



AMCA EUROPEAN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER
"Having fun with old motorcycles"

June 2023

Hello AMCA Europe Members,

This time we have reports on the Italian and Polish Road Runs.

Italian Chapter Road Run 28 May-02 June 2023

I arrived in the village of Pianfei, about 100 km south of Milan, late afternoon of Sunday 28th to be greeted by organisers Fabio Costamagna and Cristiano Pelganta, who head up our new Italian Chapter. Their Patina Garage has branches here and in St. Tropez, France, which was to be our ride destination. Here we are assembling:



We were served a delicious meal outside, and then to a nearby hotel to reassemble the next morning.

There were 20-25 bikes on the run, all Harleys, with me being the oldest rider and driving the oldest bike. This was a 1930 VL I had ridden in England 25 years before with its second owner, and was now third owner Fabio's Cannonball Run bike for later in the year. The first day was a local loop, stopping mid-morning for an aperitivo, then a four course lunch, then onwards to the hostel at the foothills of the mountains and another four course dinner.

Next morning it was 20 hairpin bends up to Maddonna Pass at 1896 metres/6240 feet, then over into France and a long descent into Barcelonette.

Here is the early morning view and, yes, that is snow on the mountains.



Fabio said the second pass was more difficult and it turned out to be a hairy single track road with unfenced edges up to Col d'Allos, which as you can see is at 2247 metres or 7,372 feet.



Then a long descent to a lakeside lunch, after which rain was forecast and I was put in the back-up truck.



That was a serious amount of back-up, with six or more knuckleheads and Panheads on the back, but driver Enrico piloted it carefully up and down numerous mountain passes. I didn't know if Fabio was saving me or his Cannonball bike, but soon we ran into an epic hailstorm with thunder and lightning, so wet gear was put on under an overhanging rock:



That's Thies with the beard, who rode in from Germany on his 1940 Harley knucklehead, did the run, and then rode back for a round trip of nearly 4,000 km. Respect!

After a half hour wait we continued to a Spa hotel the other side of Castellane. The next morning, Wednesday, we drove on down to St. Tropez in occasional showers, stopping for lunch and finishing up in cabins near the sea. That evening was spent at the Patina Garage shop/boutique in St. Tropez, with old bikes racked up in the street, and with wine and pizza enjoyed by all.



Thursday was a rest day, sorting out wiring problems after the torrential rain. We had a battery and a coil go down but, as usual on Road Runs, problems were electrical rather than mechanical. Thursday evening we racked up the bikes at St. Tropez harbour for the enjoyment of many spectators.



Friday was the long trip home, starting by riding the coast road north-east to Nice, with the Mediterranean on our right. The area is even more developed than my last visit, with traffic calming humps, traffic lights, pedestrian crossings, cars and scooters testing

our handshift riders. As before, our Italian and German outriders kept us all safely together and stopped the traffic at the roundabouts. We then turned north up the Var valley, then the Tinée valley, climbing to the Lombarde Col back in Italy at 2351 metres/7714 feet.

A steep descent then easier grades brought us back to Patina Garage in Pianfei, followed by a farewell dinner and a trip to the airport for me the next morning. Phew! That was 761 km/470 miles in four driving days, with more mountain climbing than I am used to. We had riders from Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Netherlands and the UK, and I was struck how everyone helped each other with spare parts and advice. The first AMCA Italian Chapter Road Run must be considered a big success, and congratulations to the organisers and all who took part.

Polish Road Run

Report - "HD Wolsztyn 2023" from Krzysztof Pedryc

On 16-18.06.2023, in the town of Wolsztyn, located in the west of Poland, held an anniversary rally of vintage American Harley-Davidson motorcycles, and Indians. It was there, 50 years ago, in 1973, that the first International Rally of Harley Davidson motorcycles in Poland was organized. The organizer of this unforgettable event was the HD Warsaw Motorcycle Club, led by long-time president Wojtek Echilczuk.

This year's anniversary rally was organized by the Oldtimer Club Poland, led by current president Rysiek Brodziak. The club continues the tradition and currently has 45 members, in love with American oldtimers. The second reason for such a large gathering was the 25th anniversary of the OCP Club. People from different regions of Poland came to the long-announced event, most of them on wheels, traveling really long distances for the age-old motorcycles.

All living participants of the first rally were invited to Wolsztyn. More than a dozen of them arrived, including guests from abroad and beyond. Motorcyclists on their beautiful machines had been arriving since Thursday. The club wanted the rally to necessarily take place in the same place as years ago. Although the number of participants was similar, about 300 people, the area turned out to be a little too small for such a large event. The rally went on as the organizers intended.

Friday - reception of guests.

Saturday - a short parade of motorcycles, competitions, and in the evening live music and, of course, the distribution of prizes, summary and awards.

Sunday - farewells and returns home.



On Saturday afternoon an unusual event took place. Our colleague Rafal Dmochowski, a participant in the first rally in 1973, decided to marry his partner in the presence of all the rally participants. Everyone applauded and congratulated the young couple on their long cohabitation. On Sunday, as is often the case, the homecoming was held in the rain. However, a great atmosphere accompanied everyone until the end of the rally, and there was no end to the thanks.

Oldtimer Club Poland is a club with extensive experience in organizing such rallies, so success was certain. Although for various reasons not all the guests arrived, their spirit was present during the event. I think that if health and conditions allow such an event can be repeated in another 10 years.



Details of the rally;

Motorcycles at the rally - 240 total
HD - 175
Indian - 23
Sokol and other vintage - 20
Modern -22

Competition results:

Gymkhana:

1. Tomasz Witecki
2. Piotr Jędrzejewski
3. Pawel Hanusek

Free riding:

1. HD VL36r - Łukasz Muraszewski
2. HD Knuckelhead 39r - Łukasz Dutka
3. HD Shovelhead 82r - Tomasz Frąćala

Unlucky - Tomasz Jubczyk (broken cylinder in HD WLD)

Oldest rally participant - Aad Samwel 1949

Youngest rally participant - Łukasz Nowakowski -2006

Longest route - Amazon - Joanna Dowgiałła 300km

Longest route - motorcyclist - Jakub Klusak HD VLD 36r

710km

Oldest motorcycle - Indian Chief 1923 - Pawel Szczeswski

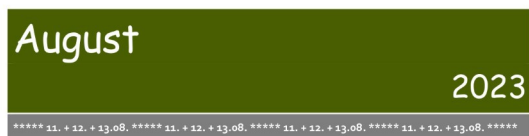
Most efficient motorcycles:

1. exec Paweł Wyrębiak HD WLC 42
1. exec Krzysztof Ciołek HD WLA 42
3. Mirosław Witkowski HD servi car 1953

For all their activities for the movement of American vintage motorcycles, the certificate of honorary member of the club 'Oldtimer Club Poland' was awarded to: Piotr Korbanek, Krzysztof Fischer, Max Middelbosch, Steve Slocombe.

Pre-1966 Meet in Thuringia

Don't forget this one in Germany:



Pre66 Meet

Harley Davidson + Indian Motorcycles
All other Pre66 bikes welcome!



| Montag | Dienstag | Mittwoch | Donnerstag | Freitag | Samstag | Sonntag |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Pre66 Meet Mosel/Hunsrück | 12 Pre66 Meet Mosel/Hunsrück | 13 Pre66 Meet Mosel/Hunsrück |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |



Reservierung Zimmer
bitte unter dem Kennwort „Pre66 Oldtimer Treffen“
direkt bei

Hotel Restaurant Café STEUER
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2023 Events

Below is our latest timetable for the year. The AMCA events are firm, but some 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.

2023 AMCA National Meets

- February 24-25, Omaha Chapter, Fremont, NE
- March 02-04, Sunshine Meet, Daytona Beach, FL
- April 28-29, Perkiomen Chapter, Oley, PA
- May 19-20, European Meet, Raalte, NL
- June 02-04, Empire Chapter, Waddington, NY
- June 09-10, Viking Chapter, St Paul, MN
- June 16-17, Fort Sutter Chapter, Dixon, CA
- June 23-24, Colonial Chapter, Harmony, NJ
- July 14-16, Wauseon Meet, Wauseon, OH
- July 28-30, Yankee Chapter, Greenfield, MA
- August 12-13, Australian Chapter, Bulli, AUS
- September 29-30, Chesapeake Chapter, Upperco, MD
- October 13-15, Southern National, Denton, NC

2023 AMCA National Road Runs

- June 12-14, Allegheny Chapter, Wellsboro, PA
- July 31-August 02 Yankee Chapter, S Deerfield, MA
- September 5-7, Black Hills Chapter, Deadwood, SD
- September 11-13 Sunflower Chapter, El Dorado, KS

European 2023 Events

Austria

May 11-14 Tourist Trophy run 350 km. Brunn am Gebirge. www.fiva.org

September 05-10 European Bike Week, Faaker See www.europeanbikeweek.com

Belgium

August 20 Oude Klepper Parade, De Haan

Denmark

May 18-20, Skagen Run, this time Skagen to Copenhagen, for pre-1935 bikes. Details from elleham07@gmail.com

Aug 19-21 Laholm Beach Jutland, pre-1947 beach racing and partying www.romomotorfestival.dk

Finland

January 14 Swap (Rompepäivä) in Jyväskylä 250km north from Helsinki. Mostly Japanese and Eastern Europe bike parts, but some vendors of vintage American and British.

February 03-05 in Helsinki: MP 23 is said to be the largest motorcycle exhibition in Northern Europe. More info in English <https://mp.messukeskus.com/?lang=en>

March A medium size swap "Maalissaalis" in Tuulos 80 km north of Helsinki.

April Vintage bike swap "Rompe" in Tampere

May 06-07 Classic Motor Show, emphasis on vintage cars, but also some old bikes.

July 15-16 Flathead Rally, Lieto, near Turku in SW.

July 28-30 Veteraaniralli a big vintage m/c meeting in Raasepori, southern Finland, some 120 km west of Helsinki.

August is the "Pannuralli" meet for Panheads. 60+ km NW of Helsinki. Mostly customized bikes, but some restored, too.

November big Vintage bike swap in Forssa 130 km NW from Helsinki and the "Walkka Swap" in Helsinki, mostly chopper and later model Harley parts, but occasionally also old rust.

France

Linkert Attacks – *cancelled for 2023**

22-24 September, beach racing pre-1947 cars and bikes in Ouistreham, Normandy www.normandybeachrace.com

Germany

January 15 Winter Classic Bike, Ruesselheim

February 23-26 Retro Classics Stuttgart www.retro-classics.de

March 25/26 Technorama Kassel www.technorama.de

April 22/23 Technorama Ulm www.technorama.de

April 14-16 Veterama Hockenheim www.veterama.de

April 23, 120 years of Harley-Davidson exhibition. Central Garage, Bad Homburg www.central-garage.de

May 13/14 Technorama Hildesheim www.technorama.de

June 08-12 Magic Bike Week, Ruedesheim magic-bike-ruedesheim.com

July 01 Velodrom Racetrack Darmstadt, board track racing www.vollgas-rennspass.de

August 11-13 Pre-66 Meet Mosel/Hunsrueck
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08-09 September Hindenburg Dirt Track racing
hindenburg-dirt-track.com

Oct 13-15 Veterama, Mannheim. Biggest European swap meet. www.veterama.de Our AMCA stand is open to all members who want to sell their own parts.

Greece

May 24-28. Harley-Davidson Super Rally, Igoumenitsa www.superrally.com

Italy

Jan 27-29 Motor Bike Expo Verona, custom bikes
www.motorbikeexpo.it

May 28-02 June Langhe Hills Chapter Road Run

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October ASI Vintage Vehicle Day, to be announced
www.asifed.it

Netherlands

May 19/20 AMCA European Meet – see you there

June 09-11 Silent Gray Fellows Meet, Oosterhout.
18th meet for pre-1966 American bikes.
www.silentgrayfellows.nl

August. No Old Timers Club International Rally this year.*

05 November Silent Gray Fellows swap meet

Norway

Poland

June 18-20. HD Wolsztyn 2023

Sweden

Switzerland

April 30 GP Mutschellen www.gpmutschellen.ch

May 05-07 Goudron Bike Days, Brig VS
<https://www.goudron.ch>

May 07 Love Ride Switzerland Dübendorf ZH
<https://loveride.ch>

May 07 US Cars & Bikes Meet AP café Aadorf TG
<https://www.apcafe.ch>

May 21 The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (in different cities in Switzerland)
<https://www.gentlemansride.com>

June 02-04 Swiss Classic World Luzern
<https://www.swissclassicworld.ch>

June 02-04 Motor Classics Lenzerheide
<https://www.lenzerheidemotorclassics.ch>

June 16-18 Harley Davidson Mountain 4StarWeekend Arosa
<https://www.waldhotel.ch/de/harley-davidson-mountain-weekend>

June 30-July 01 Hangar Rocking in St. Stephan
<https://www.hangarrockin.com>

United Kingdom

April 22-23 Stafford classic bike show and auction
www.staffordclassicbikeshows.com

June 18 Banbury Run, Gaydon, 250 pre-1931 bikes
www.vmcc.net

July 08-09 Festival of 1000 bikes, Mallory Park
www.vmcc.net

Aug 04-07 International West Kent Run, 250 runners at The Friars, Aylesford, ME20 7BX www.vmcc.net

September 01-03 Beaulieu International Autojumble/Netley Marsh motorcycle jumble

Oct 08. Pioneer Run, 350 pre-1915 bikes, Epsom Downs to Brighton. (*provisional*)

Oct 14-15 Stafford classic bike show and auction
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And keep me up to date if you change Email address.

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

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

Steve Slocombe,
President AMCA European Chapter

