



## AMCA EUROPEAN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

*"Having fun with old motorcycles"*

**December 2022**

Hello AMCA Europe Members,

We really bounced back this year after two dry years for old motorcycle events. My bucket list had several items ticked off, with the Banbury Run completed on my 1929 Henderson, the West Kent Run on the 1954 Nimbus, and my 1914 Douglas completing the Pioneer Run even if I was not on it. I had successful knee surgery to correct damage from an old bike crash, The Knucklehead Years book series was published, and I now have solar panels on the roof. Phew! For next year I have an Autocrime day planned with the VMCC, to detect engine and frame number alterations, and an invitation to the Black Hills Road Run in September. For our European Meet I am searching for a WW1 dispatch rider uniform for the Douglas, as our theme is 'War Bikes'. The costume will also work for the Oude Klepper Parade and the Goodwood Revival, so there should be lots of fun with old motorcycles next year.

This newsletter is mostly about plans for 2023, and our Country Ambassadors have supplied the details. Some of the events later in the year are still tentative, so please check first. We have two European Road Runs for special recommendation.

### **Skagen Run**

Micheal Pedersen sent this summary:

Here in Denmark we have our biggest Vintage Run called "Skageløbet" for pre 1935 bikes. We will be around 160-200 bikes. This year we drive from Skagen to Copenhagen from the 18 may to 20 may. We cross whole Denmark in 3 days by the best small roads in the country and a lot to see on the trip. Total distance will be around 700-800 km. The price for this event will be around 325 euro inclusive all food all 3 days and 2 sleepovers on hotels. Need more info for this great event please feel free to contact me, I

will drive this rally for my 21st time in 2023 on my 1922 Harley Davidson.

Best Regards Michael Pedersen

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I did this rally some years ago on a 1930 Harley VL and found it very friendly. There is a mix of hard-core veterans competing for the regularity prize with covered speedometers, and the social riders enjoying the camaraderie and the scenery. There are no mountains to climb and the roads are quiet, so first-timers should have a great run. This year the run clashes with our Raalte Meet, so choices will have to be made.

### **Italian Run**

It will not be an official AMCA Road Run, but a smaller event organized by Fabio and Cristiano from Patina Garage and the local Langhe Hills Chapter Italy.

Patina Garage and Langhe Hills Chapter Italy invite all AMCA members to participate in their Road Run.

Date of the Road Run: May 28 – June 2, 2023.

Provisional Schedule:

- Arrival of the participants at Patina Garage Italy (Pianfei CN) in the evening of Sunday 28 May. Accommodation in a local hotel.

- Run will start from Patina Garage on Monday 29 May at 8:00 with a tour through the Wineland, returning in the evening to the same hotel.

- Tuesday 30 May departure at 8:00 towards Provence, accommodation in a hotel located in the Gorges du Verdon area.

- Wednesday 31 May departure at 8:00 to San Tropez with evening event at Patina Garage France in Ramatuelle.

- Thursday 1 June relaxing day on the French Riviera; sightseeing at typical villages of the area.

- Friday 2 June return to Patina Garage Italy on a different route. Closing event in the evening for all participants.

There will be two rescue vehicles and two spare motorcycles in case of breakages. Medical assistance is provided along the entire route.

For visitors from Overseas there will be a limited number of bikes available that can be picked up at Patina Garage, Italy.

Participation on the Road Run is limited. AMCA members only. All riders must be registered by March 15, 2023. A down payment of € 150 (via PayPal) will be due at the time of registration.

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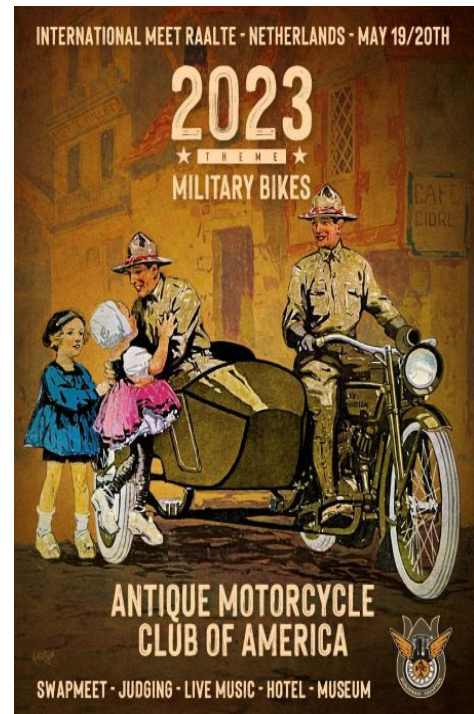
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### European Chapter Meet

Our Meet this year is a week earlier at May 19-20 so put this in your diary now! Here is the flyer.

The theme is Military Bikes, and I know we have plenty in our Chapter, so please bring them out. All motorcycles more than 35 years old are of course welcome. If you want to enter a bike for judging, **please note that all machines must now be pre-registered with a 21 day lead time, so there will be no on-site registration.**

Check at [www.antiquemotorcycle.org](http://www.antiquemotorcycle.org) for details. Our Club President is visiting for the first time, so let's try to put on our usual excellent show.



### Judging

Just to repeat, the AMCA National has decided there will be **no ride-in judging this year**, only after pre-registration with a 21 day deadline before the Meet. Register for \$15 on the Club Website.

Other rule changes for 2023 are a demanding 98 point Marque Excellence award for existing Winners Circle motorcycles wanting to enter, and a concession that returning Winners Circle bikes need not be started as they are for display, although they must still make 85 points minimum.

You can download the latest rule book from the Club Website, and I'll be bringing a few printed copies to our show in May.

### New Members

We welcome Alex Pavion from France, who had such a good time visiting our Raalte Meet that he joined the Club. Alex has this tasty 1947 knuckle bobber and the 1944 UL Big Twin flathead.



### 2023 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.

### 2023 AMCA National Meets

February 24-25, Omaha Chapter, Fremont, NE  
March 02-04, Sunshine Meet, Daytona Beach, FL  
April 28-29, Perkiomen Chapter, Oley, PA  
May 19-20, European Meet, Raalte, NL  
June 02-04, Empire Chapter, Waddington, NY

June 09-10, Viking Chapter, St Paul, MN  
June 16-17, Fort Sutter Chapter, Dixon, CA  
June 23-24, Colonial Chapter, Harmony, NJ  
July 14-16, Wauseon Meet, Wauseon, OH  
July 28-30, Yankee Chapter, Greenfield, MA  
August 12-13, Australian Chapter, Bulli, AUS  
September 29-30, Chesapeake Chapter, Upperco, MD  
October 13-15, Southern National, Denton, NC

### 2023 AMCA National Road Runs

June 12-14, Allegheny Chapter, Wellsboro, PA  
July 31-August 02 Yankee Chapter, S Deerfield, MA  
September 5-7, Black Hills Chapter, Deadwood, SD  
September 11-13 Sunflower Chapter, El Dorado, KS

### European 2023 Events

#### Austria

May 11-14 Tourist Trophy run 350 km. Brunn am Gebirge. [www.fiva.org](http://www.fiva.org)

September 05-10 European Bike Week, Faaker See [www.europeanbikeweek.com](http://www.europeanbikeweek.com)

#### Belgium

August Oude Klepper Parade – to be announced

#### Denmark

May 18-20, Skagen Run, this time Skagen to Copenhagen, for pre-1935 bikes. Details from [elleham07@gmail.com](mailto:elleham07@gmail.com)

Aug 19-21 Laholm Beach Jutland, pre-1947 beach racing and partying [www.romomotorfestival.dk](http://www.romomotorfestival.dk)

## Finland

January 14 Swap (Rompepäivä) in Jyväskylä 250km north from Helsinki. Mostly Japanese and Eastern Europe bike parts, but some vendors of vintage American and British.

February 03-05 in Helsinki: MP 23 is said to be the largest motorcycle exhibition in Northern Europe. More info in English <https://mp.messukeskus.com/?lang=en>

March A medium size swap "Maalissaalis" in Tuulos 80 km north of Helsinki.

April Vintage bike swap "Rompe" in Tampere

May 06-07 Classic Motor Show, emphasis on vintage cars, but also some old bikes.

July 15-16 Flathead Rally, Lieto, near Turku in SW.

July 28-30 Veteraaniralli a big vintage m/c meeting in Raasepori, southern Finland, some 120 km west of Helsinki.

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

November big Vintage bike swap in Forssa 130 km NW from Helsinki and the "Walkka Swap" in Helsinki, mostly chopper and later model Harley parts, but occasionally also old rust.

## France

Linkert Attacks – *cancelled for 2023\**

22-24 September, beach racing pre-1947 cars and bikes in Ouistreham, Normandy  
[www.normandybeachrace.com](http://www.normandybeachrace.com)

## Germany

January 15 Winter Classic Bike, Ruesselheim

February 23-26 Retro Classics Stuttgart [www.retro-classics.de](http://www.retro-classics.de)

March 25/26 Technorama Kassel [www.technorama.de](http://www.technorama.de)

April 22/23 Technorama Ulm [www.technorama.de](http://www.technorama.de)

April 14-16 Veterama Hockenheim [www.veterama.de](http://www.veterama.de)

May 13/14 Technorama Hildesheim  
[www.technorama.de](http://www.technorama.de)

June 08-12 Magic Bike Week, Ruedesheim  
[magic-bike-ruedesheim.com](http://magic-bike-ruedesheim.com)

June (*provisional*) Velodrom Racetrack Darmstadt, board track racing [www.vollgas-rennspess.de](http://www.vollgas-rennspess.de)

August 11-13 Pre-66 Meet Mosel/Hunsrueck  
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08-09 September Hindenburg Dirt Track racing  
[hindenburg-dirt-track.com](http://hindenburg-dirt-track.com)

Oct 13-15 Veterama, Mannheim. Biggest European swap meet. [www.veterama.de](http://www.veterama.de) Our AMCA stand is open to all members who want to sell their own parts.

## Greece

May 24-28. Harley-Davidson Super Rally, Igoumenitsa [www.superrally.com](http://www.superrally.com)

## Italy

Jan 27-29 Motor Bike Expo Verona, custom bikes  
[www.motorbikeexpo.it](http://www.motorbikeexpo.it)

May 28-02 June Langhe Hills Chapter Road Run

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October ASI Vintage Vehicle Day, to be announced  
[www.asifed.it](http://www.asifed.it)

## Netherlands

May 19/20 AMCA European Meet – see you there

June 09-11 Silent Gray Fellows Meet, Oosterhout.  
18<sup>th</sup> meet for pre-1966 American bikes.  
[www.silentgrayfellows.nl](http://www.silentgrayfellows.nl)

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

05 November Silent Gray Fellows swap meet

## Norway

## Poland

All events pending

## Sweden

## Switzerland

April 30 GP Mutschellen [www.gpmutschellen.ch](http://www.gpmutschellen.ch)

May 05-07 Goudron Bike Days, Brig VS  
<https://www.goudron.ch>

May 07 Love Ride Switzerland Dübendorf ZH  
<https://loveride.ch>

May 07 US Cars & Bikes Meet AP café Aadorf TG  
<https://www.apcafe.ch>

May 21 The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (in different cities in Switzerland)  
<https://www.gentlemansride.com>

June 02-04 Swiss Classic World Luzern  
<https://www.swissclassicworld.ch>

June 02-04 Motor Classics Lenzerheide  
<https://www.lenzerheidemotorclassics.ch>

June 16-18 Harley Davidson Mountain 4StarWeekend Arosa <https://www.waldhotel.ch/de/harley-davidson-mountain-weekend>

June 30-July 01 Hangar Rocking in St. Stephan  
<https://www.hangarrockin.com>

## United Kingdom

April 22-23 Stafford classic bike show and auction  
[www.staffordclassicbikeshows.com](http://www.staffordclassicbikeshows.com)

June 18 Banbury Run, Gaydon, 250 pre-1931 bikes  
[www.vmcc.net](http://www.vmcc.net)

July 08-09 Festival of 1000 bikes, Mallory Park  
[www.vmcc.net](http://www.vmcc.net)

Aug 04-07 International West Kent Run, 250 runners at The Friars, Aylesford, ME20 7BX [www.vmcc.net](http://www.vmcc.net)

September 01-03 Beaulieu International Autojumble/Netley Marsh motorcycle jumble

Oct 08. Pioneer Run, 350 pre-1915 bikes, Epsom Downs to Brighton. (*provisional*)

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

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

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

Steve Slocombe,  
President AMCA European Chapter

