

March 2019

Hello AMCA Europe Members,

Another short report this time, most of it covering the Pioneer Run, but first some antipodean news.

Australian Beach Racing

Darren, a customer from Victoria, sent me this picture of sand racing on Sellicks Beach in February.



That's him on the VL, the oldest bike in his class of 21, and those Aussies sure know how to enjoy themselves!

Swedish Excelsior



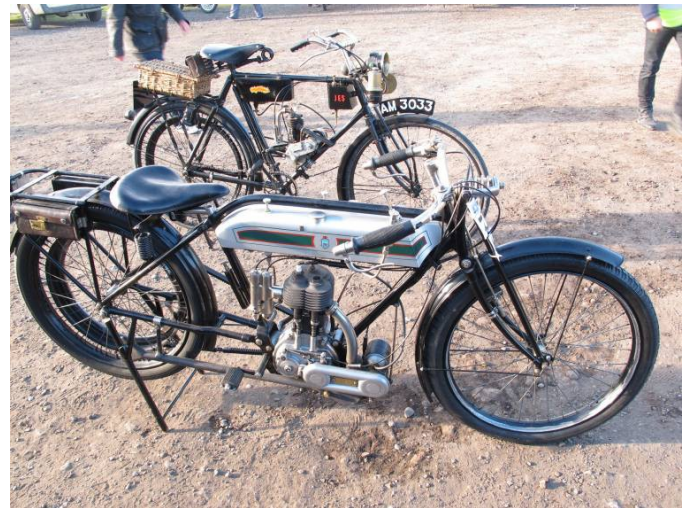
Thorbjörn sent me this picture of a 1919 bike he's just finished restoring, nice work! If you have pictures of a restored or unrestored machine, or a restoration story, please send it to me so that others can enjoy it.

Pioneer Run

Sunday 24 March was the eightieth running of the British Pioneer Run from London to Brighton, so it was an early start for me in order to get up to Epsom Downs racecourse for 0700 as the bikes assembled. You may remember the Run was cancelled because of snow last year, but this year it was bright sunshine after a frosty start, and great riding conditions. I wandered around the staging area and saw this 1907 Vindec with wicker sidecar:



Also lined up was this early teens Excelsior twin in 'greasy rag' condition, with UK member Ken Lee's 1904 James H Smith behind it. Many had come over from the Continent to make the run, and here is a nice V-twin Wanderer from Germany:



On the 1912 Douglas ladies machine was Frank Dolman, aged 80, undertaking his sixtieth Pioneer Run on the same bike – respect!



And here is a Rudge Multi being cranked up by a rider in period costume:



And here is a 1913 Scott two stroke at the starting line:



Most British vintage bikes will be Triumphs, as here, or Douglases, but behind is a 1913 JES with strap-on motor.

Among the less common makes were the 1914 Sun and the 1911 Bradbury shown in the next two pictures. As in the USA, most of these minor makes were out of business by 1920.



Raalte Reminder

Our May Meet is rushing towards us, and our Dutch directors have arranged for the hotel courtyard to be covered again this year, which will make for a convivial setting for the evenings. Our theme is four cylinder bikes, and we are still trying for ten ACE machines from the 1920s, but you won't be turned away if you arrive with a Honda CBX or Benelli Sei six cylinder, a 1970s Kawasaki triple 'widowmaker', or one of those Megolas with a five cylinder radial engine in the wheel.

We have our Annual Chapter Meeting at Raalte, with the usual agenda of President's Report, election of Directors, date of next meeting and Any Other Business. Our Directors are braced to do another one year term, but please let me know if you'd like to help out with Chapter activities.

2019 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.

2019 AMCA National Meets

- February 22-23, Omaha Chapter, Fremont, NE
- March 08-09, Sunshine Meet, New Smyrna Beach, FL
- April 26-27, Perkiomen Chapter, Oley, PA
- May 17-19, Southern Meet, Denton, NC
- May 24-25, European Meet, Raalte, NL
- June 14-15, Viking Chapter, St. Paul, MN
- June 14-15, Fort Sutter Chapter, Dixon, CA
- July 05-07, Empire Chapter, Trumansburg, NY
- July 19-21, Wauseon Meet, Wauseon, OH
- August 02-03, Yankee Chapter, Terryville, CT
- August 24-25, Australian Chapter, Sydney, AUS
- September 27-28, Chesapeake, Jefferson, PA

2019 AMCA National Road Runs

- April 08-10, Cherokee Chapter Road Run, Kerrville, TX
- June 09-12, Allegheny Chapter, Ligonier, PA
- September 04-06, Music City Chapter, Nashville, TN
- September 23-25, Yerba Buena Chapter, Monterey, CA

Other 2019 Events

Austria

September 03-08 European Bike Week, Faaker See
www.europeanbikeweek.com

Belgium

Feb 23 Ruilbeurs Oude Motoren, www.earlyriders.be

Denmark

Aug 31 Lakolk Beach Jutland, pre-1947 beach racing and partying www.romomotorfestival.dk

Finland

Jan 12 Jyväskylä swap meet

June 05-09 Harley-Davidson Super Rally, Himos
www.superrally2019.fi

July 26-28 International Indian Rally, Sastamala
www.indianmotorcycle.fi

Croatia/Slovenia/Italy

June 27-30 FIVA World Motorcycle Run, www.fiva.org

Germany

Jan 20 Winter Classic Bike Show, Im Alten Opel-Werk, 65428 Rüsselheim

Jan 25-27 Motorrad Bodensee www.motorradwelt-bodensee.de

Mar 07-10 Retro Classics Stuttgart www.retro-classics.de

Mar 16-17 Technorama Kassel www.technorama.de

Apr 05-07, Veterama, Hockenheim www.veterama.de

June 20-23 Magic Bike, Rüdesheim, www.magic-bike-ruedesheim.com

Sep 07, Board Track racing at Bielefeld. Contact motoholic@web.de

Oct 11-13, Veterama, Mannheim. Biggest European swap meet. www.veterama.de.

Italy

Jan 17-20 Motorbike Expo Verona
www.motorbikeexpo.it

Jan 11-12 Harley and Snow Hillclimb, Bolzano
www.harley.bz.it/de/harley-snow

May 10-12 ASI Moto Show, Parma race track
www.asifed.it *provisional*

Sep 07 Roll'n Flat Beach Race, Caorle
www.venicebeachrace.com *provisional*

Latvia

July 10-13, Kurland Rally. A 60 bike limit this year, so book early at www.kurlandround.lv. *provisional*

Netherlands

Jan 12-13 Oldtimerbeurs Autotron, Rosmalen
www.oldtimerbeurs.net

Feb 17. Swap Meet, Hengelo, www.alemite-motoren.nl *provisional*

Feb 23 Oldtimer+Tweewielerbeurs Eurohal Zuidbroek,
www.lup25.nl

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

Aug 09-11, Old Timers Run, Den Haag. Pre-1966 American bikes for the 41st time.
www.hdtheoldtimers.nl

Sep 06-08, Alemite Run, Beuningen. www.alemite-motoren.nl.

Poland

June 13-16 Old Timer Club summer rally, Bocheniec
www.oldtimerclub.com.pl

June 29-30 Antique motorcycle swap meet, Lodz
www.motoweteranbazar.com

Aug 21-24 75th D-Day anniversary, Hel
<https://www.facebook.com/DDAYHel>

Sweden

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

Feb 07 Enköping Indianmarknaden. Indian/early Harley
provisional

Switzerland

Feb 21-24 Swiss Moto/Custom Zürich www.swiss-moto.ch

May 25-26 Swiss Classic World, Luzern
www.swissclassicworld.ch

June 22-23 Oldtimermesse, Uster *provisional*

Aug 26 Gran Prix Suisse Berne Memorial, Bern
provisional

Oct 27 Oldtimermesse, St. Gallen *provisional*

United Kingdom

March 24. Pioneer Run, 350 pre-1915 bikes, Epsom Downs to Brighton.

June 17 Banbury Run, Gaydon, 600 pre-1931 bikes

Oct 11-13 Stafford 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 May, so please keep sending me articles and photos on bike related items.

Wishing you safe and happy riding, and best regards,

Steve Slocombe,
President AMCA European Chapter

