



AMCA EUROPEAN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

"Having fun with old motorcycles"

June 2020

Hello AMCA Europe Members,

Our motorcycle events continue to be cancelled or postponed, so we are copying the TV and radio shows and relying partially on back catalog or archive material. This time we have our second newsletter from 2002 included, but where is number one? I thought I had kept a copy but cannot find it, so if any of our long time members still has a copy, please let me know. We had about 110 members in Europe in the early days, and had to send about 50 newsletters to the USA, with no Chapter dues/subscriptions. Our hard copy newsletter therefore lasted only a few issues because of the printing and mailing costs, and we were the first AMCA Chapter to go electronic only.

Virtual Raalte Meet

After eight weeks in the mail, I've just received the National badges for our cancelled Meet, which I can exclusively reveal are in a tasteful shade of, um, black. In addition I have 100 coffee mugs here dated May 2020 which will be hard to shift, and 100 of our Chapter judging pens with the little LED light that will be easier to give away. I presented 20 of these to Don Dzurick last year, so perhaps some of the AMCA judges now think more kindly of us.

Here are a couple of bikes we would have seen at Raalte:



This is Roland Rischer's early model D Harley 750 from Germany, recently fitted with the lightweight Goulding sidecar.

And here is Nick Roud and Chris Newbold's 1919 Harley twin from England:



The engine has USA stamped in, so this should make it a 1919 model shipped to France in late 1918 as part of the American war effort. As for the later WLA/WLC Harleys from WW2, these were left where they were delivered and provided French riders with many years of happy motoring. This example has led a long hard life, so has had a minimum restoration. But how many 100 year old bikes can go from projects to riders in just a couple of months?

Here is the **President's Report** for our Virtual Meet, in the usual format:

We now have 360 European AMCA members in 20 different countries, an astonishing 15% increase on last year. The big three of Germany, the Netherlands and Great Britain each put on 10-12 members and now have numbers in the sixties. Norway, Belgium and Spain put on about half this, and all our Country Ambassadors should be congratulated on sustaining or growing our great Club. Our **Directors** are willing to serve for another year and we have no fresh volunteers to contest these positions. Our **Next Meeting** will be as soon as we can arrange it, just possibly late this season, but more likely next May. There is no **Other Business**, but please contact me, a Director or a Country Ambassador if you have any questions.

Recycled Material

Following is our November 2002 newsletter, then I return with Other Stuff.

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Bob McClain and Bruce Lindsey came over from the USA, to support our firm meet in Donning, N.L. Peter Reeves, original paint 1936 Komet-Benz three-wheeler drove the crowd.



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Message from the President

We have had a busy first year as a Chapter, with AMCA President Bob McClain and Norma Blandford participating in a number of US state events, plus the main European ones. We have also had a number of members participating in the 1936 Komet-Benz three-wheeler. We have also had a number of members participating in the 1936 Komet-Benz three-wheeler. We have also had a number of members participating in the 1936 Komet-Benz three-wheeler.

Our membership has increased by 40% since the year of about 1995. People do know in the UK who "blend" the AMCA members have been persuaded to join, we have a couple of new recruits in Germany, and members have been held or renewed elsewhere. Please keep in mind that the AMCA is a not-for-profit organization and we are not a charity. We are a not-for-profit organization and we are not a charity. We are a not-for-profit organization and we are not a charity.

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USA

27 February - 2 March 2003: SoCal Chapter Road Race, Rancho Springs, CA.
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UK

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Europe

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Meetings

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Meet the Founders

The time is the time of Chapter Founders, Vice President, and he has supplied the following information:

I am 55 years old and a total triathlete by trade. I worked many years abroad, mainly in Africa, and I have a passion for vintage motorcycles. I have been a member of the AMCA since 1995 and I have been a member of the AMCA since 1995. I have been a member of the AMCA since 1995.

Central Representatives

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Country	Representative
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Denmark	John D. Brown
France	John D. Brown
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Italy	John D. Brown
Spain	John D. Brown
Sweden	John D. Brown
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while drive - think you talk. We were scheduled for the ride on the Army museum, escorted by Don Hoag police officers and other marshals. I think the count was 220 bikes on the count, the monthly tally. The Harley Club had a "Harley Day" in 1999. For them being open to the public, it was a success. The museum is only about 10 km from the Club, but the organizers had managed to get the museum open to the public. It was a success. The Harley Club had a "Harley Day" in 1999. For them being open to the public, it was a success. The museum is only about 10 km from the Club, but the organizers had managed to get the museum open to the public. It was a success.

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Chief Blackhawk Chapter Meet, Davenport 29 Aug - 1 September

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Harley Riders March 4 September

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Subscriptions
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Don Hoag Old Timers Run Report 31 August 2002

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questions and explain to the owners why some were being deducted. I found that helping Harley Club had a "Harley Day" in 1999. For them being open to the public, it was a success. The museum is only about 10 km from the Club, but the organizers had managed to get the museum open to the public. It was a success.

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Chicagoan Chapter Annual Fall Meet by Steve Stevens
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On the right, Bob Smith, left, and the author. In the center, a group of people are gathered around a table, possibly during a meeting or presentation. The focus is on the people and the table, with some items on it.

Headlines

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FOR SALE - Wanted



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Board Minutes

Minutes of the Board Meeting. The meeting was held on the 11th of the month. The minutes recorded the following: The meeting started at 11:15 in the AM. The meeting was held on the 11th of the month. The minutes recorded the following: The meeting started at 11:15 in the AM.



LIFE'S A RIDE

Life's a ride. The person is working on the car, possibly a classic model. The person is focused on the task, and the car is the central focus of the image. The text describes the person's work and the car's features.

4. Any other business.

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Other Stuff

Wow, a 24 page newsletter with colour pages! I was gratified when re-reading this, and tidying up the newsletter circulation list, that so many of our 2002 members are still with us and still having fun with old bikes. Plus we have plenty of new and family members to sustain our Chapter. That 34 VL racer article was re-written for the Club magazine, and the bike has been on my Website looking for a fresh hooligan for a few months, at less than the cost of building it, with no takers. I took it out recently and it started first kick, so maybe one of our younger members would like a lot of fun for modest money – at least by Harley standards.

On **membership**, Claudia Krause has reminded me that there are savings to be had for two and three year memberships, and Keith Kizer tells me there is now an auto-renewal option so that your credit card is charged automatically each year rather than wrestling with that National Website. Claudia tells me she knows how to do this, and members are welcome to contact her if having difficulties. Email address at the back. Once you have joined the AMCA, I see no reason why you should leave our great Club while still drawing breath, and we don't want membership administration to put you off. This newsletter is still going to a few expired members, so I urge you to rejoin before the circulation list is cleansed. For our new members, welcome, and you can catch up with past reports at www.amca-europe.eu.

On **administration**, you will recall our Chapter is set up as a UK limited liability company, and I have just filed our statutory accounts for the year ended 31 March. We showed 5120 euros in cash, no assets and no debtors or creditors, so hadn't got into major expenditure for the cancelled Raalte Meet. We aim to hold a float to cover a rained out Meet, with any extra coming back to our members as free entry, entertainment and those darned coffee mugs.

I've had **no Meets or events** to attend, but have heard the First Spitfire of Spring fly over the nearby Battle of Britain Memorial which is always cheering.

I was in the shop looking for two tiny oil pump keys that I had put in a safe place a few months ago – and you will all know what that means. For me it was a one week tidy up, when I found 15 kg of miscellaneous small used parts and fixings. You're in bad shape when you can recite the part number as you pull some rusty bit out of a tray of miscellaneous hardware... Anyway, after a week I found my tiny parts carefully put away in a labelled parts box I had overlooked, so it all came out well in the end.

On **gearing**, and following on from last time, I put the Henderson on the rear stand and cranked it up to 100 mph with no problem. So it has the gearing but does it have the power? A dynamometer and a disused airfield will likely take some time to find. There was a fault on the maximum speed recording hand on my bike, so here is a picture of a Corbin recording 100 mph on a completely different bike just to share some of the excitement:



Finally, I have binge watched all three series of **Babylon Berlin** and can recommend it. It is set in 1929, in the months leading up to the Wall Street Crash in late October which we know will change everything. In the meantime, a detective series take place against a background of decadence, partying, corruption, influence, and the rise of the nationalists. There are great locations, sets, crowd and street scenes, with two motorcycle appearances – possibly a Horex – on which our German readers can correct me. Great!

For **next time**, we are going to be seriously short of newsletter material even if I find our first issue from 2002. This is not meant to be my blog, but a collection of articles from all Chapter members. Don't you have a recently completed bike you want to tell us about? A great ride? A favourite shop tool? An inspired piece of maintenance that others may benefit from? A bike you'd like to brag about? Email me a couple of paragraphs and a picture and I'll put it in next time.

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 now been cancelled or postponed, and are marked with an asterisk (*). Please advise any other changes, and check with the organisers before embarking on any travel.

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 15-17, Southern Meet, Denton, NC *
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

2020 AMCA National Road Runs

June 02-04, Phoenix Chapter, Zion National Park, UT *
July 21-24, Yellowstone Chapter, Billings, MT
August 12-14, Badger Chapter, East Troy, WI
September 08-10, 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
(provisional)

Aug 14-17 Where is Anna? 85 km run near Newport for pre-1931 bikes. whereisanna1418@gmail.com
(provisional)

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

Croatia/Slovenia/Italy

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

Germany

Dec 06-08 2019 Custom Bike Show, Bad Salzufen
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 12-14 Silent Gray Fellows Meet, Oosterhout. 17th
meet for pre-1966 Americanbikes
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.hdctheoldtimers.nl

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

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

Poland

June 17-21. 4th Nostalgia Endurance Rally for pre-1949
motorcycles. About 1000 km through NE Poland. *
www.oldtimerclub.com.pl

June 28-29 Antique motorcycle swap meet, Lodz
www.motoweteranbazar.com (to be confirmed)

Sweden

Feb 08 Eskilstuna swap meet, Harleys/bobbers 1940s
up

Feb 08 Enköping Indianmarknaden. Indian/early Harley

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*

May 09/10 Race the Waves, beach racing at Bridlington, Yorkshire.*

May 31 Banbury Run, Gaydon, 450 pre-1931 bikes
www.vmcc.net *

July 30-Aug 03, International West Kent Run, 310 runners at The Friars Aylesford, ME20 7BX

Aug 07-09 46th Scottish Classic and Vintage Motorcycle Rally, Pitcrocknie Restaurant, Alyth, PH11 8JJ. Contact arthur.vintagent@gmail.com

Aug 15. First Classic and Vintage Motorcycle Show, Hedingham Castle, Essex CO9 3DJ.

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

Oct 10-11 Stafford classic bike show and auction

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

Wishing you safe and happy riding, and best regards,

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