



## AMCA EUROPEAN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

*"Having fun with old motorcycles"*

July 2021

Hello AMCA Europe Members,

This is the twentieth anniversary of our European Chapter formation, when we received our Charter at the AMCA Davenport Meet. On the next pages are copies of our first newsletter from 2002, with 16 pages and two in colour, wow! We soon found out that mailing hard copies of our newsletters to all the US Board members and Chapters was expensive, so after just a few editions we were the first Chapter to move to an all-electronic newsletter. I'm pleased to say that many of our Charter members are still with us, our aims are little changed, and we are continuing trying to have fun with old bikes.

This has been difficult for the last year or so, but the mists are finally clearing, International travel should become possible again in the coming weeks, and our Dutch directors are still trying to organise a Raalte Meet for us late in the season. If that is not possible, then please put 27 May 2022 in your diary as our next National Meet at Raalte.

### New Member

Welcome to Craig Harrison from London, our latest member. Here he is with his 1946 Harley WL project.



Craig is looking for a paint code for Skyway Blue, so please contact me with any information and I'll put you in touch.



### Harley 1915-29 Pocket Valve Twins

My lock-down project this year has been to write the first book on the JD model Harley-Davidsons, with six months writing from me and help from 25 other AMCA members. There are 130 colour pages out of 220, so this is my most expensive book so far, but there are full page photos of stunning bikes for each year, plus plenty of technical detail on the many changes made to major assemblies over the years. Our US readers can get a copy from Replicant Metals, European readers from W&W Cycles or myself, and UK readers direct from me.

### Vegas Auction Results

The \$1.5 million for Johnny Burgin's every year knucklehead collection was the big news, but this was two millionaires bidding against each other. More interesting to me was a bunch of Harley Sportsters going in the \$2-3,000 range. These are now likely to be 'my first American bike' rather than the Harley WLA or Indian 741B of yesteryear.







## 2021 Activities

I've done very little riding in recent months, many events have been cancelled as you can see below, and International travel has not been allowed. If you have restoration stories, or have managed to attend old bike shows or been out for rides, please let me know so that we can share these experiences.

The next UK event is likely to be the Pioneer Run for pre-1915 machines in October, so I hope to be able to report on this, and your news, next time.

## 2021 Events

Below is our latest timetable for the year. The AMCA events are firm, but many of the others are provisional, and will be updated as more information is received. Please advise me of any corrections, or additional events you would like to see included. Any events cancelled or postponed are marked with an asterisk (\*). Please check with the organisers before travelling any distance.

### 2021 AMCA National Meets

February 26-27, Omaha Chapter, Fremont, NE  
March 04-06, Sunshine Meet, New Smyrna Beach, FL  
April 23-24, Perkiomen Chapter, Oley, PA  
May 07-08, European Meet, Raalte, NL\*  
May 14-16, Southern Meet, Denton, NC  
May 28-30, Empire Chapter, Trumansburg, NY\*  
June 11-12, Viking Chapter, St Paul, MN\*  
June 18-19, Fort Sutter Chapter, Dixon, CA\*  
June 25-26, Colonial Chapter, Harmony, NJ\*  
July 16-18, Wauseon Meet, Wauseon, OH  
August 06-07, Yankee Chapter, Terryville, CT  
August 28-29, Australian Chapter, Sydney, AUS  
October 02-03, Chesapeake Chapter, Upperco, MD

### 2021 AMCA National Road Runs

June 01-03, Phoenix Chapter, Zion National Park, UT  
June 21-23, Rocky Mountain, Crested Butte, CO\*  
July 21-23, Yellowstone Chapter, Billings, MT  
September 07-09, Roosevelt Chapter, Detroit Lakes, MN

## Other 2021 Events

### Austria

September 07-12 European Bike Week, Faaker See  
[www.europeanbikeweek.com](http://www.europeanbikeweek.com) (provisional)

### Belgium

Feb 21 Ruilbeurs Oude Motoren, [www.earlyriders.be](http://www.earlyriders.be)  
(provisional)

Aug 14 Where is Anna? 85 km run near Newport for pre-1931 bikes. [whereisanna1418@gmail.com](mailto:whereisanna1418@gmail.com) (provisional)

### Denmark

May 21-23, 21st Skagen Run, this time Skagen to Copenhagen, for pre-1935 bikes. (provisional)

July 16-18 Windmill Rally, Hasbro for pre-1940 bikes.  
[www.windmillrally.eu](http://www.windmillrally.eu) (provisional)

Aug 29 Laholm Beach Jutland, pre-1947 beach racing and partying [www.romomotorfestival.dk](http://www.romomotorfestival.dk) (provisional)

### Finland

Jan 10 Jyväskylä swap meet at the Paviljonki hotel. Mostly mopeds, Japanese, Eastern European and British bikes. About 250 km from Helsinki. (provisional)

### France

24-26 September, beach racing pre-1947 cars and bikes in Ouistreham, Normandy  
[www.normandybeachrace.com](http://www.normandybeachrace.com) (provisional)

### Croatia/Slovenia/Italy

to be announced FIVA World Motorcycle Run,  
[www.fiva.org](http://www.fiva.org)

### Germany

Jan 17 Winter Classic Bike Show, Im Alten Opel-Werk, 65428 Rüsselheim

Jan 22-24 Motorrad Bodensee [www.motorradwelt-bodensee.de](http://www.motorradwelt-bodensee.de) (provisional)

Feb 25-27 Retro Classics Stuttgart [www.retro-classics.de](http://www.retro-classics.de) (provisional)

Apr 23-25 Veterama, Hockenheim [www.veterama.de](http://www.veterama.de) \*

May 01-02 Technorama Kassel [www.technorama.de](http://www.technorama.de)  
(provisional)

June 11-13 Oldgeraffeltreffen, Vogelsberg.

August (date to follow) 10<sup>th</sup> Kaiserzeitausfahrt, 85410  
Haag an der Amper (Munich area). (provisional)  
[www.kaiserzeitausfahrt.de](http://www.kaiserzeitausfahrt.de)

Sep 11-12, vintage dirt track racing Hindenberg,  
[www.hindenberg-dirt-track.com](http://www.hindenberg-dirt-track.com) (provisional)

Oct 08-10 Veterama, Mannheim. Biggest European swap  
meet. [www.veterama.de](http://www.veterama.de). Our AMCA stand is open to all  
members who want to sell their own parts.

### **Greece**

May 20-24 Harley Super Rally, Igoumenitsa  
<https://superrally.com/>\*

### **Italy**

Jan 16-18 Motorbike Expo Verona  
[www.motorbikeexpo.it](http://www.motorbikeexpo.it) (provisional)

Mar 14-16 Harley and Snow Hillclimb, Rio Pusteria-Alto  
Adige [www.harley.bz.it/de/harley-snow](http://www.harley.bz.it/de/harley-snow) (provisional)

May 7-9 ASI Moto Show, Parma race track  
[www.asifed.it](http://www.asifed.it) (provisional)

Sep 04-05 Roll'n Flat Beach Race, Caorle  
[www.venicebeachrace.com](http://www.venicebeachrace.com) provisional

### **Netherlands**

Jan 09-10 Oldtimerbeurs Autotron, Rosmalen  
[www.oldtimerbeurs.net](http://www.oldtimerbeurs.net) (provisional)

Feb 14 Oldtimer+Tweewielerbeurs Eurohal Zuidbroek,  
[www.1up25.nl](http://www.1up25.nl) (provisional)

Feb 14. Swap Meet, Hengelo, [www.alemite-motoren.nl](http://www.alemite-motoren.nl)  
(provisional)

June 04-06 Silent Gray Fellows Meet, Oosterhout. 16<sup>th</sup>  
meet for pre-1966 American bikes.  
[www.silentgrayfellows.nl](http://www.silentgrayfellows.nl)

Aug 06-08, Old Timers Run, Den Haag. Pre-1966  
American bikes for the 42<sup>nd</sup> time.  
[www.hdctheoldtimers.nl](http://www.hdctheoldtimers.nl) (provisional)

Sep 04-05, Alemite Run, Twente. [www.alemite-motoren.nl](http://www.alemite-motoren.nl).  
(provisional)

October 31. Silent Gray Fellows swap meet, Chaam.  
[www.silentgrayfellows.nl](http://www.silentgrayfellows.nl) (provisional)

### **Norway**

August 06-08 Indian International Rally\*  
[www.indianmotorcycle.co.uk/events.html](http://www.indianmotorcycle.co.uk/events.html)

### **Poland**

June 11-13 Old Timer Club summer rally,  
[www.oldtimerclub.com.pl](http://www.oldtimerclub.com.pl) (provisional)

June 27-28 Antique motorcycle swap meet, Lodz\*  
[www.motoweteranbazar.com](http://www.motoweteranbazar.com) (provisional)

### **Slovenia**

June 10-13, HOG International Rally, Portoroz  
[www.harley-davidson.com/.../european-hog-rally.html](http://www.harley-davidson.com/.../european-hog-rally.html)

### **Sweden**

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

Feb 07 Enköping Indianmarknaden. Indian/early Harley  
provisional

### **Switzerland**

Feb 19-21 Swiss Moto/Custom Zürich [www.swiss-moto.ch](http://www.swiss-moto.ch)  
(provisional)

March 20-21 Swap Meet Fribourg [www.oldtimer-teilemarkt.ch](http://www.oldtimer-teilemarkt.ch)  
(provisional)

April 24-25 Historic vehicle days [www.shvf.ch](http://www.shvf.ch)  
(provisional)

April 25 GP Mutschellen [www.gpmutschellen.ch](http://www.gpmutschellen.ch)  
(provisional)

May 1-2 Arbon Classics [www.arbon-classics.ch](http://www.arbon-classics.ch)  
(provisional)

May 15-16 Art and Wheels Pratteln  
[www.artandwheelsbasel.com](http://www.artandwheelsbasel.com) (provisional)

May 22-23 Rock this Town, Solothurn  
[www.rockthistownsolothurn.com/oldtimer](http://www.rockthistownsolothurn.com/oldtimer)

May 23-24 Swiss Classic World, Luzern (*provisional*)

[www.swissclassicworld.ch](http://www.swissclassicworld.ch)

June 05-07 Lenzerheide Motor Classics [www.lenzerheide-motorclassics.ch](http://www.lenzerheide-motorclassics.ch) (*provisional*)

July 03-05 Swiss Harley Days, Lugano (*provisional*)

### **United Kingdom**

April 24/5 Stafford classic bike show and auction (*provisional*)

June 01 Banbury Run, Gaydon, 450 pre-1931 bikes [www.vmcc.net](http://www.vmcc.net) (*provisional*)\*

July 29-Aug 01 International West Kent Run, 310 runners at The Friars, Aylesford, ME20 7BX (*provisional*)\*

September 3-5 Beaulieu International Autojumble/Netley Marsh motorcycle jumble

Oct 03. Pioneer Run, 350 pre-1915 bikes, Epsom Downs to Brighton.

Oct 09-10 Stafford classic bike show and auction (*provisional*)

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

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

Stay safe, wishing you safe and happy riding, and best regards,

Steve Slocombe,  
President AMCA European Chapter

