



AMCA EUROPEAN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER
"Having fun with old motorcycles"

October 2022

Hello AMCA Europe Members,

Cross Country Chase

It's a packed program again as the European season comes to an end, and we have reports from Meets in Belgium, UK, US, Germany and Australia.

This was held 15-25 September, running mostly down Route 66 from Springfield IL to Santa Monica CA. There are reports on YouTube, but one of 'my' 1936 Harley VLH models ridden by Sean Jackson of Competition Cycle made it all 2000 miles. Yayy!

Oude Klepper Run

Pioneer Run

This event is for pre-1921 vehicles and was held 21 August with a 70 km run starting and finishing in De Haan, near the Belgian coast in Flanders. We had UK members attending on Pioneer bikes, who reported an easy triangular flat route, with an emphasis on period costume and good meals. This run will be in our 2023 calendar next time, along with new member information held over.

02 October saw the 82nd running of the London to Brighton Pioneer Run for pre-1915 motorcycles. My 1914 Douglas was in the run with Rich riding it, while I was in the back-up van after recent knee surgery to fix an old accident injury. After a seriously early start, we arrived at Epsom Downs racecourse a little before dawn in steady rain.

Goodwood Revival

This was held 16-18 September and our usual suspects had another great time. Here are our pals at the Hornets Club showing off their bobbed American bikes:



After a bacon roll and a cup of tea (thanks Tim), here is the 0800 start, with just 154 entries this year compared with 200+ last year and 350+ back in the day. After a couple of warm-up miles, the route goes down Reigate Hill, a busy main road with a small river running down it, with everyone having drive belts slipping and essentially no brakes.

After adventures with oiled-up spark plugs and wet HT leads and magnetos, we arrived at the half way coffee stop.



Here are AMCA members showing the three major makes of the period: a 1913 Indian, 1914 Harley and 1913 Excelsior. The blue Indian went on to win best restored bike. And here I am, showing I wasn't a complete passenger, pumping up the tyres on the 1913 Thor.



The photographer said the can of WD40 in the foreground was for my knee, haha. Also at the coffee stop was this 1897 Leon Bollee tricar, with that big hit-and-miss horizontal engine by the rear wheel:



With the rain easing up, the second half of the run was almost pleasurable. We arrived at Brighton airport before the deadline to find these prize-winners. This 1902 Slinger took a well-deserved 'most unusual' award:



While this 1914 750 cc Bradbury took best V-twin:



Finally we see our three finishers, left to right Rich, Simon and Nick, with the 1912 Triumph, 1913 Thor and 1914 Douglas finally smiling in the afternoon sunshine. What a great day!



Mannheim Show

October 07/09 was this biggest European Meet to close out the season. The official report said it was back to normal after Covid, and the good weather certainly helped. Here are German and US bikes peacefully co-existing at the show.



Around our AMCA stand at the show, we had Chris Bastiaansen selling four cylinder parts, Larry Elias with choice Harley 45 spares, Martin van Kuijk with Harley and Bridgestone parts, and Claudia and Manfred Krause helping out and enjoying the show.

Australian Cannonball

AMCA member Rob Veitch from Western Australia reports that 83 old motorcycles are riding across the country to New South Wales, with the oldest a 1920 Harley and the youngest a 1948 Panhead. Here are bikes lined up near the start:



Armchair travellers can find reports on You Tube and social media. Another member, Zack Carnegie-Smith, who I've judged with in the US, drove to the Bulli AMCA Meet and is now marshalling on the Australian Cannonball Run. He will be clocking up 20,000 km in six weeks on his late model bike, so respect to another serious Club rider.

Stafford Bike Show and Auction

This UK Meet 15/16 October is always of interest for the auction results. I've always thought Bonhams did a poor job of selling American bikes in Great Britain, but they seem to be getting the hang of it. A 1934 Crocker 500 cc OHV speedway bike from a collection was a highlight and fetched \$142k. Of the few older Harleys, a 1918F with sidecar fetched \$54k, a 1919 F \$28k, a 1941 WL project \$13k, a 1942 WLA project \$12k and a 1947 knuckle \$84k. There was a high percentage of sold bikes, with numerous collections

and estate sales, which seems to be a sign of the times. There were ten Vincents in the sale, with Rapides fetching about \$30k, the Comet singles about half that, and Shadows twice as much. I noticed that the Vincent descriptions now include front frame number, rear frame number, engine number and crankcase matching numbers, so buyers are becoming more selective in what they are buying.

The Harley-Davidson Knucklehead Years

My latest book, 1,900 pages in four volumes covering three years each, has full page pictures of original paint and accurately restored bikes for 1936-47, technical and marketing commentary, production numbers, and copies of every Enthusiast magazine, sales brochure and dealer new model announcement over the period. There is a deal on AMCA members pre-orders and these will be shipping next month in time to put under the Christmas tree. Contact me for details at vlheaven@aol.com.

Membership Renewal

My AMCA membership expires in January, and I recently received an Email reminding me to renew. This took me straight to the Club Website, where I quickly renewed for three years and saved money. This is so much easier than the old user-hostile process, and I recommend it to all members.

2023 Events

These will appear next time, so please would our Country Ambassadors and members let me know of old bike events they could recommend to others.

2022 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.

2022 AMCA National Meets

February 25-26, Omaha Chapter, Fremont, NE
March 3-5, Sunshine Meet, New Smyrna Beach, FL
April 22-23, Perkiomen Chapter, Oley, PA
May 27-28, European Meet, Raalte, NL
*June 03-05, Empire Chapter, Trumansburg, NY
June 10-11, Viking Chapter, St Paul, MN
June 17-18, Fort Sutter Chapter, Dixon, CA
June 24-25, Colonial Chapter, Harmony, NJ
July 15-17, Wauseon Meet, Wauseon, OH
July 30-31, Yankee Chapter, Greenfield, MA
August 27-28, Australian Chapter, Sydney, AUS
October 01-02, Chesapeake Chapter, Upperco, MD
October 14-16, Southern National, Denton, NC

2022 AMCA National Road Runs

September 06-08 Driftless Chapter, La Crosse, WI
September 14-16 Music City Chapter, Dickson, TN
September 19-21 Evergreen Chapter, Colville, WA
September 26-28 Fort Sutter Chapter, Tahoe, CA

European 2022 Events

Austria

September 06-11 European Bike Week, Faaker See
www.europeanbikeweek.com

Belgium

May 07. Tour for pre-1966 American Motorcycles.
Commijn 43A , B-1547 Bever 1-5 pm
acme.pajol@gmail.com

Denmark

May 26-28, Skagen Run, this time Copenhagen to Skagen, for pre-1935 bikes. Details from michael_pedersen76@hotmail.com

July 22-24 34th Windmill Rally, Hobro for pre-1941 bikes. www.windmillrally.eu

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

Finland

April 16 Oldtimer Swapmeet, Tampere, about 180 km from Helsinki

France

Linkert Attacks – *cancelled for 2022**

24-26 September, beach racing pre-1947 cars and bikes in Ouistreham, Normandy*
www.normandybeachrace.com moved to 2023

Croatia/Slovenia/Italy

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

Germany

March 12/13 Technorama Kassel www.technorama.de

April 23/24 Technorama Ulm www.technorama.de

April 21-24 May Retro Classics Stuttgart
www.retro-classics.de

April 29-May 01 Veterama Hockenheim
www.veterama.de

May 21/22 Technorama Hildesheim
www.technorama.de

June 10-12 Pre-1966 Meet Thuringia
amca.europe@aol.de

June 18 Velodrom Racetrack Darmstadt, board track racing www.vollgas-rennspess.de

Oct 07-09 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

Italy

March 11, Harley and Snow Hillclimb, VALS, Ski Resort Gitschberg Jochtal
www.harley.bz.it/de/harley-snow

May 06-08 ASI Motorcycle Meet, Parma

June 24-26 Oil Leakers Party, Maria delle Surie.
Amca.europe@aol.de

Jan 26-29 2023 Motor Bike Expo Verona, custom bikes www.motorbikeexpo.it

Netherlands

June 10-12 Silent Gray Fellows Meet, Oosterhout. 17th meet for pre-1966 American bikes.
www.silentgrayfellows.nl

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

July 29-31 International Indian Rally, Borculo.
https://www.indian.nl/evenement-registratie/?action=evrplusegister&event_id=37

Norway

Poland

All events pending

Romania

July 14-18 FIVA World Motorcycle Rally, Bucharest
<https://retromobil.ro/fiva-moto-2022>

Slovenia

June 10-13, HOG International Rally, Portoroz
Harley-Davidson HOG Rally, Portoroz, Slovenia, 2022 | Tour1

Sweden

June 1-5 Harley Superrally, Oland. www.superrally.se

Switzerland

April 23/24 Swiss Historic Vehicle Days
<https://shvf.ch/de/>

April 29 – 01 May Goudron Bike Days
<https://www.goudron.ch>

May 01 GP Mutschellen www.gpmutschellen.ch

May 21/22 Arbon Classics www.arbon-classics.ch
May 27-29 Swiss Classic World
<https://www.swissclassicworld.ch>

June 10–12 Motor Classics Lenzerheide
www.lenzerheide-motorclassics.ch

June 10-12 Harley Davidson Mountain 4StarWeekend
Arosa <https://www.waldhotel.ch/de/harley-davidson-mountain-weekend>

June 17–19 Kerenzerberg Race Mollis
www.kerenzerbergrennen.ch

July 01/02 Hangar Rocking in St. Stephan
www.hangarrockin.com

August 06 Klausenmemorial
<https://www.diavolomotorclassic.ch>

United Kingdom

April 23-24 Stafford classic bike show and auction
www.staffordclassicbikeshows.com

June 19 Banbury Run, Gaydon, 450 pre-1931 bikes
www.vmcc.net

July 16-17 Festival of 1000 bikes, Mallory Park
www.vmcc.net

Aug 04-08 International West Kent Run, 310 runners
at The Friars, Aylesford, ME20 7BX www.vmcc.net

September 10-11 Beaulieu International
Autojumble/Netley Marsh motorcycle jumble

Oct 09. Pioneer Run, 350 pre-1915 bikes, Epsom
Downs to Brighton.

Oct 15-16 Stafford classic bike show and auction
www.staffordclassicbikeshows.com

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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.

Don't forget to renew your subscriptions at www.antiqumotorcycle.org

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

The next newsletter will probably be in December, 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

