



AMCA EUROPEAN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER
"Having fun with old motorcycles"

April 2022

Hello AMCA Europe Members,
This month we have reports of UK and US meets,
plus a plea for help with a new book series.

Dunkirk VMCC Meet 18 March

This is just a small local meet, but not held since 2019, so a chance for members of the 13,000 strong UK old-bike club to get together for the first time in a while.



As you can see, there was an eclectic mix of ridden-in bikes. The swap meet stalls were mostly British parts and this was just a half day get-together, but the bacon roll and a cup of tea for stallholders is a tip we should remember.

Ashford Classic Bike Show 18 April

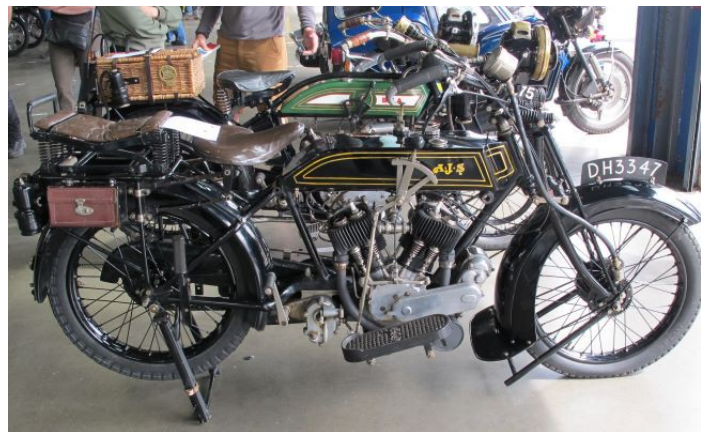
Another local meet, this time for Easter Monday. Here is a first year 1947 BSA M21 side valve 600 cc single, sold at the show for around \$4000:



This Ariel Square Four Mark 1 for sale also caught my eye:



As did these 1920s BSA and AJS Vee Twins in the display area:



I have been looking for a long time for a 1 7/8" box spanner for the hard to reach Harley gearbox sprocket lock nut 1915 up, so finding one new old stock and stamped 1943 for one pound was my big score for the day.

Oley Meet 22/23 April

This was a big deal for me, because Covid and travel bans had kept me away since 2019. Organiser Barry Algeo had kindly carried over my old stand pitch booking so we were all set. Taking a Covid test at the airport when you have a non-transferrable and non-refundable ticket was a tense hour but it all worked out. At the show the weather was about as good as I've seen, with mostly clear skies and jackets in the morning with shirtsleeves in the afternoon:



Potential future AMCA members on modern bikes ride in to see the antiques, and for me this is one of the big attractions of the Perkiomen Chapter Meet.

I had brought my 1933 Harley VL, to find that Bruce Lindsay had brought his 1933 Servi-Car, and both in the same Olive Green and Brilliant Green paint combination, so surely a photo opportunity:



Model year 1933 was the lowest Harley production year since 1910/11, with just 2000 Big Twins produced, and also the first year for the 'Five Color Paint Options' and the only year for the bird or eagle tank decal much used afterwards. My bike was at 98 points in the Winners Circle, and due to be trialed for the new 98 point Marque Excellence award coming later in the year. However, Matt Walksler from Wheels Through Time Museum had offered to leave early and take the bike for display, so we'll never know if it would have passed scrutiny by those pesky AMCA judges.

Friday night we went a mile down the road to the Reading Motorcycle Club for the drag racing:



Here is an alcohol burning Sportster doing his burnout, and next page is an Indian Scout on the start line. We saw road bikes against dragsters, flatheads against overhead valves, two stroke screamers, young kids, mothers and daughters, gas, alcohol and nitro bikes, and much fun was had. Next morning was judging, where I had a few words with President Ross Metcalfe and Executive Director Keith Kizer. When I looked at the assembled machines there was nothing in Class 1, nothing in Class 2, and two Crockers and an Indian in Class 3 so I was stymied. I joined up with Board members Peter MacMurray and Jim Gaulty to

judge Japanese bikes, and spent an interesting morning learning new things and even making small contributions. Great fun!



I saw numerous European Chapter members at the show, including seven Dutch members clearly having a good time.

Raalte Meet

Don't forget it is our turn next month, 27-28 May at the American Motorcycle Museum in Raalte NL. We have not been able to hold the event since 2019, our theme is bikes from the teens, and if you need more incentive I have a van load of tote bags, Chapter pens and coffee mugs to give away. Have a safe trip and see you there.

The Knucklehead Years

A big score for me recently was the purchase of a nearly complete set of Harley-Davidson Enthusiast magazines covering 1936-47. This means another non-commercial project for me to get old literature out to our members, probably in four 400 page volumes covering three years each. As well as the relevant Enthusiasts, these would have dealer announcements, sales brochures and a summary of technical changes by year. At the moment I am looking for full page photos of good bikes by year, restored and un-restored, which will receive individual credit in the books. Please let me know if you would like to be involved.

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. w 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
www.fiva.org

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.

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

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

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