



ELECTIONS



CANNONBALL



CHEROKEE WE RIDE



FALL ROAD RUN



CHEROKEE PRIDE

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It does not seem possible that 5 years ago Cherokee President John Nixon asked if I would serve as Cherokee Secretary and take over the Cherokee Newsletter. Against better judgement (smile) I accepted and the rest is a lot of fun miles under the tires and on this keyboard. The following year I was elected President by the Cherokee Board. Since then your entire Board has worked very hard to improve our club in as many ways as you our members have suggested. We have accomplished much together. Let's look at a brief snapshot now.

Today our membership has grown to 360+ throughout Texas, Oklahoma, a dozen other states across America & even Finland & Japan. We now have a first class Chapter website www.CherokeeAMCA.org that updates our membership and anyone on the worldwide web, 24/7/365 of "Who We Are," "What We Are Doing," and "Where We Are Doing It. We have a very family friendly closed **FaceBook** page called **CherokeeChapter** where only our members can share their pictures and experiences on their old bikes without being bothered by the many millions of Facebook users worldwide. We have **13 Regional Cherokee Ambassadors** (& growing) throughout Texas & Oklahoma that serve as the Leadership / Contact Person in planning localized rides, members gatherings and promoting Vintage Motorcycle Enthusiast Membership at the local level. We have large successful **Road Runs** each and every year. And we have started and grown the **Largest Swap Meet / Classic Motorcycle Show in the Southern Central USA! Proud to be...Cherokee!**

We have all accomplished much together!

You have all heard me state many times over the last 5+ years that **"change is good!"** Listening to our members & changing with the times is what has made Cherokee strong once again. All too often AMCA Chapter officers remain for too long and/or can get tired, lose

their energy & the Chapter can start to stagnate. For this reason I am not seeking re-election as President of Cherokee. I have given my unconditional best effort to all of you the last five years & have no regrets. Your Chapter Board is now stronger than ever. Our systems, processes, planning, financials & communication are all on a very solid foundation of excellence. New leadership skills and new blood on the Cherokee Board will keep us fresh, energetic and at the leading edge in the AMCA. 2017 is the 35th Year Celebration for Cherokee & I know I am leaving the Presidents Chair in very capable hands. **Proud to be!**

FOR THE LOVE OF THE SPORT!



STEVE

Cherokee Elections 2017. . .

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

At the Annual Membership Meeting and Christmas Dinner Saturday Dec. 3rd the Cherokee Membership will cast their individual votes once again for who they wish to represent them on their Board of Directors. This years ballot consists of the following open positions:

- Director Seat** (currently held by Steve Klein)
- Director Seat** (currently held by Jo Ann Kugle)
- Director Seat** (currently held by Greg McFarland)
- Director Seat** (currently held by Shelby Withrow)

As usual, nominations from the floor will be accepted for any Board of Directors seat. If you are sincerely interested in becoming / serving as a Cherokee Board member please call one of you're existing board members and visit with them about what is involved.

Jo Ann Kugle is happy to be re-elected to the Board and would continue in her role as Chapter Treasurer. **Shelby Withrow** is happy to be re-elected to the Board and would continue his role as Director / Chairman of the Pate Swap Meet. **Steve Klein** is happy to be re-elected to the Board but would not care to continue his very active role as President handling the day to day operations of the club. Or Klein is happy to step down from the board, but continue assisting the club with all major events, marketing, promotion etc... to allow a new Board member to join the Board. *(Please understand Klein will remain very active with the Chapter and Board regardless of not having a board position and title.)*

Greg McFarland is happy to be re-elected to the board and would accept the role of President if nominated and elected to such position from the Board.

Respectfully Submitted by Your Cherokee Board of Directors



Mike Carson
Director East TX



Lyle Henry
Oklahoma Director



Steve Klein
President / Editor



Greg McFarland VP
Website, Merchandise



Jo Ann Kugle
Treasurer



Rosie Encina Sterling
Secretary / Membership



Shelby Withrow
Director Pate Swap Meet

Annual Membership Meeting & Christmas Party

Where: Steve & Joan Klein, 201 Whitney Woods Circle, Georgetown, TX 78633

Date/Times: Friday Dec. 2nd - Early arrivals & RV'er's may arrive from noon till ?

Cherokee Member Bill Lloyd and his band **Showmen Bluegrass Extraordinaire** will be playing Live in Historic Downtown Georgetown 6 pm. The downtown square is absolutely beautiful at Christmas and we will bus people to the Square for live music, a wine stroll and shopping in the many wonderful small boutique shops.

Saturday Dec. 3rd

- **10 am** departure for an enjoyable 50 - 75 mile Hill Country Ride returning by lunch. You may ride in or trailer in. Bikes will be in Klein Shop each evening.
- **1 pm** - Catered Buffet Dinner by Smokey Mo's BBQ, (Required donation to cover the cost of each plate)
- **2:15 pm** - Annual membership meeting convenes with Elections and Update on 2016 year end and 2017 projections by Cherokee Officers and Board Members.
- **3:15 pm** - Coffee & Deserts. The Cherokee Dessert Table is always a wonderful collection of desserts brought by our members.

Please **RSVP by 11.30.16** so we get an accurate head count to order food with the caterer.

JoanKlein6@hotmail.com or **512.966.8601** cell

All members are welcome to stay as long as they wish Saturday before leaving for home. This annual gathering is always meant to be family style event that allows all Cherokee Members to comfortably visit with other Members indoors, outdoors or in the shop in a very relaxed atmosphere.

"RSVP Right Now... You will be missed if you cannot attend" Steve & Joan Klein

Annual membership dues

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

- Dues are still **\$15 one year**, \$30 - two years and \$45 - three years when paid in person.
- You may also renew our annual Cherokee dues online at www.CherokeeAMCA.org ahead of the meeting using Paypal for \$16 annual.
- It is also a great time to look at your AMCA Card to see if you are current with the National AMCA dues as well. You may renew your \$40 annual AMCA Dues at www.AntiqueMotorcycle.org
- Cherokee will allow current members a grace period of 45 days until February 15, 2017 to renew their 2017 dues at which time your membership will immediately go into non-member status.
- If you have become a new Cherokee Member since July 1, 2016 you pay no annual dues in 2017

Cherokee Website www.CherokeeAMCA.org

If you have not gotten in the habit to look at our Chapter Website weekly, you are missing out. Webmaster Greg McFarland had always done a terrific job with his weekly Blog. Typically Greg posts a new storyline each Sunday on a new topic of interest to all our members. If you have any old bike photo's or stories of you in years past or a story of a ride you enjoyed, or are working on a bike project, all these are of interest to other enthusiasts. Just email the photos and relevant information to Greg and he will appreciate the submission. email to gregory.mcfarland@sbcglobal.net

Our Sincerest Thank's to Greg McFarland who pioneered and developed our site!



CYCLE SOURCE HONORS AMCA!

Cycle Source Editor & Cherokee Member's Chris & Heather Callen certainly promote the AMCA!

In the last Cherokee Newsletter issue we showcased Cycle Source's first ever AMCA Day at Sturgis. That event was a huge success with many rows of Vintage Iron stacked and packed inside the Sturgis Iron Horse Saloon on public display for the first time ever as well as a Big Awards Event to top it all off.

In this issue we are proud to showcase the **8th Annual CYCLE SOURCE BEST OF 2016 AWARDS**. The categories each year include Best Manufacturer, Best Builder, Best Choppers, Best Pin-ups, Best New Motorcycle Model of the Year, Motorcycling's Man of the Year & Motorcycling's Woman of the Year. What is truly amazing is that a super successful grass roots motorcycle magazine publication like Cycle Source truly understands that the earliest history of the sport itself... The earliest old bikes are what created the sport of motorcycling. For without them... what has happened up to now and what is happening today would not be here at all! But we all know Chris and Heather Callen are pretty smart bikers and they certainly have their fingers all over the pulse & heartbeat of the overall M/C Scene in the US of A when it comes to High Cool Rides that draw respect & attention. Applause Please!

To illustrate the ongoing vision & commitment that **CYCLE SOURCE** has, the 2016 nominees for **Motorcycling's Man of the Year** include a long list of key players in motorcycling and 5 of the 10 nominees are in fact AMCA Members. How high cool is that? Two of these nominees this year are *Cherokee Chapter Member's. (AMCA Members listed below in no particular order)

- Lonnie Isam, Jr.** - Father of the Cannonball
- John Parham** - National Motorcycle Museum
- Billy Lane** - Builder, Sons of Speed Racing

- ***Steve Klein** - Cherokee Chapter President
- ***Kiwi Mike Tomas** - Kiwi indian

Stay tuned for your next **CYCLE SOURCE** issue for the results of all **BEST OF 2016** categories voted on by the magazines readership. Regardless of who is selected... "The AMCA and the Vintage Motorcycle Sport are all winners!"

Proud to be...**Cherokee!**



Chris and Heather Callen



Possibly an old Callen family picture?



THE RACE OF THE CENTURY

2016 CANNONBALL COAST TO COAST

The 2016 Cannonball Coast to Coast Endurance Race is behind us This was the third Cannonball since the inaugural event in 2010. Cherokee Chapter has been a Proud Supporter of Cannonball with the most riders participating from any Chapter in the AMCA in 2014 and again in 2016. On September 10th riders dipped their back tires in the Atlantic Ocean in Atlantic City NJ and headed a grueling 3,400 miles southwest towards the San Diego CA finish line on September 26th where the remaining riders then dipped their front tires in the Pacific Ocean.

It was a test of riders and machines while all riding on 100+ year old motorcycles. Old fatigued metal, & outdated turn of the century engineering matched each riders focus, riding ability, and mechanical prowess for these 25 days averaging 300 miles a day with only one day of rest midway across America. This was the third time to compete for both Buck Carson, Livingston TX and Mike Bell, Clyde Texas. It was the second Cannonball for Jon Neuman, Flower Mound TX and Rowdy Schenck, NM. To my knowledge it was the first Cannonball for the rest of our Cherokee Riders.



Cherokee Chapter 2016 Cannonball Coast to Coast Endurance Riders

# 3	Buck Carson TX	#15	Mike Carson TX	#	Dennis Leggett TX
#36	John Pfeifer TX	#41	Mike Bell TX	#51	Victor Hugas TX
#74	Rowdy Schenck NM	#77	Richard Asprey	#99	“Dr. J” Jon Neuman TX

There are also many other Cherokee’s that cover the entire route coast to coast. Shelby & Gloria Withrow, “Ms. T.” Prosser, & Jesse Law, all Texans, Doc and Karen McCormick, FL, and many, many more drove trucks, were head machinists and mechanics or provided other necessary logistical support. The stories are plentiful and although serious at times, they all ended up in good spirit in the end. South Texan Victor Hugas had engine issues the first day and pulled over to the shoulder to diagnose his issue. While waiting for the chase truck he removed his single cylinder engine from his 1913 HD and then disassembled the motor on the shoulder of the road. A couple of modern motorcycle riders stopped to see his bike torn apart and asked Vic if he had a problem? In typical dry Vic Hugas fashion he quickly exclaimed **“No sir... these 100+ yr. old bikes require checking the engine bushings every 100 miles. Thank you... I’m good!”**

John Pfeiffer shortened his Cannonball experience the first afternoon of riding when mechanical failure caused the engine to vibrate, breaking a motor mount and causing a rocker arm to punch a hole in the bottom of a freshly filled gas tank. The flames grew so large so quickly he could not get to his two fire extinguishers in his saddle bags and the entire machine was consumed within minutes ending his contention.

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Cannonball continued...

Mike Carson, Carson Classic Motors, TX design / custom built an early Warrick three wheeler and converted it to 1916 HD twin power. The machine had two wheels up front and was steered with a tiller arm from the front bench style seat pad. Quite a beautiful machine! **Buck Carson** piloted an absolutely beautiful concours restored 1915 BSA and the Carson's were more concerned about enjoying the event than winning the event and tearing up these beautifully restored machines. The Cannonball event to many riders is more about "Rider and Machine," than winning the points or the entire event. We applaud all riders regardless of what they are competing for. It is a grueling 3,000 + miles each cannonball and the weather, roads and equipment are hard on all riders.

Mike Bell rode his venerable twin Harley Davidson "Alice" again this year and finally shut her down on the second last day with a really noisy bottom end. Mike just is not the kind of rider who will ride a machine till it blows up. Mike had already given his spare motor to fellow Cherokee Rowdy Schenck so he did not have a spare motor. Carson Classic Motors then gave Mike their spare HD motor so Mike could ride to the Carlsbad CA finish line. This is what the Cannonball is all about. Riders helping riders get to the finish line. The points system is for total miles ridden in all 14 individual daily stages. If a rider did not finish a certain number of daily rides "in full" they received an automatic DNF (Did Not Finish) for the entire event. This did not mean the riders did not ride each day... it just means they did not finish on a certain number of days and thus were out of contention for top points. The DNF riders worked just as hard and still enjoyed the event and represented our entire vintage motorcycle sport as well as the Cherokee Chapter none-the-less.

For all their efforts we take our hats off and applaud each of them always for being a part of such wonderful history in the making. We are extremely proud of all of you!

When one looks at the Final Results they read as follows:

- 11th - "Dr. J" Jon Neuman** - 3306 Miles, Perfect Score
- 14th - Scott Byrd** - 3306 Miles, Perfect Score (not a Cherokee Member but silently wishes he was)
- 25th - Richard Asprey** - 3,149 Miles
- 26th - Rowdy Schenck** - 3,049 Miles
- 30th - Mike Bell** - 2,965 Miles
- 62nd - Victor Hugas** - DNF
- 81st - Buck Carson** - DNF
- 84th - Mike Carson** - DNF
- 85th - Dennis Leggett** - DNF
- 86th - John "Fireball" Pfeifer** - DNF



CHEROKEE FALL ROAD RUN LAWTON OK

Lyle Henry, Oklahoma Director & Frank Leptinsky held an outstanding **Oklahoma Fall Road Run** for all Cherokee Members that attended recently on September 23, 24, 25 in Lawton Oklahoma. We all assembled at Wind River Harley Davidson. The owners and entire staff at this HD Dealership treated us all like royalty for three days. The entire front parking lot was given to us for parking all our RV's, trucks and trailers and for setting up the Cherokee Rig for operating the Road Run and The General Public Bike Show. Throughout the weekend the HD shop was a sight to see from the Interstate frontage road. Upon arrival we were met by the local Lawton Ok newspaper and a radio station. Promotional photo's and video's of old motorcycles were shot and press releases were handed out to the media. On Friday morning The Cherokee Road Run was well covered for all Southern OK readers to know we were in town. The radio station did live remotes on site and also talked about the old bikes throughout the weekend to its listeners. Our members arrived all day Friday with their bikes and the general public flooded the dealership throughout Friday and Saturday to walk amongst the 35 or so machines on display.

The Host HD Dealership also gave us about a third of their indoor showroom to put machines on display inside as well. Steve Klein put a 1912 HD single belt drive, an original paint 1914 HD single and a 1908 Thor on display inside. Jerry Morgan placed his 45 HD and Lecil's new black Cushman indoors as well. We all lamented that "if HD corporate knew that any dealer shoved their new bikes aside to allow old iron to use a big portion of their showroom, the franchise would probably get pulled the next Monday?"

Friday evening all the Cherokee Members went out to a family style restaurant nearby as we normally all eat together as a family. On **Saturday morning** we all held our safety meeting and discussed the days Road Run route west and north to the Wichita Mountains for a planned 140 mile ride. We had numerous Local enthusiasts ride with us on modern bikes and the thrill they got to see old bikes from 1926 through 1965 on the road with them was very enjoyable. As usual we signed up some more new members as a result of making people feel welcome. The weather was perfect. One short rain shower and a few short miles of wet roads before the sun came out the rest of the weekend. We stopped at numerous places within the Wichita Mountain area to view a lake, visited a prairie dog town, and other historic relics. The back roads were wonderfully twisty and meandered through small box canyons, taller peaks and many wonderful vistas were observed. Lunch was held in a historic old hotel with a wonderful food and beverage menu. We stopped outside the Army base to visit the military cemetery and pay our respects to our fallen veterans. The facility was beautifully maintained. The entire Road Run was uneventful. No flat tires and no mechanical breakdowns occurred so the chase truck driver had a very easy day indeed. We like runs like that where everyone has their machines in top condition.

Saturday afternoon around 4 pm we pulled back into the HD dealership and lined all machines in front of the Cherokee Rig for the Public Bike Show to be held Saturday afternoon & evening. A live band played Rock and Roll and Country Music till around 8 pm. The dealership catered BBQ and Fixin's for all Cherokee Members. Around 9 pm Saturday night a heavy storm cell line passed through so the intended party atmosphere changed quickly to getting awnings up and loose camping supplies and lawn chairs put away. This Chapter President is extremely proud of the numbers of new OK members and their enthusiasm to attend and enjoy this great sport. **Applause Oklahoma Cherokee!**



Help Wanted

The Cherokee Chapter has grown to become a very large AMCA Chapter. It is simply no longer possible for a small group of Board Members to handle all the functions and duties within the Chapter as we once did. We certainly continue to make adjustments & re-invent our systems and processes as we go to be able to continue the consistent level of service and communication that we have always provided to all our members nationwide and worldwide. As we look at our annual calendar of events for 2017 we are making the following postings for Help from our General Membership at this time. Please read these and consider seriously if you can in fact handle such duties even if for only one year until we appoint another member for the position.

Cherokee Store Merchandise Manager

This position entails managing the inventory of the Cherokee Chapter Store ie: T-shirts, Caps, Pennants, Stickers and other items that we offer for sale throughout the year at all our events. You will be in charge of all merchandise that gets ordered, maintaining all merchandise inventory that is yet unsold and keeping track of all Chapter money that is collected from the sale of all merchandise so it can be forwarded to the Chapter Treasurer. We also at times put a variety of merchandise types and sizes in smaller boxed quantities to send with other Cherokee members to any event that you yourself are unable to attend. In doing such you just get the money collected and any unsold items returned back to you at a later date.

Being organized and having a small area to store boxes between events at your home are the requirement. Having an eye for color & style of T-shirt or Cap when ordering new merchandise is also helpful. However keep in mind you will always get help and advice from the former Merchandise Manager and all Board Members on what people like to buy. This position does not require a large amount of time to manage and is very rewarding as T-Shirt, Cap, Stickers and other items sell very well at all events. You will spend a few hours each year deciding on what the new shirts will look like and then just place an order through our normal supplier. Time to set up the merchandise on our event table and packing up at the end of the event are the only other time constraints. And we always have plenty of volunteer help at each event to fold and display merchandise and to help box it up at the end of the event. **For more information please contact Greg McFarland 214.912.9245 cell** or email gregory.McFarland@sbcglobal.net

Newsletter Editor

Composing and producing a modern newsletter has become a lot easier with technology. The software program we now use is called Pages. The current Cherokee Newsletter is being composed on an Apple laptop but the program can be run on a windows based PC as well. The software will be provided. All articles, photographs and logos will be furnished for each newsletter by the President, and any other Board of Directors or Event Chairman.

The individual who volunteers for this very important position needs to be reasonably proficient in operating a computer, learn the program (easy to learn) and simply cut and paste photo's, articles and other items into pre-designed spaces on the Pages Newsletter Template Page. If an article is a few words too long then it needs to be shortened to fit. If a photo is too large it can be cropped to fit easily. The individual should have a good eye for color, errors, typo's and general readability. No one is looking for a completely professional, typo free publication. We are not Cycle Source or Forbes magazine.

For more information contact Steve Klein 361.652.8300 cell or email Steve@SteveKlein.com

FALL PHOTO ALBUM

A few photos of last years Cherokee Christmas Party and Annual Meeting



Annual Award Presentations



Cherokee Nelson Kugle plays and sings



I got this!



Saturday Morning Ride

Annual Christmas Dinner Outdoors



Annual Meeting Cherokee Award Recipients



A Few Cannonball Photo's ...



Rowdy Schenck Cannonball Racer



Buck Carson, Veteran Cannonball Racer



Mike Carson's Cannonball Warrick with custom modified chassis & body work ¹⁰



Cannonball Rehydration with Lady T



Team White Trash



**John Blood Sunshine Pres. / Cherokee Member
& Cannonball Coast to Coast Blogger**



Brothers?



Its Hip to be Plaid!



Oklahoma Road Run Views

Cherokee Members are everywhere



Cherokee's at Barber Vintage Fest



Jacquie Van Ham & Mike Hardin at Lone Star Round Up, Galveston

Oklahoma Cherokee Members do Membership Reach-Out to build OK Membership larger!





Richard Fish in New Braunfels Car Bike Show



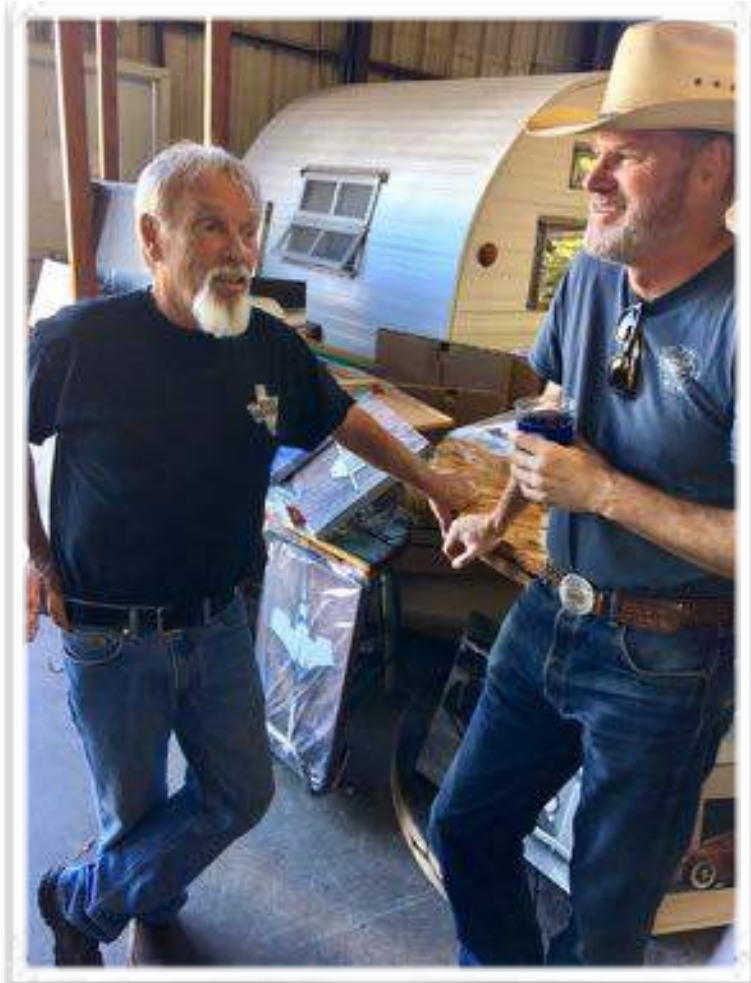
Cherokee Members on the Cannonball



Cherokee Members in Bastrop TX Show



Cherokee Members at RatRod Round Up



Senator Kickstart Sharp and Buckshot McFarland



Rebecca Cunningham and Wayne Ruhe

Cherokee Members at Pistons and Paint

