



AMCA EUROPEAN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER
"Having fun with old motorcycles"

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Hello AMCA Europe Members,

This time we have reports from the Oil Leakers Meet in Italy, the German Black Forest Road Run, and the West Kent Run in England.

Oil Leakers Party 28-30 June

Rosie Sterling, the Cherokee Chapter Secretary was present and she wrote this report:

Langhe Hills Chapter, Italy Patina Garage held its 2nd Oil Leakers Party! Fabio Costamagna and Cristiano Pelganta, along with many excellent volunteers, did an amazing job at making everyone feel welcome at Agriturismo Cascina Zanot. Present at the party were AMCA Langhe Hills President Cristiano, Vice President Fabio, Secretary and Treasurer Massimo Gesso, Country representative for Italy and Germany Claudia Krause, Spain Ambassador Carolina Sales and other members of AMCA Langhe Hills and United Kingdom Chapters. United States, Texas guests Rodney Sterling, Cherokee Chapter Hill Country Ambassador and Cherokee Secretary Rosie Sterling made it to the party as well. The European gang can surely throw a party, starting with an excellent Thursday dinner ride to Pascomonti Trattoria.



Friday was a day to receive all the guests to Cascina Zanot with lunch and dinner by Fabio. Throughout the day, some enjoyed the pool some the sun and some taking short rides through the hills of Piedmont until dinner time. After dinner everyone enjoyed the documentary of Patina Garage Team at Cannonball 2023, great live music and DJ with plenty of classic vintage music to complement the American vintage celebration.

The great adage, 'Motorcycles bring people together' couldn't have held more truth at this event. There were enthusiasts from Italy, Germany, France, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Spain, Hungary, America and Croatia with one language in common, the language motorcycles.



Saturday was the ride to Azienda Agricola Gillardi through some of the most beautiful, vineyard saturated and winding roads, perfect for motorcycling, where guests enjoyed a great lunch and a tour of the winery by a very gracious guide.

Upon returning to Cascina Zanot, a refreshing sangria from the damigiana and a spread of pomodoro and salami was enjoyed at the top of the hill of Zanot followed by more shop talk and dinner and music. All winding down on Sunday for tutti to travel to their homes and respective countries and some headed to the Black Forest road run to be held in two weeks, in Germany. Ciao for now! Hope to make it to the European International Meet in the Netherlands May of 2025 and hope to see many of you there!
-Rosie Sterling, Cherokee Chapter Secretary

Here we are under the AMCA banner:



And at a lunch break at the local brewery:



On the last day of course we had to line up in front of one of the world's largest cuckoo clocks.



Black Forest Road Run 14-20 July

Claudia Krause reports:

From July 14 to 20 we had a great time during our Black Forest Road Run. A good variety of members from Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and UK came to ride the wonderful routes through the Black Forest, guided by our local member Daniel Bruno. We counted 22 vintage bikes, including a RL, a VL as well as some Flatheads, Knuckles, Panheads and Shovelheads. All in all we had 5 riding days with a total of about 1,000 kms.

For the whole week the group was stationed in a typical Black Forest Hotel and on the evenings we had the chance to sit together and talk some shop. We enjoyed the great video showing our members Cristiano, Fabio and Luca from the Langhe Hills Chapter Italy during their Cannonball experience in the US last year.

In the evening we had German member Olli Huber as a special guest. Olli is the one who has made more than 30,000 kms from Canada to Mexico on his 50cc Zündapp. He was talking about his trip experiences and showing some of the videos he made. Thanks again, Olli, for that great evening and thanks to everybody else who participated in our Road Run.

IWKR England 03/04 August

The 38th International West Kent Run organised by the British VMCC took place on the Saturday, with a short 72 mile and long 104 mile run. It is based at an old Carmelite monastery near Maidstone, with grassy grounds, camping, accommodation, food and drink available. The site is about 40 miles from the Channel ports, so accessible from the Continent as the name suggests. The run was well marshalled and signposted and civilised in the English fashion. We rode for about an hour through country lanes, stopped for coffee, another 90 minutes then lunch in a stately home, then another 90 minutes riding and back for tea. I was on the 1954 Nimbus, low geared and flexible and suited to the modest speeds. It was a warm dry day and we saw oast houses, hump-backed bridges, single track roads, fields, trees and animals. There were 290 entrants, including visitors from Switzerland, France, Netherlands, Austria and Germany, and I think everyone made it round. Recommended.

The Sunday was for the swap meet, field games and prizes, and there were probably 500 bikes in the showground. I'd followed this 1914 Motosacoche engined Matchless on the Road Run, fitted with a water-cooled machine gun in the sidecar.



There were single-make Club stands from many British marques, including Kent-based Norman who built mostly Villiers engined bikes 1937-63.



The Indian Club managed to show seven bikes, including this 1922 Chief, plus a tasty 'teens Excelsior.



There were numerous Velocettes present, plus these two 1930s Ridges, a Rapid and an Ulster:



And this Silk 700 is a bike you don't see every day:



For the concours judging these visiting French Terrot and Alcyon bikes took the prizes:



If you want to make a week of it, there are social runs Thursday, Friday and Monday, with some evening entertainment as well. The next one is 02/03 August 2025.

2024 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.

2024 AMCA National Meets

- Feb 02-03 Music City Chapter, Lebanon TN
- Feb 29-Mar 02 Sunshine Meet, Daytona FL
- Mar 23-24 Omaha Meet, Fremont NE
- Apr 26-27 Perkiomen Chapter, Oley PA
- May 10-11 European Chapter, Raalte NL
- June 14-15 Viking Chapter, St. Paul MN
- June 14-15 Fort Sutter Meet, Dixon CA
- June 21-23 Can-Am River, Waddington NY
- July 19-20 Wauseon Coalition, Wauseon OH
- July 26-28 Yankee Meet, Greenfield MA
- Aug 24-25 Australian Meet, Bulli NSW
- Sep 06-08 Colonial Meet, Harmony NJ
- Oct 04-06 Chesapeake Meet, Upperco MD
- Oct 11-12 Southern National, Denton NC

2024 National Road Runs

- Feb 29-Mar 02 SoCal Chapter, Borrego Springs CA
- May 21-23 Cherokee/Diamond, Eureka Springs AR
- Aug 13-15 Badger Chapter, Eagle River WI
- Sep 23-25 Yerba Buena Chapter, Napa Valley CA
- Oct 07-09 Seaboard Chapter, Hamilton NJ

European 2024 Events

Austria

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

Belgium

August 25 Oude Klepper Parade, De Haan

Czech Republic

May 15-19 Harley-Davidson Super Rally, Pasohlavky
www.superrally.com

Denmark

May 09-11, Skagen Run, this time Copenhagen to Skagen, for pre-1935 bikes. Details from elleham07@gmail.com

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

Finland

January 06 Swap (Rompepäivä) in Jyväskylä 250km north from Helsinki. Mostly Japanese and Eastern Europe bike parts, but some vendors of vintage American and British.

February 02-04 in Helsinki: MP 24 is said to be the largest motorcycle exhibition in Northern Europe. More info in English <https://mp.messukeskus.com/?lang=en>

30 March "Walkka Swap" in Helsinki, mostly chopper and later model Harley parts, but occasionally also old rust.

April, date tba. Vintage bike swap "Rompe" in Tampere 180km north of Helsinki

May 04-05 Classic Motor Show, emphasis on vintage cars, but also some old bikes.

mid-July Flathead Rally, Lieto, near Turku in SW. Location and date to be confirmed

July 13-14 (preliminary date) Dirt race for old bikes in Ramsöö near Tampere

August 02-04 28-30 Veteraaniralli a big vintage m/c meeting in Keuruu, southern Finland, some 270 km north of Helsinki.

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

02 November "Walkka Swap" in Helsinki, mostly chopper and later model Harley parts, but occasionally also old rust.

France

Linkert Attacks – *is no more*

Beach racing pre-1947 cars and bikes in Ouistreham, Normandy. Next one is 2025. www.normandybeachrace.com

Germany

January 15 Winter Classic Bike, Ruesselheim www.diewerkhalle.de

March 23-24 Technorama Kassel www.technorama.de

April 12-14 Veterama Hockenheim www.veterama.de

April 27-28 Technorama Ulm www.technorama.de

April 25-28 Retro Classics Stuttgart www.retro-classics.de

May 13/14 Technorama Hildesheim www.technorama.de

May 30-June 02 Magic Bike Week, Ruedesheim magic-bike-ruedesheim.com

June 22 Velodrom Racetrack Darmstadt, board track racing www.vollgas-rennspass.de

July 14-20 Black Forest Road Run. **Small locally organized Road Run with day tours through Germany's Black Forest for a limited number of participants.** amca.europe@aol.de

September 13-14 Hindenburg Dirt Track racing hindenbergdirttrack.com

Oct 11-13 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

Jan 19-21 Motor Bike Expo Verona, custom bikes www.motorbikeexpo.it

June 06-09 European HOG Rally, Senigallia www.harley-davidson.com

June 13-16 FIVA Italian Rally, Manfredonia
www.fiva.org

June 28-30 Langhe Hills Chapter Oil Leakers Party
<https://www.instagram.com/patinagarageitalyfrance/>

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

Netherlands

May 10/11 AMCA European Meet – see you there

June 07-09 Silent Gray Fellows Meet, Oosterhout.
19th meet for pre-1966 American bikes.
www.silentgrayfellows.nl

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

tba November Silent Gray Fellows swap meet

Norway

June 08-11 Trondheim rally, from Oslo, 1200 km on pre-1945 bikes www.fiva.org

June 22 Norgesloepet, Bodoe www.fiva.org

August 15-18 Indian Summer Rally, Hunderfossen
www.indianklubb.no

Poland

Here are the proposed dates for Oldtime Club Poland (OCP) events in 2024.

April 26-28 opening of the season. Brzeg (Brodziakówka)

May 23-26 Moto Rally -Kościelisko (Szyna)

July 15-21 Bałkans Tur -Szyna

September 04-08 FIVA Polish rally, Mikolajki 400 km www.fiva.org

September 6-8 Indian Days -Kazimierz Dolny

October 18-20. End of the season OCP

Sweden

Switzerland

March 23 Auction Oldtimer Galerie_Toffen
<https://www.oldtimergalerie.ch>

April 21 American Bike Meet Ace Cafe Luzern
<https://www.acecafeluzern.ch>

April 27-28 Swiss Retro Mecanika Palexpo Geneve <https://retromecanika.ch>

May 03-05 Goudron Bike Days, Brig VS
<https://www.goudron.ch>

May 05 Love Ride Switzerland, Dübendorf ZH
<https://loveride.ch>

May 19 Harley Davidson Meet, Ace Cafe Luzern <https://www.acecafeluzern.ch> and monthly classic meets <https://www.acecafeluzern.ch/events>

May 19 The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (in different cities in Switzerland)
<https://www.gentlemansride.com>

May 25-26 Arbon Classics <https://arbon-classics.ch/arbon-classics/ac2024/programm2024>

May 31-June 02 Swiss Classic World, Luzern
<https://www.swissclassicworld.ch>

June 7-9 Lenzerheide Motor Classics
<https://www.lenzerheidemotoreclassics.ch>

June 14-16 Race Kerenzerbergrennen
<https://www.kerenzerbergrennen.ch>

June 14-16 Harley Davidson Mountain 4StarWeekend Arosa <https://www.waldhotel.ch/de/harley-davidson-mountain-weekend>

June 28-29 Hangar Rocking in St. Stephan
<https://www.hangarrockin.com>

June 30 Oldtimertreff Schwägalp
<https://www.oldtimertreff-schwaegalp.ch/index.htm>

July 5-7 Swiss Harley Days, Lugano
<https://swisharleydays.ch>

August 11-12 Motorfestival by Gasoline Friends,
Elgg ZH <https://motorfestival.ch>

August 24-25 Töffmäss by motorworld, Kempthal
ZH <https://www.toeffmaess.ch>

September 7-8 Memorial Bergrennen “Kleiner
Klausen“, Opfertshofen SH <https://kleinerklausen.ch>

October 27 Oldtimermesse St. Gallen
<http://www.oldtimermesse-ch.com>

United Kingdom

April 20-21 Stafford classic bike show and auction
www.staffordclassicbikeshows.com

June 16 Banbury Run, Gaydon, 250 pre-1931 bikes
www.vmcc.net

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

Aug 01-04 International West Kent Run, 250+
runners at The Friars, Aylesford, ME20 7BX
www.vmcc.net

September 13-15 Beaulieu International
Autojumble/Netley Marsh motorcycle jumble

Oct 06. Pioneer Run, 350 pre-1915 bikes, Epsom
Downs to Brighton.

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

The next newsletter will probably be in October, 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

