pate. They have given all authority for the Vintage Bike Swapmeet and Concours d"Pate Bike Show to our Chapter. Contact Shelby Withrow.*



January Photo Album ...



Joe and Susan Burch have been on the road much of 2014 in their RV all over the United States including months in Alaska. We applaud them for their retirement and also sharing the sport with so many on their travels. Susan always rides her Lil Kicker Cushman and Joe... Well we all know....*"Have Panhead Will Travel!"* **Happy travels in 2015 Joe and Susan from all of us!**



In Loving Memory of Dark Star. "We all miss you man!"



**Steve Klein's 29 Excelsior Henderson KJ is done!
A strong runner and a smooth rider!**



9 Year Old Joe Kleen with the help of his **Grandpa Clinton** restored a rusty Honda 50 to be Joe's first bike. They drove 3 hours to The Cherokee Christmas Party so "Young Joe" could share his new ride with our members! Joe also learned to ride it the first time at our members gathering. We all got to witness the first grin of riding your very own motorcycle! **Thank You for Sharing Kleen's!**

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1921 Johnson Motor Wheel getting serviced to ride



Plenty to catch up on when 75 members show up!



L-R Mike Bell, Greg McFarland, Stanley Miller, Greg Nelson, Lecil and Jerry Morgan, Jon Neuman, & Jesse Law
All these members were awarded significant awards for their contributions. Read about it in this newsletter!





Stanley Miller, Lifetime Dedication Award.



Mike Bell – Member of the Year



Recognizing Kurt Sharp for bringing so many younger Riders Into the sport through his Just Kickers Event.



Jerry and Lecil Morgan – Reach Out Award!



Art as Metal



Metal as Art

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Indian Motorcycle Co. made two 2015 machines available for our Annual Cherokee Christmas Dinner for our members to test ride. Danny Crowe enjoyed this Red & Black Chief so much he bought one! The New Scout is shown on the right!



1912 Flanders 4 on the table for resto to begin.



A relaxing outdoor Christmas Meeting and Elections
Long term member Lewis Heye was weather chairman 😊



1948 Harley Davidson WR Racer getting ready!



"It is very important to hold your pinkie this way!"
when adjusting a racing clutch! A Shelby Secret!



A Classic 1966 Triumph 650 Bonneville



See Lecil and Susan! See Lecil and Susan Ride!



Greg Nelson taking Dr. J Neuman's Cannonball Bike out!



Jesse Law, The Future of Our Sport Award!



Mike and Buck Carson received this award
For representing our Club in 2 Cannonballs
Plus supporting all our events! APPLAUSE



The Membership Meets



Best Pic ever of Chip

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Friendships and Camaraderie Always!



The gas goes here! The oil on the other side!



Steve shares with Elton Morris



Retard... Choke....Kick!



Stanley Miller - Historian



Fall Fly-In Event Attended by our Members such as Lewis Heye with his original since new family Henderson KJ sidecar
"A Special Thank You to Lewis and Demi Heye for always representing our Chapter as Enthusiast's and as Riders!"

