



Hello AMCA Europe Members,

This time we have reports on the Mannheim and Finsterwalde Meets in Germany, sand racing in Normandy, and my recent work on project bikes. We finish with a list of the AMCA Meets for next year, with a first shot at European events that may be of interest to our readers.

Mannheim Meet

This massive Meet at the German fairgrounds 11-13 October brings our European shows to a close. Claudia Krause, our German ambassador, sent the following report.

“VETERAMA in Mannheim was great again this year with stunning weather. Almost 4,000 vendors offered their merchandise and about 50,000 visitors came to make good deals. On the AMCA stand we had members from France, the Netherlands and Germany offering spare parts, selling AMCA merchandise and spreading flyers for the International Meet in Raalte in May 2020.



We took a few renewals and also recruited some new German members. We welcome Marc Kisilenicki, Hans-Georg Scheltzke as well as Beate and Michael Weigler. And after 10 years absence our former member Mathias Foerschle is also back at the AMCA. WELCOME !



... and if you did not have a motorcycle from the 1910s yet to meet our next year's theme: you were able to buy one in Mannheim”.

Finsterwalde

Claudia also supplied this description of a recent drag race event in Germany:

“From Sep. 5 to 9 the “19th Annual Headbanging” of the Hot Heads East took place in Finsterwalde, a 1/8 mile race track on Lausitz Airport including a meet for pre-59 vehicles.



Some of our members, including Michael Schneider, Christian Schwarz and Norbert Mattis, brought their racing bikes to do the 1/8 mile. (Below you see the Indians from Michael Schneider and Christian Schwarz)



We had pretty good weather, a lot of old bikes and hot rods showed up and Norbert Mattis raced a very good time on his Knucklehead: 6.51 sec. Congratulations!"



The second bike is a 1945 UL flathead engine in a 1938 Harley frame which is still coming along. It was different for me to be so relaxed about the details, after numerous showroom bikes restored for judging, and great fun firing up a bike which had obviously lain quietly for a long time. My advice to members is to leave as little as possible to the estate sale – you need to get those bikes finished and have fun riding them while you can!



Project Bikes

And now a few words about what I've been doing with old bikes over the last six months. In March I received a phone call from a guy in Scotland who'd just been to an estate sale of one of my customers, and found an eight year old piece of paper with my contact details on it. He asked if I was still going, I said yes, and he soon turned up with a van load of parts, no two bolted together, and dumped half a ton of old metal on my driveway to turn into two bobbers. Both bikes had good engine numbers, so I said OK, and in September had this 1930 Harley VL running:

Beach Racing in Normandy

Paul Jung, our Bobber Ambassador, sent this report on a 21 September meet, which had AMCA members from Germany, France, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom in attendance:

“Les citoyens of Ouistreham are by now pretty well used to the noise of tanks and Willys jeeps rolling over their endless beaches, what with all the memorial days and 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings going on, Sword Beach being nearby. For a change this last weekend a bunch of peaceful hotrods and vintage motorcycles filled in to produce the usual pratt-pratt and vroom-vroom. Even a few AMCA members did their best to keep up the decibel levels. Very magnifique we say, that our French friends organizing this event managed to convince Monsieur le Maire (the town mayor) to allow this race with classic and vintage vehicles on the beach.

For this premiere they pulled out all the stops and produced a true spectacle. As the eligibility for vehicles was a manufacturing date up to 1947, and pilots and attending public were encouraged to wear period dress, the event had a thoroughly authentic feel. Marshals in vintage overalls and flag girls wearing period style nothings, together with the checkered pylons did the rest to convince the many, many spectators that they had turned back in time. Alors, the obligatory tech inspection was taking place in the quaint town square of Ouistreham, right in front of the Hotel de Ville (the mayor's office) and the local police station, whose

inhabitants showed only polite interest in the proceedings. After everything was tout controlée and checked, the first Pernods helped to start the French soirée. But, with a 7:30 drivers' briefing looming next morning, the night promised to be short, so excesses were not encouraged.



Le soleil shining brightly on the beach, last informations were handed out to drivers and riders, there was a walkabout on the track and at 9.00 sharp the sand started to fly. Alternating in pairs between cars and bikes, the competitors were careering down the 1/8 mile course, fishtailing through the dry and bumpy sand. This track isn't as hard as, say, Daytona Beach or Rømø, and kept riders and drivers on their toes, but of course that was the fun of it. Once across the line, vehicles made their way back to the start right alongside the track, to rejoin the pre-start queue, to do it all over again, which was exactly what riders were doing. The track was busy all day, apart from the unavoidable French lunch break. The spectators were having a great time, the food trucks and bistros on the beach were doing a roaring trade, and the season was having one last high point. At 5 pm the last chequered flag came down, concluding an exciting and accident free day. Chapeau! Straight from the racing action everyone switched into party mode, and Ouistreham was having a few very happy hours in the evening. What a day, what a race! In case you do it again, give us a call, we'll be there. À bientôt, les gars!"

More Stuff

Are you getting ready for our **2020 Meet in Raalte**? The theme is Century Bikes, so that is any motorcycle built 1920 or earlier. 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 Century 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...

And watch out for **Email scams**. With your Directors names in the public domain on our Website, scammers are sending out Emails ultimately asking for money transfers. There have been some allegedly from me, but you will note poor grammar, punctuation and spelling, plus the sender's Email address in the header is not mine. Beware, as no good deed goes unpunished in these digital times.

We have a **Harley Sidecar Combination Wanted** by a new member in Germany. He is looking for a 1938-48 E, U or F model with a sidecar from the same year and reverse gearbox. Let me know of any leads and I shall put you in touch.

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.

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. (provisional)

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 (provisional)

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 provisional

Sep 05-06 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 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.

Poland

June 12-15 Old Timer Club summer rally, www.oldtimerclub.com.pl (*to be confirmed*)

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

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

June 21 (provisional) 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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And keep me up to date if you change Email address.

The next newsletter will probably be in January, so please keep sending me articles and photos on bike related items, and seasonal greetings until then.

Wishing you safe and happy riding, and best regards,

Steve Slocombe,
President AMCA European Chapter

