



AMCA EUROPEAN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER
"Having fun with old motorcycles"

August 2020

Hello AMCA Europe Members,

This time we have reports on Meets in Germany and England,

Vogelsberg Meet

Claudia Krause sent the following report:

Last weekend 13/14 June we had our annual "Oldgeraffeltreffen" again. We had stunning weather over the whole weekend. On Friday and Saturday we could count more than 40 pre-66 bikes, mostly Harleys and also Indians. They all gathered in that unique atmosphere of an old farm house with a nice yard and beer garden.

We also had countless visitors on the weekend, sometimes bikes and people summed up to about 80. A real nice get-together that needs to be repeated next year.

Some of our members lined up for these fotos with their bikes:



Nürnberg Run

A number of our members had a two day run in Bavaria 24/25 July, with a story and pictures to come next time.

Ardingly Motorcycle Jumble

This Meet at the South of England showground 11/12 July was a replacement for one I had booked and that then was cancelled. It was subject to social distancing, face coverings and hand sanitiser, but I still had a good time, and enjoyed getting out of the house for the first time in months.

Here's new member Luke's outside pitch, with his nice original Harley 43WLC parked outside:



I was indoors in what was clearly a sanded down agricultural shed, and saw these interesting bikes:



This is a 1969, ex police, 12 volt 200 cc, water cooled, opposed twin LE Velocette with a home made rear carrier, priced at a reasonable £1850.

The blue and silver 1953 Nimbus Sport 750 cc straight four ohc was fairly priced at £8850 and sold..



While this classic British thumper, a 1958 Matchless 500 cc single, was £4400.



Cotswold Rideout

Graham Longdin sent this picture from a four hour ride out in May, with him on the 1939 Harley EL and a friend on the 1937 Brough Superior SS100 – nice!



Most expensive bike at the show was this 1950 Vincent Comet at £20,000, right on market I would say:



More Meets

I've received a flyer to say the Belgian 'Where is Anna' run is definitely taking place on 15 August for pre-1931 motorcycles, but have now just heard it has been cancelled. Veterama Mannheim 10/11 October is said to be 50/50, and this is the biggest European Meet, so check first before travelling. Kaiserzeitausfahrt in Bavaria was also cancelled last weekend.

But numerous Club members will be Beach Racing pre-1947 machines at Sword Beach, Ouistreham in Normandy 25-27 September, so I hope this Meet still takes place. Contact details towards the back.



Not all bikes were sold at the show, so contact me if you are interested. I particularly enjoyed this ridden-in 1988 Norton Interpol 2 with the rotary engine. It may be the only one left that was not stripped of its Police equipment when sold out of the service.

What's in the Garage ?

Here's the UL bobber I've put together from an unfinished project in an estate sale. It was just inspected for the UK registration authorities following a four month Covid delay after submitting the paperwork. The message of course is to finish those projects and enjoy riding them before you die...



This one has the Sportster wheels I bought to turn my KR into a road bike (never did) and is set up for beach racing. Frame and forks are 1938 and the engine is a 1945 U flathead.

West Kent Run

Sunday 09 August was the date for a short swap meet, the only survivor of the cancelled West Kent Run at Aylesford Friars priory. Social distancing was observed, but many enjoyed a sunny ride-out to see old parts and bikes. Here is a 1950 Ariel 500 cc parallel twin at £4250:



And more unusually, this is a 1933 Coventry Eagle with a 150 cc Villiers two stroke engine at £2750:



New Members

Welcome to new members Danny Ruta and Dave Gill in the UK and Willem de Kant in the Netherlands. Here is Willem's Harley 42WLC and Danny's 42WLC. That's three Canadian Harleys in one newsletter....





And here's Dave with his 1953 Indian Chief:



More Stuff

Are you getting ready for our **2021 Meet in Raalte**? The theme is Bikes From the Teens, so that is any motorcycle built before 1920. They don't have to run, unless put in for judging, they just have to be there on display. Last time we managed that fabulous line-up of 14 ACE four cylinder bikes from the 1920s, so what would be a suitably challenging target for 'teens Bikes at our Meet? I know there is a lot of old iron among our European members, so how about a starting shot at 25 century bikes in a row...

Don't feel excluded if you have a later machine – we are an all makes Club interested in any bike over 35 years old, so bring what you have and have fun.

I've filed our **Chapter Accounts** with the UK authorities, as we are set up as a UK limited company. We show

assets of £4046 with no fixed assets or liabilities, only slightly down on last year, so managed to avoid spending big money on Tee shirts before our 2020 Meet was cancelled. I still have 100 coffee mugs dated May 2020 to shift, so we'll try to think of a way to get these in circulation. We aim to hold a float to cover a rained-out weekend, with all other funds coming back to members.

I found our **first newsletter** from April 2002, and will include this in our winter newsletter. Colour pictures!

2020 Events

Below is our latest timetable for the year. The AMCA events are firm, but some of the others may be provisional. Please advise me of any corrections, or additional events you would like to see included. Many events have been cancelled or postponed and are marked with an asterisk (*). Please check with the organisers before travelling any distance.

2020 AMCA National Meets

- February 28-29, Omaha Chapter, Fremont, NE
- March 06-07, Sunshine Meet, New Smyrna Beach, FL
- April 24-25, Perkiomen Chapter, Oley, PA*
- May 22-23, European Meet, Raalte, NL*
- May 29-31, Empire Chapter, Trumansburg, NY*
- June 12-13, Viking Chapter, St Paul, MN*
- June 19-20, Fort Sutter Chapter, Dixon, CA*
- June 26-27, Colonial Chapter, Harmony, NJ*
- July 17-19, Wauseon Meet, Wauseon, OH*
- July 31- August 01, Yankee Chapter, Terryville, CT*
- August 29-30, Australian Chapter, Sydney, AUS*
- October 02-03, Chesapeake Chapter, Jefferson, PA
- October 16-18, Southern Meet, Denton, NC

2020 AMCA National Road Runs

- June 02-04, Phoenix Chapter, Zion National Park, UT*
- July 21-24, Yellowstone Chapter, Billings, MT*
- August 12-15, Badger Chapter, East Troy, WI
- September 07-10, Roosevelt Chapter, Detroit Lakes, MN*
- October 26-28, Los Angeles Chapter, Fallbrook, CA

Other 2020 Events

Austria

September 08-13 European Bike Week, Faaker See
www.europeanbikeweek.com

Belgium

Feb 22 Ruilbeurs Oude Motoren, www.earlyriders.be

Aug 15 Where is Anna? 85 km run near Newport for pre-1931 bikes. whereisanna1418@gmail.com*

Denmark

May 20-22, 21st Skagen Run, this time Skagen to Copenhagen, for pre-1935 bikes.*

July 17-19 Windmill Rally, Hasbro for pre-1940 bikes.
www.windmillrally.eu*

Aug 30 Laholm Beach Jutland, pre-1947 beach racing and partying www.romomotorfestival.dk (*provisional*)

Finland

Jan 11 Jyväskylä swap meet at the Paviljonki hotel. Mostly mopeds, Japanese, Eastern European and British bikes. About 250 km from Helsinki.

France

25-27 September, beach racing pre-1947 cars and bikes in Ouistreham, Normandy
www.normandybeachrace.com

Croatia/Slovenia/Italy

to be announced FIVA World Motorcycle Run,
www.fiva.org

Germany

Dec 06-08 2019 Custom Bike Show, Bad Salzuflen
www.custombike-show.de

Jan 19 Winter Classic Bike Show, Im Alten Opel-Werk, 65428 Rüsselheim

Jan 24-26 Motorrad Bodensee www.motorradwelt-bodensee.de

Feb 27- Mar 01 Retro Classics Stuttgart www.retro-classics.de

Apr 03-05 Veterama, Hockenheim www.veterama.de *

May 02-03 Technorama Kassel www.technorama.de*

May 22-23 Kustom Kulture, Zeche Ewald, Herten*
www.kustom-kulture-forever.com

June 11-14 Magic Bike, Rüdesheim, www.magic-bike-ruedesheim.com *

July 17-19 Rust'n Dust Teterow, vintage dirt track,
www.rustndustjalopy.de *

August (date to follow) 10th Kaiserzeitausfahrt, 85410 Haag an der Amper (Munich area).*
www.kaiserzeitausfahrt.de

Sep 11-12, vintage dirt track racing Hindenberg,
www.hindenberg-dirt-track.com

Oct 09-11 Veterama, Mannheim. Biggest European swap meet. www.veterama.de. Our AMCA stand is open to all members who want to sell their own parts.

Italy

Jan 16-19 Motorbike Expo Verona
www.motorbikeexpo.it

Mar 13-15 Harley and Snow Hillclimb, Rio Pusteria-Alto Adige www.harley.bz.it/de/harley-snow *

May 9-11 ASI Moto Show, Parma race track
www.asifed.it *

Sep 05-06 Roll'n Flat Beach Race, Caorle
www.venicebeachrace.com *provisional*

Netherlands

Jan 11-12 Oldtimerbeurs Autotron, Rosmalen
www.oldtimerbeurs.net

Feb 15 Oldtimer+Tweewielerbeurs Eurohal Zuidbroek,
www.1up25.nl

Feb 16. Swap Meet, Hengelo, www.alemite-motoren.nl

June 21-23 Silent Gray Fellows Meet, Oosterhout. 16th meet for pre-1966 American bikes (*provisional*),
www.silentgrayfellows.nl *

July 24-26 International Indian Rally, Nijverdal,
www.indian.nl/iir-2020 *

Aug 08-10, Old Timers Run, Den Haag. Pre-1966
American bikes for the 42nd time.
www.hdtheoldtimers.nl

Sep 04-06, Alemite Run, Twente. www.alemite-motoren.nl.

November 01. Silent Gray Fellows swap meet, Chaam.
www.silentgrayfellows.nl

Poland

June 12-15 Old Timer Club summer rally,
www.oldtimerclub.com.pl *

June 28-29 Antique motorcycle swap meet, Lodz*
www.motoweteranbazar.com *

Sweden

Jan 24 Eskiltuna swap meet, Harleys/bobbers 1940s up
provisional

Feb 07 Enköping Indianmarknaden. Indian/early Harley
provisional

May 27-31 Harley-Davidson Super Rally, Öland
www.superrally.com*

Switzerland

Feb 20-23 Swiss Moto/Custom Zürich www.swiss-moto.ch

March 21-22 Swap Meet Fribourg www.oldtimer-teilemarkt.ch

April 25-26 Historic vehicle days www.shvf.ch *

April 26 GP Mutschellen www.gpmutschellen.ch *

May 2-3 Arbon Classics www.arbon-classics.ch *

May 15-16 Art and Wheels Pratteln
www.artandwheelsbasel.com *

May 22-23 Rock this Town, Solothurn
www.rockthistownsolothurn.com/oldtimer *

May 23-24 Swiss Classic World, Luzern
www.swissclassicworld.ch *

June 05-07 Lenzerheide Motor Classics
www.lenzerheide-motorclassics.ch *

July 03-05 Swiss Harley Days, Lugano*

United Kingdom

March 22. Pioneer Run, 350 pre-1915 bikes, Epsom Downs to Brighton.*

April 25/26 Stafford classic bike show and auction*

July 30-Aug 02 International West Kent Run, 310 runners at The Friars, Aylesford, ME20 7BX *

August 16 Banbury Run, Gaydon, 450 pre-1931 bikes
www.vmcc.net *

September 4-6 Beaulieu International Autojumble/Netley Marsh motorcycle jumble

Oct 10-11 Stafford classic bike show and auction

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Please volunteer if you would like to be representative for a country not mentioned. You just need to know what bike-related events take place in your country, and answer occasional Email questions.

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And keep me up to date if you change Email address.

The next newsletter will probably be in November, so please keep sending me articles and photos on bike related items, and safe riding until then.

Wishing you safe and happy riding, and best regards,

Steve Slocombe,
President AMCA European Chapter

